Mourinho under pressure

Jose Mourinho is embroiled in the biggest crisis of his managerial career with defending Premier League champions Chelsea enduring their worst start to a season since 1978

Aug 8: Chelsea 2-2 Swansea City

Mourinho criticises club doctor and head physiotherapist for "naivety" in treatment of Eden Hazard – doctor *Eva Carneiro* is later demoted from duties

Aug 16: Man City 3-0 Chelsea

Heavy defeat to major rivals – captain John Terry is substituted at half-time

Aug 29: Chelsea 1-2 Crystal Palace

Only Mourinho's second home defeat in 100 league games

Sep 22: Carneiro leaves

Carneiro opts not to return to work, and sues Chelsea for constructive dismissal, taking individual legal action against Mourinho

Oct 3: Chelsea 1-3 Southampton

Receives vote of confidence from *Roman Abramovich.* Fined £50,000, given suspended one-match stadium ban for comments on referee

Oct 24: West Ham 2-1 Chelsea

Sent off for confronting referee at half-time in ill-tempered London derby

Oct 31: Chelsea 1-3 Liverpool

Despite leading after four minutes, Chelsea lose at home for third time

Nov 7: Stoke City 1-0 Chelsea

Serves stadium ban as Chelsea suffer seventh defeat of season, and slip to 16th in Premier League

Sources: Wire agencies, BBC, Premier League



KEY PLAYERS IN CRISIS



Player of the Year 2015 has yet to score this campaign – criticised by Mourinho for lack of workrate

Cesc Fabregas

Largely anonymous and struggling to find form – played crucial role in midfield last season, assisting 19 goals



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Diego Costa

Only two goals to date, against West Brom and Aston Villa – scored 11 in first 12 matches of last season

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