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## Dutch Eredivisie Preview – Season 2011/2012


### Categorized Table


The +, - or +/- symbols indicate whether a team got stronger, weaker or is more or less at the same strength as last season – according to my views.


A		
	1. Ajax Amsterdam	+
	2. FC Twente	+/-
B		
	3. PSV	+/-
C		
	4. AZ Alkmaar	-
	5. FC Groningen	+/-
	6. SC Heerenveen	+/-
	7. Vitesse	+
	8. Roda JC	-
	9. ADO Den Haag	-
	10. Heracles Almelo	+/-
D		
	11. NEC Nijmegen	+/-
	12. Feyenoord	-
	13. FC Utrecht	-
	14. NAC Breda	-
E		
	15. VVV Venlo	+
	16. De Graafschap	-
	17. Excelsior Rotterdam	-
F		
	18. RKC Waalwijk	-


- A → I do rate Ajax as number one candidate for the title again. They're one of the few teams who actually succeeded in making their squad stronger, and I can't see any other team competing with them this season. Twente should come closest again, they've once more a balanced squad, but second place looks like the highest possible this season.
- B → PSV is a class on it's own this season. They're definitely too good for a position outside the top three, but this side lacks the strong bench-players and the defensive stability Ajax and Twente have. PSV will be a serious outsider, but on paper they're nothing more than third-place stuff.
- C → The battle for European football will be even more interesting than last season. None of last season's high-ranked sides was able to get stronger this summer, while midtable teams like Vitesse should find connection this season. AZ is maybe a bit stronger than all the other teams in this category, but the differences are small and any side on a winning streak may jump to the fourth place at the end of the season.
- D → Category D represents the dark horses for upcoming season. NAC and Utrecht are absolutely weaker than last year, and Utrecht is actually my number one team on the disappointment table. Feyenoord and NEC do have more potential for sure, but there are too many uncertain factors right now to rate them on a higher league position. The differences between spot 4 and 15 are that small that stability will be a huge factor, and that's the main reason why I put these two teams in this category.
- E → None of these teams will relegate directly out of this league, but all of them will face a tough season. VVV and De Graafschap should be able to stay out of relegation trouble and should concentrate on a battle for the fifteenth place. Excelsior has the pitch advantage, and the experience from last season, but on paper they're not that much stronger than RKC. From those three teams Excelsior will get the toughest job.
- F → It's no surprise that RKC will be in this category. Their squad didn't get any better than last year, and that's simply not good enough for a long stay in this league. They may hope a team like Excelsior may fail every week as well, but otherwise I wouldn't have any hope for this side. They're by far the weakest side, and may hope other teams fail as well otherwise things will be already decided with Christmas.


 <b>ADO Den Haag</b>																																		
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7th	M. Steijn (new)	Feyenoord (heavy)	Chery (Emmen) Höcher (Helmond Sport) De Vogel (AZ) Luksik (Senica, Mulders (AGOVV)	Bulykin (Anderlecht) Kubik (Kuban Krasnodar) Bosschaart (Sydney FC) Rankovic (Partizan Belgrade) Buijs (Kilmarnock) Several on loan to Dordrecht																														
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<p>This will be a much tougher season than last year for ADO. They performed outstanding last year and qualified for Europe through the playoffs, but it's almost impossible to repeat that performance this season. They however only lost two key players, and as all the other ones rejected transfers they kept most of their successful squad in The Hague – so far. A big factor is however the departure of their coach Van den Brom, who joined Vitesse. His replacement is Maurice Steijn, Van den Brom's former assistant. Except for the two regulars who left, ADO said goodbye to several squad players. They signed talented youngsters from the Dutch Jupiler League instead. Overall I'd say ADO is a little bit weaker than last year, a year in which they over-performed, but they're definitely capable to finish top half with this squad. This statement is however based on the current situation, so with important players like Verhoek still at ADO.</p>			<p><b>Pre-season results:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Laakkwartier</td> <td>-</td> <td>ADO Den Haag</td> <td>0-10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Graaf Willem II</td> <td>-</td> <td>ADO Den Haag</td> <td>0-15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L</td> <td>ADO Den Haag</td> <td>-</td> <td>AEK Larnaca</td> <td>1-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FK Taurus</td> <td>-</td> <td>ADO Den Haag</td> <td>2-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>ADO Den Haag</td> <td>-</td> <td>FK Taurus</td> <td>2-0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L</td> <td>Omonia Nicosia</td> <td>-</td> <td>ADO Den Haag</td> <td>3-0</td> </tr> </table>		W	Laakkwartier	-	ADO Den Haag	0-10	W	Graaf Willem II	-	ADO Den Haag	0-15	L	ADO Den Haag	-	AEK Larnaca	1-2	W	FK Taurus	-	ADO Den Haag	2-3	W	ADO Den Haag	-	FK Taurus	2-0	L	Omonia Nicosia	-	ADO Den Haag	3-0
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Last season:	Coach:	Derby opponents / hot games:	Squad mutations (in)	Squad mutations (out)
1st	F. de Boer	Feyenoord (heavy) PSV (heavy) FC Utrecht (heavy) AZ Alkmaar (low)	Rits (Beerschot) Serero (Ajax Cape Town) Janssen (Twente) Boerrigter (RKC) Sigthorsson (AZ)	Donald (Roda JC) Lindgren (Red Bull Salzburg) Zeegelaar (Espanyol) Oleguer (unknown) De Zeeuw (Spartak Moscow) Suk (Groningen) Padt (AA Gent)
	<b>Verdict:</b>			
	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>			
Coach Frank de Boer took things over during last season, and he brought Ajax the first league title in seven years time. And all eyes will be on them again this season, as they're the skyhigh favourite for another league title. Except for De Zeeuw none of the regulars left the club this summer, and so far even 'hot' players like Stekelenburg, Van der Wiel and Vertonghen stayed in Amsterdam – although it's likely Stekelenburg will join AS Roma within a matter of time. If you add their strong signings to that, you can imagine Ajax didn't get weaker at all. With Sigthorsson they bought the goalscorer they were looking for, and with Janssen they signed a keyplayer from their biggest rivals for the league title. Their preseason results started disappointing, but they recovered against Brondby and Independiente's B-squad. Ajax' engine isn't yet at full speed, but they have all the ingredients needed to win a second league title in a row, their 31 <sup>st</sup> in total.			<b>Pre-season results:</b> W VV Buitenpost - Ajax 0-4 W AZSV Aalten - Ajax 0-11 W FC Emmen - Ajax 0-1 D Jahn Regensburg - Ajax 0-0 L FC Nurnberg - Ajax 2-0 W Brondby - Ajax 0-3 W Ajax - Independiente 5-1	


 AZ				
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4th	G.J. Verbeek	Ajax (low)	Boymans (VVV Venlo) Altidore (Villarreal)	Schaars (Sporting Lisbon) Moreno (Espanyol) Pellè (Parma) Luirink (Sparta Rotterdam) Van de Velden (NEC) Sigthorsson (Ajax)
	<b>Verdict:</b>			
	<b>4th</b>			
AZ will be for another season a kind of dark horse. They're still recovering from their bankrupt a couple of years ago, and therefore they saw once more several regulars leaving this summer. Except for strikers Boymans and Altidore they didn't sign any replacements instead, and therefore AZ will once more count on their youth academy. With coach Verbeek they do have the perfect coach to handle situations like this one, but AZ won't make any steps towards a top three spot. They did excellent last season with their fourth place, but there's no way they'll end up higher this season. As the other teams right behind the top three didn't get that stronger either AZ might end up on a fourth place again this season, but that really is the maximum. Their starting eleven is fourth place stuff, but they do not have 18 players on Eredivisie-level. Note that AZ had a terrific preseason, including a win over Jablonec in the preliminaries of the Europa League.			<b>Pre-season results:</b>	
			W Nieuwe Niedorp	- AZ 0-10
			W Zaanse Selectie	- AZ 1-6
			W Maldegem	- AZ 0-6
			D Westerlo	- AZ 1-1
			W Hollandia	- AZ 0-3
			W AZ	- MVV 4-0
			W AZ	- AGOVV 5-0
			W AZ	- Kayserispor 3-0
			W AZ	- FK Jablonec 2-0


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5th	P. Huistra	SC Heerenveen (heavy)	Kappelhof (Ajax) Burnet (Ajax) Johansson (Molde) Kwakman (Augsburg) Suk (Ajax) Jones (Danubio)	Stenman (Club Brugge) Granqvist (Genoa) Rijsdijk (Dordrecht) Lachman (Zwolle) Veldmate (Sparta Rotterdam) Garcia (AEK Larnaca)																																													
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<p>Groningen-coach Huistra had an excellent debut last year, guiding his side to a fifth place. In the end it wasn't enough for a ticket in the Europa League as ADO defeated them in the playoffs, but Groningen really impressed last season. And there's no reason to think different this year; only two regulars, including their captain, left this summer. Keyplayers like Matavz and Tadic however stayed at the club, and we may say only in defence Groningen looks a little bit weaker than last year. Several squad players left, but Groningen signed several new guys as well. I dare to say they're more or less at the same level as last year, and I'm pretty sure they'll be one of the main contenders for the fourth place at the end of the season. They can't compete yet with Ajax, Twente and PSV, but they're developing into solid top half side. Note that the 0-4 defeat against HSV was a flattered score, they had plenty of chances themselves as well.</p>			<p><b>Pre-season results:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>RWE Eemsmond</td> <td>-</td> <td>FC Groningen</td> <td>0-13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>FC Groningen</td> <td>-</td> <td>Helmond Sport</td> <td>1-1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FC Groningen</td> <td>-</td> <td>Beerschot AC</td> <td>3-1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FC Groningen</td> <td>-</td> <td>PAOK Saloniki</td> <td>3-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FC Groningen</td> <td>-</td> <td>SC Veendam</td> <td>4-0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FC Groningen</td> <td>-</td> <td>Sockers FC Chicago</td> <td>6-0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>FC Groningen</td> <td>-</td> <td>Ankaragucu</td> <td>1-1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L</td> <td>FC Groningen</td> <td>-</td> <td>HSV Hamburg</td> <td>0-4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FC Groningen</td> <td>-</td> <td>FC Volendam</td> <td>3-0</td> </tr> </table>		W	RWE Eemsmond	-	FC Groningen	0-13	D	FC Groningen	-	Helmond Sport	1-1	W	FC Groningen	-	Beerschot AC	3-1	W	FC Groningen	-	PAOK Saloniki	3-2	W	FC Groningen	-	SC Veendam	4-0	W	FC Groningen	-	Sockers FC Chicago	6-0	D	FC Groningen	-	Ankaragucu	1-1	L	FC Groningen	-	HSV Hamburg	0-4	W	FC Groningen	-	FC Volendam	3-0
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<p>Twente will have another splendid season, we can be quite sure of that. Unlike other summers they lost only one keyplayer this year, but in general they had not even half the number of mutations they usually have. They got also released from their somewhat disappointing coach Preud'homme, and they made the most brilliant move possible: they signed Dutch top-coach Adriaanse instead. He has a reputation of attacking minded football, and they already showed that in preseason with some stunning displays and results. A big problem for Twente is however their stadium; a part of it collapsed this summer, and it's highly uncertain what will happen with their first home matches in the league. It also affected their activity on the transfer market, as Twente owns the entire stadium and won't take any financial risks for now. On football I however expect them to get involved in the battle for the title again, and I wouldn't be surprised if it'll be another season with Ajax and Twente deciding who's gonna lift the trophy. Note that Twente played with a B-squad in their friendly with Standard Liege.</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pre-season results:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Twenterand</td> <td>-</td> <td>FC Twente</td> <td>0-6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Hengelose Selectie</td> <td>-</td> <td>FC Twente</td> <td>1-10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>SC Markelo</td> <td>-</td> <td>FC Twente</td> <td>0-12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>DSV '61</td> <td>-</td> <td>FC Twente</td> <td>0-10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>AA Gent</td> <td>-</td> <td>FC Twente</td> <td>1-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FC Twente</td> <td>-</td> <td>Fenerbahce</td> <td>4-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L</td> <td>Standard Liege</td> <td>-</td> <td>FC Twente</td> <td>3-0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Galatasaray</td> <td>-</td> <td>FC Twente</td> <td>0-1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>WKE</td> <td>-</td> <td>FC Twente</td> <td>0-5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FC Twente</td> <td>-</td> <td>Vaslui</td> <td>2-0</td> </tr> </table>		W	Twenterand	-	FC Twente	0-6	W	Hengelose Selectie	-	FC Twente	1-10	W	SC Markelo	-	FC Twente	0-12	W	DSV '61	-	FC Twente	0-10	W	AA Gent	-	FC Twente	1-3	W	FC Twente	-	Fenerbahce	4-3	L	Standard Liege	-	FC Twente	3-0	W	Galatasaray	-	FC Twente	0-1	W	WKE	-	FC Twente	0-5	W	FC Twente	-	Vaslui	2-0
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 FC Utrecht				
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9th	E. Koeman (new)	Ajax (heavy)	Takagi (Tokyo Verdi) Martensson (GAIS) Nilsson (Helsingborgs) Gernt (Helsingborgs)	Cornelisse (Twente) Strootman (PSV) Mertens (PSV) Van Wolfswinkel (Sporting Lis.) Silberbauer (Young Boys) Maguire (VVV)
	<b>Verdict:</b>			
	<b>13th</b>			
Utrecht will face a tough season. Their chairman fired his coach this summer as he didn't qualify for the playoffs, but we may hope for their new coach Erwin Koeman the chairman won't demand the same from him. Utrecht collected almost 20 million Euros on the transfermarket as they saw six regulars leaving, but they had all sorts of trouble signing new players. They tried to sign players from ADO Den Haag and Heerenveen for example, but none of them wanted to join Utrecht. Therefore Koeman has a much weaker squad available than last year, and I really doubt whether Koeman can guide this side into the top half of the table. They finished 9 <sup>th</sup> last year, which was below their possibilities for sure, but this season they can only hope for such a high position on the table. Utrecht is much weaker than last year, and the preseason results confirm that.			<b>Pre-season results:</b> W Regioteam De Meern - FC Utrecht 1-4 L FC Utrecht - Lierse SK 1-2 L FC Utrecht - KV Mechelen 1-2 D FC Utrecht - Ergotelis 0-0 L FC Utrecht - Malaga 0-3	


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<p>It's never boring at Feyenoord. The former giant finished a disappointing season on the 10<sup>th</sup> place, and we may seriously question whether they'll finish higher this season. Once more several important players left this summer, and due to their financial situation they only signed some players from Excelsior instead. Furthermore their squad requested the departure of coach Been, and funny enough their board actually fired him after that ridiculous request. So, in general, we have a very young and inexperienced squad at Feyenoord, a new coach (Ronald Koeman) and still in huge financial trouble. Their defence is pretty much on the desired level, all other parts of the team are definitely not. Feyenoord faces another season of midtable football if you ask me, and although they won every preseason game so far they're really not on top half level.</p>			<p><b>Pre-season results:</b></p> <table> <tr><td>W</td><td>SC Feyenoord</td><td>-</td><td>Feyenoord</td><td>0-4</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>SC Erica</td><td>-</td><td>Feyenoord</td><td>0-9</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>Vitesse Delft</td><td>-</td><td>Feyenoord</td><td>1-4</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>FC Horst</td><td>-</td><td>Feyenoord</td><td>0-11</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>BVV Barendrecht</td><td>-</td><td>Feyenoord</td><td>0-5</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>FC Dordrecht</td><td>-</td><td>Feyenoord</td><td>0-4</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>SC Veendam</td><td>-</td><td>Feyenoord</td><td>1-2</td></tr> </table>		W	SC Feyenoord	-	Feyenoord	0-4	W	SC Erica	-	Feyenoord	0-9	W	Vitesse Delft	-	Feyenoord	1-4	W	FC Horst	-	Feyenoord	0-11	W	BVV Barendrecht	-	Feyenoord	0-5	W	FC Dordrecht	-	Feyenoord	0-4	W	SC Veendam	-	Feyenoord	1-2
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<p>Coach Bosz guided Heracles last season to an excellent 8<sup>th</sup> place and playoff-football, which was definitely deserved but maybe a little bit overperforming. This season it looks like Bosz has pretty much the same squad available, as none of the keyplayers left. With Duarte and Pedro they signed two talented youngsters from the Jupiler League, and we may expect Heracles to battle another season for playoff-qualification. The days this side was named as relegation candidate are definitely behind them, and especially on their artificial pitch we may expect another string of strong results. Their preseason was quite disappointing, but we've no reason to expect they'll perform that much weaker than last years, as everything remained the same in Almelo. A solid midtable spot should be within reach, and maybe they can surprise again with playoff qualification.</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pre-season results:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>VV Den Ham</td> <td>-</td> <td>Heracles Almelo</td> <td>1-7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Almelose Selectie</td> <td>-</td> <td>Heracles Almelo</td> <td>0-15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>Heracles Almelo</td> <td>-</td> <td>SC Cambuur</td> <td>2-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L</td> <td>Preussen Münster</td> <td>-</td> <td>Heracles Almelo</td> <td>4-0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>Heracles Almelo</td> <td>-</td> <td>Ankaragücü</td> <td>2-2</td> </tr> </table>		W	VV Den Ham	-	Heracles Almelo	1-7	W	Almelose Selectie	-	Heracles Almelo	0-15	D	Heracles Almelo	-	SC Cambuur	2-2	L	Preussen Münster	-	Heracles Almelo	4-0	D	Heracles Almelo	-	Ankaragücü	2-2
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<p>It'll be do or die for coach Rutten this season. If he fails for another season to win the league championship you can be sure PSV will fire him. They missed the league title and Champions League qualification last year, which brought them in huge financial trouble. They needed a 48 million Euros loan from the city of Eindhoven to survive this summer, and funny enough they immediately behaved like a big spender on the transfermarket. They paid crazy sums of money to sign Strootman, Mertens and Wijnaldum (19 million Euros in total), all attacking minded players. If we leave the transfer sums alone PSV did some good business, although they were also forced to act after Dzsudszak, Koevermans and Berg left the place this summer. The problem for PSV isn't however upfront if you ask me. Although they lack a true goalscorer they should've signed some new defenders as well, as PSV is in the back definitely not on the desired level. I do think PSV will battle for a long time for the title, but right now they still have to bow for Ajax and Twente.</p>			<p><b>Pre-season results:</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>VV Staphorst</td> <td>-</td> <td>PSV</td> <td>0-6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>RKSV Halsteren</td> <td>-</td> <td>PSV</td> <td>0-10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FC Eindhoven</td> <td>-</td> <td>PSV</td> <td>1-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>Bursaspor</td> <td>-</td> <td>PSV</td> <td>1-1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L</td> <td>Valencia</td> <td>-</td> <td>PSV</td> <td>2-0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Nottingham Forest</td> <td>-</td> <td>PSV</td> <td>1-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Middlesbrough</td> <td>-</td> <td>PSV</td> <td>2-3</td> </tr> </table>		W	VV Staphorst	-	PSV	0-6	W	RKSV Halsteren	-	PSV	0-10	W	FC Eindhoven	-	PSV	1-2	D	Bursaspor	-	PSV	1-1	L	Valencia	-	PSV	2-0	W	Nottingham Forest	-	PSV	1-3	W	Middlesbrough	-	PSV	2-3
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<p>Last season Excelsior was the biggest surprise package, without doubt. They were the number one candidate for relegation, for everyone, but they surprised the entire country with some good positional play, a strong passing game and quite some surprise results. Of course their small and artificial pitch helped them a lot too, but it's no surprise many keyplayers left the club this summer for bigger teams, and so did their coach. So, in general, Excelsior has to start all over again. I do not exaggerate by saying at least 8 regulars have left, and their replacements are definitely not on the level players like Fernandez, Roorda and Koolwijk were. The same goes for the coach; with Pastoor they saw their young and talented coach leaving, and with Lammers I really doubt whether we may expect the same skills. Excelsior is once more on my shortlist for relegation, as the only positive factor I can imagine is their pitch. They're short on quality, and should be happy RKC is the number one candidate for direct relegation.</p>			<p><b>Pre-season results:</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>OVV</td> <td>-</td> <td>Excelsior</td> <td>0-4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>CVV Berkel</td> <td>-</td> <td>Excelsior</td> <td>0-5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Flakkees Elftal</td> <td>-</td> <td>Excelsior</td> <td>0-9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L</td> <td>Go Ahead Eagles</td> <td>-</td> <td>Excelsior</td> <td>2-0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Westerlo</td> <td>-</td> <td>Excelsior</td> <td>1-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>Excelsior</td> <td>-</td> <td>Willem II</td> <td>0-0</td> </tr> </table>		W	OVV	-	Excelsior	0-4	W	CVV Berkel	-	Excelsior	0-5	W	Flakkees Elftal	-	Excelsior	0-9	L	Go Ahead Eagles	-	Excelsior	2-0	W	Westerlo	-	Excelsior	1-3	D	Excelsior	-	Willem II	0-0
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<p>VVV Venlo is still in the Eredivisie, and that's quite a performance. With a rather poor squad they survived last season as Willem II turned out to be even weaker, and somehow VVV survived the relegation playoffs as well. I don't think this season will differ much from last year; they saw some keyplayers like Toth and Boymans leaving, and although they kept their Nigerian forwards and signed some really good players I do expect them to end close to the bottom again. With new coach De Boeck they signed a talented Belgian coach, but even if he was on world class level, his squad is not. They're a bit stronger than last year and they should be able to avoid direct relegation, but that's about it. I can't see them finishing comfortably on a midtable spot. RKC and Excelsior are definitely weaker, but together with De Graafschap I do expect VVV to decide who's gonna be the second team in the relegation playoffs.</p>			<p><b>Pre-season results:</b></p> <table> <tr><td>W</td><td>RKDEV Arcen</td><td>-</td><td>VVV Venlo</td><td>1-16</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>Wittenhorst</td><td>-</td><td>VVV Venlo</td><td>0-8</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>VCH Blerick</td><td>-</td><td>VVV Venlo</td><td>0-8</td></tr> <tr><td>D</td><td>Helmond Sport</td><td>-</td><td>VVV Venlo</td><td>1-1</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>Helders Elftal</td><td>-</td><td>VVV Venlo</td><td>0-2</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>Jong Ajax</td><td>-</td><td>VVV Venlo</td><td>1-2</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>VVV Venlo</td><td>-</td><td>Alemannia Aachen</td><td>3-1</td></tr> </table>		W	RKDEV Arcen	-	VVV Venlo	1-16	W	Wittenhorst	-	VVV Venlo	0-8	W	VCH Blerick	-	VVV Venlo	0-8	D	Helmond Sport	-	VVV Venlo	1-1	W	Helders Elftal	-	VVV Venlo	0-2	W	Jong Ajax	-	VVV Venlo	1-2	W	VVV Venlo	-	Alemannia Aachen	3-1
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<p>RKC celebrated their promotion to the Eredivisie this summer, but I can't see them surviving this season. Most Jupiler League teams face a tough season once they won promotion, and I don't think RKC will be an exception. They didn't sign really strong new players, as they won't take any risks by signing new expensive contracts if they go out already the next season. So with pretty much the same squad as last season, though without keyplayers like Boerrigter, Benson and Levita who all left, RKC will start their battle against relegation. Together with Excelsior they're for sure the main candidates for relegation, and I actually can't see them avoiding it. They won promotion due to the exceptional qualities of striker Boerrigter, but they don't have such outstanding players anymore. This side will be in the Jupiler League again next season.</p>			<p><b>Pre-season results:</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>VV Kogelvaarders</td> <td>-</td> <td>RKC Waalwijk</td> <td>0-13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>RWB</td> <td>-</td> <td>RKC Waalwijk</td> <td>0-16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>Excelsior '31</td> <td>-</td> <td>RKC Waalwijk</td> <td>1-1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FC Lienden</td> <td>-</td> <td>RKC Waalwijk</td> <td>0-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>FC Den Bosch</td> <td>-</td> <td>RKC Waalwijk</td> <td>1-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>Helmond Sport</td> <td>-</td> <td>RKC Waalwijk</td> <td>0-1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L</td> <td>RKC Waalwijk</td> <td>-</td> <td>Sparta Rotterdam</td> <td>0-2</td> </tr> </table>		W	VV Kogelvaarders	-	RKC Waalwijk	0-13	W	RWB	-	RKC Waalwijk	0-16	D	Excelsior '31	-	RKC Waalwijk	1-1	W	FC Lienden	-	RKC Waalwijk	0-2	W	FC Den Bosch	-	RKC Waalwijk	1-2	W	Helmond Sport	-	RKC Waalwijk	0-1	L	RKC Waalwijk	-	Sparta Rotterdam	0-2
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