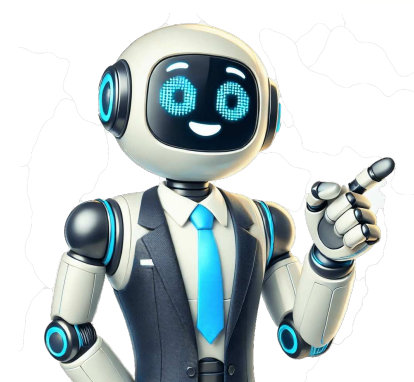


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He will complete the formalities of his £40 million transfer from Bournemouth, including a medical. The Hungarian international's arrival raises questions about the future of first-choice left-back Andy Robertson, who has been linked with a move to Atletico Madrid. Konate rejects Liverpool contract offer In less good news for Arne Slot and company, Ibrahim Konate has turned down the club's latest offer of a new deal. The Guardian report that the defender is "stalling" on an extension and may run down the final year of his contract. Konate is said to be "disappointed by the structure of Liverpool's offer", which was "heavily based on meeting certain performance targets". His representatives want a higher basic salary. Liverpool plan on reviving talks later in the summer, but won't be "forced into overpaying". Read - Liverpool signing Frimpong excited to get going in 'best league in the world' Nunez 'keen' on Anfield exit It's no secret at this stage that Liverpool are looking to offload Darwin Nunez just three years after committing to pay a then-club record transfer fee for the striker. Reports indicate they have paid Benfica at least £76.8m when add-ons are taken into account. The Reds are looking to recoup most of that money this summer after rejecting a £60m bid from Al-Nassr in January. After making just eight Premier League starts last season Nunez is "keen to move", according to The Athletic. Napoli have been heavily linked with the Uruguayan and are expected to make an offer "in due course". Read - Nunez gives 'green light' to next club as exit nears Defender departs Liverpool Liverpool announced on Monday that Nat Phillips has joined West Brom on a permanent transfer. The centre-back made 29 senior appearances during his nine years at the club. He spent last season on loan with Derby County, helping the club avoid relegation from the Championship. Liverpool lock down midfielder to new deal Ceri Holland has sign a contract extension with Liverpool Women, the club announced on Tuesday. The midfielder joined the Merseyside outfit in 2021 and was part of the promotion-winning side in 2022. She's gone on to make 107 appearances. "It's been an amazing four years. I've really, really enjoyed my time here," she said after penning her new deal. Read - Bayern Munich add another Liverpool winger to transfer shortlist Henderson linked with Premier League return Two years on from his ill-fated move to Al-Ettifaq, Jordan Henderson may be on his way back to England. The Daily Mail claim that Nottingham Forest and Marseille are interested in the Ajax midfielder, who captained the Reds to the Premier League title in 2019/20. The report claims the midfielder has a clause in his contract that would allow the 35-year-old to leave his current club for free. If the clause is triggered before mid-July he can become a free agent. Read - Brighton plot £40m bid for out-of-favour Harvey Elliott See Also - The most expensive sales in Bundesliga history Follow The Football Faithful on Social Media: Facebook | Instagram | Twitter | YouTube | TikTok Liverpool are bracing for a busy summer to build on this season's Premier League title success.Arne Slot orchestrated a stunning debut campaign at Anfield, inheriting a stacked squad from Jurgen Klopp before taking English football by storm to seal a record-equalling 20th top-flight crown for the club.Mohamed Salah was the posterboy of Slot's title winners, with an eye-watering 46 goal contriutions in 37 games taking the Reds out of reach at the top of the table.However, it was in midfield where Liverpool surprised most, with Slot refining a midfield trio brought in by his predecessor and making each one of them an invaluable entity. His transformation of Ryan Gravenberch from a promising yet raw talent to a world-class defensive midfielder was most astounding, with the 23-year-old starting all 34 league games before Liverpool sealed the title against Spurs.Liverpool secured their 20th Premier League title this season (PA Wire)The summer months of 2024 hardly shaped the season that followed for Liverpool, and Slot has already proven that he doesn't require overwhelming transfer activity to be successful. Last summer, he saw just two arrivals come through the door in the form of Giorgi Mamardashvili (who was immediately loaned back toValencia) and Federico Chiesa, who played a total of just 104 minutes in the Premier League. But with Trent Alexander-Arnold heading for the exit and a Premier League title to defend, Richard Hughes and Michael Edwards were expected to engage in a substantial recruitment drive over the coming months. And the early signs are extremely promising for Reds fans, with Jeremy Frimpong having signed from Bayer Leverkusen and Florian Wirtz soon to follow after Liverpool agreed a £116m deal with the German side. Here's everything you need to know about Liverpool's summer transfer plans.Areas to improveAs tends to happen with champions, Liverpool are position-for-position the strongest team in the Premier League. But that is not to say they don't have room for improvement.Their first priority will be to address weaknesses - or vacancies - in the full-back roles. Right-back and local lad Alexander-Arnold joined Real Madrid following the expiry of his contract, though it looks like Liverpool have already found their replacement in the form of Frimpong.At left-back, Scottish stalwart Andy Robertson has looked shaky and could be set for a drop down the pecking order. Robertson, once the world's best in his position, has been something of a liability this term, and he has been attracting attention from Atletico Madrid. Get 4 months free with ExpressVPNServers in 105 CountriesSuperior SpeedsWorks on all your devicesTry for freeADVERTISEMENT. If you sign up to this service we will earn commission. This revenue helps to fund journalism across The Independent.Get 4 months free with ExpressVPNServers in 105 CountriesSuperior SpeedsWorks on all your devicesTry for freeADVERTISEMENT. If you sign up to this service we will earn commission. This revenue helps to fund journalism across The Independent.Deputy Kostas Tsimikas could also be on the chopping block, further emphasising the need for reinforcements. A younger, Premier League-proven replacement appears to be desired, with Milos Kerkez of Bournemouth seemingly set for a move worth around £45m. Further depth in midfield could also be required if Slot is to successfully defend his title. The futures of Darwin Nunez, Federico Chiesa, Diogo Jota and more recently Harvey Elliott have been up in the air, which could lead to Liverpool investing in more forward-thinking options this summer.Done dealsIns: Jeremie Frimpong (Bayer Leverkusen, £29.5m), Amin Pesci (Puskas AFC, £1.5m)Outs: Caoimhin Kelleher (Brentford, £18m), Trent Alexander-Arnold (Real Madrid, £10m), Vitezslav Jaros (Ajax, loan transfer)Potential targetsFlorian Wirtz, Bayer LeverkusenNot exactly a 'potential' target since Liverpool agreed a deal for the German superstar.Another star of Xabi Alonso's Leverkusen side, attacking midfielder Wirtz, 22, had been attracting the attention of Europe's biggest hitters for some time now, though the Reds beat off competition from Manchester City and Bayern Munich to all but seal a deal that could end up being the most expensive in Premier League history. Liverpool are believed to be strongly interested in Florian Wirtz (Getty Images)Milos Kerkez, BournemouthKerkez has starred for the Cherries this season and seems to have been picked out as the rightful heir to Andy Robertson at left-back. Liverpool are said to be in talks with Kerkez, 21, who could be about to join compatriot Dominik Szoboszlai at Anfield. The marauding defender fits Slot's system well and could be valued around £45m.Milos Kerkez (left) has been a standout in his position and could succeed Andy Robertson at left-back (Getty Images)Alexander Isak, NewcastleWith much of the rest of the squad seemingly in top shape ahead of 2025/26, Liverpool continue to be linked with a range of strikers. Alexander Isak has been touted as the club's "dream" target, though with Newcastle having qualified for the Champions League it is seen as unlikely that they let their star player leave. Nevertheless, Reds fans can hope - Isak has transformed into one of the best strikers in world football in recent months, and his signature would certainly make Liverpool favourites for back-to-back league titles (and probably a European Cup to add to it). Isak's form last season saw him become regarded as one of the world's best in his position (Getty Images)Hugo Ekitike, Eintracht FrankfurtThis is seen as a somewhat more realistic signing for Liverpool, with the Frankfurt striker supposedly allowed to leave for around £100m. While Liverpool would be unlikely to spend that amount on the 22-year-old given his experience, some reports suggest that he could be available for something closer to £65m. Though Chelsea and Manchester United are also interested, it is assumed that the Reds would be able to convince Ekitike of the obvious merits of choosing Anfield over Stamford Bridge and Old Trafford. The young Frenchman has scored 22 goals in all competitions for the German side this season, and is widely seen as ready to take the step up to a top side. Hugo Ekitike of Eintracht Frankfurt celebrates against RB Leipzig (Getty Images)Angelo Stiller, StuttgartLiverpool have found joy when fishing at the Stuttgart well for defensive midfielders before. They will hope highly-rated German star Stiller, 24, will follow in Wataru Endo's suit and swap the MHP Arena for Merseyside. The former Bayern Munich prospect has been at the heart of their midfield for the past two seasons and helped Stuttgart qualify for the Champions League in 2023/24.Angelo Stiller has impressed for Stuttgart over the past couple of years (EPA)Julian Alvarez, Atletico MadridAn outside shout is ex-Manchester City forward Alvarez, who proved his worth as a top talent at the Etihad. He has taken off since he ditched being second fiddle to Erling Haaland, having enjoyed an impressive year since his £82m switch to Atletico Madrid last summer, scoring 29 goals and providing six assists in all competitions. His form may have peaked the interest of Liverpool, who are in the market for forward reinforcements. Darwin Nunez plus cash swap deal, perhaps?Watch every Fifa Club World Cup game free on DAZN. Sign up here now. Get all the breaking Liverpool FC transfer news and rumours. Headlines linking to the best LFC transfer stories 24/7/365. The #1 Liverpool transfer news resource. NewsNow is the world's most accurate and comprehensive Liverpool transfer news aggregator, bringing you the latest Liverpool transfer rumours from the best LFC transfer news sites and other key national and international news sources. The latest Liverpool FC transfer rumours, news and reports. 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Liverpool's Rebuild Gains Momentum as Wirtz Arrival Sparks Transfer Domino EffectWirtz Deal Signals Intent at AnfieldLiverpool have rarely started a summer window with such clarity. The £116 million move for Florian Wirtz from Bayer Leverkusen is more than just a marquee signing. It's a signal that the new era under Arne Slot is already shifting gears — tactically and strategically. As reported by The Athletic.It's not simply about numbers, either. Wirtz is a player who glides between the lines, disrupts structure and provides imagination. His arrival suggests a move away from the muscular directness that defined much of Jürgen Klopp's reign, towards something more intricate. His quality demands a supporting cast capable of complementing and covering for his creativity, and that reshaping is already underway.Jarell Quansah's expected departure to Leverkusen for a reported £30 million plus add-ons speaks to the shifting priorities in Liverpool's defensive department. While the inclusion of a buyback clause shows they are not giving up on his potential, it's also a move that unlocks flexibility, both in terms of finances and squad space.Defence and Depth in TransitionWith Quansah on the way out, Liverpool are exploring replacements. The emphasis is on youth, growth and versatility — attributes epitomised by Ajax's 19-year-old defender Jorrel Hato. Able to operate at centre-back or left-back, Hato's profile fits Liverpool's long-term thinking.Marc Guehi remains on the radar, though Crystal Palace's valuation could be a stumbling block. Murillo of Nottingham Forest is admired too, albeit again complicated by price. There's a sense here of Liverpool doing due diligence, scouting players who can slot into the system and develop within it.Milos Kerkez's move from Bournemouth, reportedly finalised at around £40 million, reflects similar principles. Young, intense and tactically flexible, he could become first-choice sooner than expected given interest from Atletico Madrid in Andy Robertson, who is entering the final year of his contract.Kostas Tsimikas waits to see how the chips fall, but the Greek international's future likely hinges on whether Robertson departs.Attack Under Scrutiny as Nunez Uncertainty GrowsIn attack, the focus is on Darwin Nunez. His raw talent remains, but there's now a wider acceptance that a different type of forward may be needed. Napoli are keen, and if Liverpool can secure a sizeable fee, it may finally open the door to reshaping the frontline.Arne Slot wants a forward who leads the press and sacrifices for the team. That profile narrows the list and makes Newcastle United's Alexander Isak a logical yet difficult target due to his valuation.There's interest in Federico Chiesa, but it's fading after a disappointing campaign. Meanwhile, Luis Diaz, despite outside interest, is viewed as central to the squad moving forward.Academy Progression and Peripheral ExitsLiverpool's academy continues to be active. Harvey Elliott is flourishing with England Under-21s and could generate interest, though his long-term future remains at Anfield.Tyler Morton and Stefan Bajcetic have suitors, while Owen Beck's loan or sale is under consideration. Nat Phillips has already sealed a £3 million move to West Brom, while goalkeeper Harvey Davies joins Crawley Town on loan after signing a new contract.Veteran Joe Gomez, who recently marked a decade at the club, remains part of the plans. His flexibility makes him indispensable in a squad navigating transition.Our View - Anfield Index AnalysisFor Liverpool fans, the arrival of Florian Wirtz is not just exciting; it feels like a declaration of purpose. This is not a club tiptoeing into a new era, it's charging into it. Wirtz offers the kind of flair Anfield hasn't consistently seen since Coutinho's prime. He's a bridge between generations and styles.But the optimism is laced with realism. Quansah leaving is a blow in terms of homegrown development, and while a buyback clause offers comfort, fans will want to see the club spend that £30 million wisely. Names like Hato and Guehi show promise, but Liverpool's recruitment has to hit.Up front, Nunez's situation remains divisive. The raw numbers haven't matched the chaos he creates, and while some fans are still patient, others are weary. Slot's preference for tactical discipline over individuality means this summer could spell the end for the Uruguayan's turbulent Liverpool chapter.In truth, the rebuild feels smart. There's a clear plan, players being targeted for system-fit rather than stardust. Fans might not agree with every move, but they can at least see the logic — and that's a refreshing change.View publisher imprint