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Tom MortimerHungarian football writerGetty ImagesHungary was not Milos Kerkez's birthplace, but it is where he became a footballer.At 15, he moved from Austria to Hodmezovasarhelyi in the south of Hungary, and made a decision: "If I get to a good enough level, I want to represent Hungary's national team." That decision today looks prophetic.Kerkez is now Hungary's first choice left-back, has already played more than 100 senior club games, and this season made many people's Premier League team of the year - all at the age of 21.He is also not the only Hungarian moving to Liverpool. This summer, Liverpool have not just signed Kerkez, but also Armin Pecsi - a 20-year-old goalkeeper from Puskas Akademia, the club closest to Hungarian prime minister Viktor Orban's heart.The symbolism is impossible to ignore: the most storied club in England tapping directly into Orban's 3bn football project.Liverpool's history with Hungarian players has been patchy at best.Istvan Kozma joined in 1992 but never settled. The highly rated trio of Krisztian Nemeth, Andras Simon and Krisztian Adorjan flattered but faded. Even Peter Gulacsi, now among Europe's elite goalkeepers, was once just 'the other keeper' behind Pepe Reina and Brad Jones.But Kerkez - like Dominik Szoboszlai before him - is the product of a very different Hungary.In the past decade, the Hungarian Football Federation has begun building a modernised system to become a sophisticated footballing outfit.It is not only about money - though Orban's vast investment has played its part. It is about momentum and method. Data-led development, better coaching pipelines, and a renewed sense of national pride have combined to give young players real pathways.Kerkez has followed that pathway. With AZ he saw the vision. At Bournemouth, he chose the project, not the prestige.Now, he is moving to the Premier League champions and one of the biggest clubs in the world.For Liverpool? Well, the Hungarian market is beginning to bear very different fruit.How to get news alerts on your Premier League clubTom McCoyBBC Sport journalistGetty ImagesBrentford are renowned for their innovative, data-led approach under owner Matthew Benham, often defying conventional wisdom in search of an edge when it comes to recruitment and strategy, and they have certainly bucked the trend by naming the inexperienced Keith Andrews as their boss. He was previously the Bees' set-piece coach and has also worked as an assistant at MK Dons, Sheffield United and the Republic of Ireland but this is his first managerial role.It is increasingly rare for Premier League clubs to opt for a permanent manager who has not taken charge of a competitive senior game.The last man appointed in such circumstances was Mikel Arteta in 2019, though the Spaniard was by that point already a sought-after coach following three years working under Pep Guardiola at Manchester City.Other examples have also tended to involve high-profile individuals.Middlesbrough hired Manchester United assistant manager Steve McClaren in 2001 and Gareth Southgate in 2006, while Gianfranco Zola's managerial career began with West Ham in 2008 - and the likes of Attilio Lombardo (Crystal Palace), Ruud Gullit and Gianluca Vialli (both Chelsea) started as player-managers in the 1990s.A less well-known name is Les Reed, who won one of seven games with Charlton in 2006. Sammy Lee's reign at Bolton in 2007 was similarly brief.The list below excludes managers who initially proved their worth as a caretaker, which is now an increasingly common path for rookie bosses and minimises the risks for clubs.Most recently, Gary O'Neil took the reins at Bournemouth in August 2022 despite no prior experience, getting the job on a permanent basis three months later.Although dismissed at the end of the season, he led the side to 15th, earning another shot at management with Wolves.Get news alerts about your favourite Premier League teamGetty ImagesNew Brentford boss Keith Andrews says he feels "humbled" but "very capable" after being formally announced as head coach.The 44-year-old, who originally joined the club as a set-piece coach in July 2024, was confirmed as Thomas Frank's replacement on Friday.It is the first time Andrews has held a managerial role having previously been on the coaching staff with Sheffield United, MK Dons and the Republic of Ireland."Pretty humbled would be the overriding feeling and honoured that I'm the person that's been chosen to take the club into the next chapter," he told club media."I'm very appreciative of the owner, the board and the staff that have supported this decision. It's an opportunity I feel I'm very capable of doing and ready to do."I don't know where to start in terms of what's exciting me because there's so much - the potential of the football club, the potential of the players and the potential of the staff that underpin what has brought success to this brilliant football club.""It's an amazing place to be and I've felt that for 12 months now. That will remain. It's really important to me to have that vibe around the football club, that energy.While some may see it as a risk, Andrews' appointment represents continuity for the club who also hired from within when promoting Frank from assistant to head coach.In his set-piece role, the former midfielder helped the Bees at both ends of the pitch, with their three goals conceded from set-pieces in 2024, the fewest in the top flight."I want a team that the fans feel represents them and what they want to see on a Saturday," Andrews added on what supporters can expect from his side."We want to play winning football, we want to be competitive, we want to have an edge and we want to play dynamic, relentless football, but we want to be organised."I love it here, I love coming in every single day, and I will give absolutely everything to continue the success of this football club."Noel SlineyBBC Sport journalistGetty ImagesFulham are one of two Premier League clubs yet to sign or sell a senior player this summer, along with Aston Villa, but it appears the west London side are attempting to remedy last season's lack of attacking incision.They are reportedly pursuing a deal for 23-year-old Brazilian forward Romulo, who provided 17 goals and 10 assists in 33 matches last season for Turkish club Goztepe. Six of those goals were penalties but his tally still compares favourably with Fulham top scorer Raul Jimenez, who scored 14 times - including five penalties - in 43 games.Overall, as the graphic below shows, Fulham's shooting accuracy was the third worst in the Premier League in 2024-25.They made an unrivalled 894 crosses in last season's Premier League, leading to 22% of their goals, but creative midfielders Andreas Pereira, whose Fulham future is in doubt, and Emile Smith Rowe often struggled to break down defences.Pereira created 20 chances from open play, four fewer than Smith Rowe - with both men lagging well behind team-mate Alex Iwobi's impressive figure of 58.Two attacking options, Willian and Carlos Vinicius, have left the club on free transfers, while Tom Cairney and Kenny Tete are both out of contract in a few days and yet to accept the offer of new deals. Wrexham and Everton respectively are circling.Tom McCoyBBC Sport journalistGetty ImagesKeith Andrews only joined Brentford last summer, when he was appointed set-piece coach, but the Irishman has succeeded Thomas Frank as their head coach.The 44-year-old has no previous managerial experience, though he has served as part of the coaching staff at MK Dons and Sheffield United, plus the Republic of Ireland Under-21 and senior sides.But his work at Brentford has clearly impressed the club hierarchy, including a notable improvement in their record at defending set-pieces. The Bees conceded just three top-flight goals from set-plays in 2024-25 (excluding penalties), at least three fewer than any other club.That was a substantial reduction from their previous three Premier League seasons. The west London club conceded nine such goals in 2023-24 and 12 in both 2021-22 and 2022-23.Find and follow your Premier League team on BBC SportGetty ImagesWe asked for your views on the future of Harvey Elliott and whether it should be at Liverpool. Here are some of your comments:Ian: It's a tough one because you can see what he can do but when given chances starting for Liverpool he's not performed. The England Under-21 displays will help his price tag for us though.Will: He's not going to get a chance at Liverpool this season and with such a young midfield there's no reason it'll be different next season. So while I'd prefer to loan him, it only really makes sense to sell. But we'll regret it.Stevo: Looks great at the U21 tournament, but doesn't contribute consistently or take his chance to impress when given a start at Liverpool. Looks OK on substitute appearances, but nothing game-changing. I like Harvey and his commitment. Maybe let him have game time elsewhere and bring him back when he's ready.Ski: Definitely keep Harvey, either through a sale and buy-back option, or as a back-up to Mo Salah. Just play him more in the advanced role. He's doing brilliantly.John: Keep Harvey at Anfield to complement that formidable midfield. His best is still to come.Tricia: There is no way Elliott should be sold by Liverpool. He always gives 100%, is still developing and improving and is loyal to the club. We've learned with Trent Alexander-Arnold that is worth a lot!Brian: If Harvey wasn't a Liverpool player already we'd be looking to buy him. At 22, he is as talented as Alexis Mac Allister in midfield and as good a finisher as Salah. It would be madness to let him go.Peter: He's such a clever footballer. I would be absolutely gutted if Liverpool let him go. You can't blame him for going if he's not getting game time. If it's development and he isn't going to be used in the near term, loan him to a top European club. He's too good to let go.Sign up for news alerts about the Premier League club you supportNizaar KinsellaBBC Sport football news reporterGetty ImagesNeither striker Nicolas Jackson nor winger Noni Madueke are seen as untouchable this summer having been linked with moves away from Chelsea in recent weeks, but both would command large fees and are not actively being forced out of the club.When asked about Madueke's future recently, boss Enzo Maresca said: "Noni is our player. You can read a lot of speculation at the moment, but we consider Noni our player for the coming season."However, the arrival of 18-year-old Estevao Willian from Palmeiras after the Club World Cup would mean another left-footed right winger joins the squad in addition to Madueke and Pedro Neto.The Blues' attitude towards sales of senior players is that few are considered off the table - except top performers Cole Palmer and Moises Caicedo.Midfielder Andrey Santos is attracting significant interest after a successful loan spell and has struggled for minutes in the Club World Cup, despite making his Chelsea debut as a substitute against ES Tunis.The Blues would ideally want to keep Santos as a squad player but he could push for an exit.Goalkeepers Mike Penders and Filip Jorgensen, midfielders Kendry Paez and Mathis Amougou, and defender Aaron Anselmino could all join Strasbourg on loan, but Chelsea are open to allowing their best young players to seek other temporary moves if they can find clubs with European football.Attacker Omari Kellyman, a 19m signing from Aston Villa last summer, remains out after surgery on a hamstring injury but is expected to be back before the transfer window closes and is seeking a Championship loan move to get his career back on track.Chelsea are out to sell the vast majority of the senior players not included in their 28-man Club World Cup squad, including Raheem Sterling, Ben Chilwell, Joao Felix, Axel Disasi, Renato Veiga, Armando Broja, Djordje Petrovic and Lesley Ugochukwu.Clubs in Saudi Arabia are believed to be monitoring Felix's availability.Certain academy graduates could also leave permanently, like Leo Castledine, Alfie Gilchrist and Sam Rak-Sakyi.As first revealed by BBC Sport, goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga is set to join Arsenal for 5m.Joe BradshawBBC Sport Senior JournalistHarvey Elliott joined Liverpool in July 2019, two months after becoming the Premier League's youngest player at just 16 years and 30 days.As he settled in, he was only given seven minutes of top-flight action in the title-winning 2019-20 season before impressing on loan at Championship side Blackburn Rovers during the following Covid-affected season.Since then, it has been patchy. Scattered good form has dovetailed with significant spells on the bench and a player whose future looked so promising now finds his career at a crossroads.So is it fair for Arne Slot and Liverpool to be keeping him sidelined?His numbers since the 2021-22 season are unconvincing.He is ninth for chances created, 14th for goals scored and eighth for assists, behind the likes of Alexis Mac Allister, Dominik Szoboszlai and Cody Gakpo, who all moved to Anfield after Elliott.It it scant reward for a talent who is currently tearing up his second straight Under-21 European Championship as second top scorer (four goals) and a constant supplier of opportunities.Naturally, there is mitigation. Over this time period, he ranks 19th for minutes played - only just above Kostas Tsimikas - so he has not been afforded the same opportunities on the pitch to consistently provide impressive numbers.Dig a little deeper, though, and the case for keeping him further weakens.While minutes can massage the numbers over goals and assists, they cannot account for efficiency and, when given the chance, in certain areas Elliott has not been effective enough.The above graph shows metrics such as passing and shooting accuracy and here his success rate is poor relative to his team-mates.Similarly, he is not a particularly effective dribbler, being successful only 45% of that time.Now, in fairness to Elliott, he is a player who takes risks with the ball so might be expected to have weaker attributes. After all, Mohamed Salah's passing accuracy ranks him 39th for Liverpool over the past four seasons - and he has not done too badly.However, Elliott's key competitors for a midfield berth, all boast better accuracy and from a larger sample size of minutes.Neither is the England Under-21 star a particularly effective dueller - his 46% success rate ranking him 21st.While Elliott has had his moments in a Liverpool shirt, under Slot last season his performances were limited and his end product even more so.Fine displays in this summer's international tournament have boosted his profile but, rather than give him oxygen for a push into the Liverpool XI, it is probably more likely to increase his price for a host of European suitors.Find and follow your Premier League team on BBC SportGetty ImagesWe asked for your views on how Liam Delap will fare next season and whether he should be first choice ahead of Nicolas Jackson. Here are some of your comments:George: It's very hard to compare strikers from clubs at either end of the table. However the goals/XG score is really interesting. I reserve judgement until the end of the season, seeing how both play in this team. My hunch is Delap will shine, and Nico has a lot of growing to do in terms of his temperament and turning his wasteful nature in front of goal.Colin: Delap is a natural, instinctive, talented striker with a great temperament. Jackson is the polar opposite and a proven liability. He must go.Marvo: Delap should lead the line, period.Emmanuel: I think Delap is more composed and looking at the team he's coming from, he will do better and score more goals with Chelsea if he gets the supply. At that age, he will be a great asset to Chelsea.George F: I think it's time Jackson found another team. He has demonstrated he is not a team player (red cards) and a reluctance to pass. Too often he tries to dribble into an impossible situation and loses possession. On paper, Delap appears to be a terrific fit and a striker that is dearly needed.Roy: Delap is a breath of fresh air. He's positive and gelled the team instantly. I'd play him ahead of Jackson all day long.Steve: Delap for me every time, Jackson's a liability. Give Delap the service and he'll get goals. It's the other end I'm more concerned with. The goalkeeper situation is a joke. We're a world-class club with a third-rate goalkeeper. It's ridiculous and so frustrating.Rich: Delap any day of the week. Jackson has shown how much of a liability he is -his petulant behaviour is his downfall. Delap is a future England star.Getty ImagesFormer Liverpool midfielder Joe Cole believes Harvey Elliott will be hot property this summer after his stellar performances at the Under-21 European Championships.On Wednesday, the midfielder scored twice against the Netherlands to send England's youngsters into their second successive Euros final, with his four goals putting him as second top scorer in the tournament.After the game Cole told Channel 4: "I love the kid, he plays football the right way. I am excited for his future. He has done a great job for Liverpool, but if he decides to move on, there are levels to move on again. That passion, he can show every week."Anyone outside the top six he comfortably walks into, and then two years on that level he comes back to Liverpool's level and competes."He started as a young man at Fulham but his learning has been spread out. Teams from all over Europe will be looking for Harvey Elliott's agent's number."Get news notifications on your clubCole also believes Elliott's match-winning strike- driving forward before firing a low shot into the corner from the edge of the box - was worthy of great praise."That second goal, if Messi did this, the world would be stopping," said Cole. "He has this ability and the frustrating thing is he could do it on a consistent basis if he played regularly."His problem is he can do so many good things. He's a victim of his own skills and that is why he has been so good for Liverpool. They can play him anywhere."What's the plan for Elliott?Should he still be given a chance at Liverpool?Or do his Euros performances just push his price tag up?Let us know what you think Adam PopeBBC Radio Leeds reporterGetty Images"Consider them both closed-loop universes that deserve proper attention and nurture and care. We will designate and assign resources appropriately." With that, Leeds United chairman Paraag Marathe explained to the media corps at a Rangers press conference, where he is now vice chairman, that neither club is superior to the other.Rangers are a Champions League club and Leeds are not. United have a trek ahead to enforce a situation similar to Crystal Palace owner and Lyon share holder John Textor who was sweating on a conflict of interest when it came to entering Uefa competitions with both clubs. Nonetheless, supporters will wonder where the 49ers investment will be concentrated. Marathe is clear on this subject: "If and when there was ever even a situation where there was even the perception of a conflict, we would solve that."Get news alerts on your clubThe 49ers issue with Leeds is far more pressing than worrying about an ownership model, which may or may not have them compromised with Rangers in terms of European football. For now anyway. After all, survival in the top flight is the sole aim for United. With approval given for 20m investment at Ibrox, Rangers new chairman Andrew Cavenagh is impatient to become the dominant force in Scottish football. The truth is the 49ers will be working on many multiples of that figure to preserve Leeds' Premier League status.Spending 15m this week on new signing Jaka Bijol is an initial indication of the size of the commitment by the owners to keeping United in the Premier League.Listen to West Yorkshire Sport Daily, weeknights at 18:00, and subscribe to BBC Radio Leeds' Don't Go To Bed Just Yet podcast on BBC SoundsGetty ImagesWe asked if you are worried for next season after losing manager Thomas Frank to Tottenham and seemingly captain Christian Norgaard to Arsenal, all amid the uncertainty over Bryan Mbeumo's move to Manchester United.Here are some of your comments:Ben: Absolutely, petrified. I would feel better if there was some good news for the fans to counteract the losses. But the lack of rumours even linking us to ready-to-go replacements is concerning. We can't only rely on giving first chances and prosperity to fill such big gaps.Jason: I was one of the people shaking buckets to save Brentford way before most people's time. I trust the club but I'm increasingly nervous. Announce a new manager and let's start the rebuild.Anne: It is inevitable I suppose. We've almost been a victim of our own success in the Premier League. I'm very sad to lose these players and manager and staff, but change in all walks of life is inevitable. The coming season is certainly going to be a challenge. Can't say I'm looking forward to it, but I'll still be there supporting the team I've supported for more than 55 years.Get news alerts on your club sent to youWellsers: It's going be a tough season for the Bees after being stripped of key players and of course their manager. Never a club to 'splash the cash,' but they'll need to spend big to have a chance of staying in the Premier League. A thin squad has now got even thinner - with extra bodies in defence, midfield and up front urgently needed. A couple of injuries early on next season could very well see the Bees in a relegation battle by Christmas.Connor: Not sure what the plan is, but so far as a window it's pretty devastating. If we end up losing Nathan Collins or Yoana Wissa it feels like we're hitting self destruct. If we invest heavily to replace Norgaard, and line up a decent replacement on the wing then we'll be okay. Next year is all about survival. Big season for Kevin Schade to be the main man in the wings.Keni: I'm nervous but I am willing to trust the club's leadership. The radio silence makes it harder, but I can remember playing in the Fourth Division less than twenty years ago. Under Benham and Giles we've grown a huge amount so I am going to keep the faith while keeping my fingers crossed.Everton FCEverton have launched their home kit for the upcoming 2025-26 season. The club have said the wave design was inspired by the River Mersey that provides the backdrop for their new waterfront stadium. While Everton describe it as a 'mesmeric pattern' that will go perfectly with their inaugural season at Hill Dickinson Stadium, what do you make of it?Choose your verdict here Getty ImagesManchester City midfielder Rodri is "very happy" to be playing again but accepts it will be "months" before he returns to his top level.The Ballon d'Or winner was Pep Guardiola's most noticeable absentee last season after sustaining an anterior cruciate ligament injury, but he is making positive steps in his recovery before next season.He says he feels "very strong" and is excited to build up his minutes and fitness during the Club World Cup in America."I feel very good, and very happy to be here," he said. "An amazing tournament to start playing football again and I am really excited to join the team on the pitch."That's the most important thing."This [the Club World Cup] is a massive opportunity for me to come back."I feel very, very strong to be honest. The process [of recovery] was long, but I was taking my time and said that the most important thing was to keep focus and don't be sad or whatever."I knew one day I'll come back and this day has finally come. I'm very excited to play again."And though it's going to still be months until I reach my level, I am so happy."Rodri replaced Nico Gonzalez after an hour in Monday's rout over Al Ain and is likely to feature against Juventus on Thursday after Guardiola hinted the heat will prompt rotation in his City XI.Getty ImagesWe asked for your views on who Aston Villa should buy if goalkeeper Emi Martinez leaves the club this summer.Here are some of your comments:Ian: If Martinez does leave let's make sure we get best price possible and we should look at either Henderson or Ramsdale to replace him. Both I feel are very good young keepers who have Premier League experience and can only improve. The other option is young Trafford from Burnley. We also need a good back-up as well.Richard: I'm surprised that no-one has mentioned Ramsdale as a potential replacement if Martinez goes.Rob: I'd rather Emi Martinez stayed at Villa next season. Goalkeepers with international pedigree and silverware are incredibly difficult to find at reasonable prices. Not to mention his leadership and charisma on and off the pitch! But if we have to let him go, I think Unai Emery should sign the goalkeeper that won him his most recent Europa League: Geronimo Rulli.Emma: If Martinez goes, Chevalier seems a good choice. At the end of the day no one player is bigger than the club.Matt: I'd rather take a 6/10 point deduction than use Martinez's sale to pass PSR. A new goalkeeper having to gel with our defence will cost us those points throughout the season.Get news notifications on your clubShamoon HafezBBC Sport football news reporter in OrlandoGetty ImagesManchester City forward Oscar Bobb is looking forward to a "fresh start" after experiencing "tough times" during a lengthy spell out injured last season.The 21-year-old played in the Community Shield victory over rivals Manchester United last August, but sustained a broken leg in training thereafter.He returned to training in February, but suffered a setback during his recovery and did not play again until April."It was tough at times," said Bobb. "But the club offered great support and I was always thinking of coming back stronger, so yeah, it was all good."Once I started running again, kicking the ball, training with the team, I was even happier than I've been before."I feel very good and happy to be here, excited, it's great to be with the team again."Get news notifications on your clubNorway international Bobb has made two substitute appearances at the Club World Cup in the United States and scored in the 6-0 thrashing of Al Ain on Sunday.Boss Pep Guardiola has spoken openly about trimming his squad and when asked about his future, Bobb said: "I expect to be here."I think that's the way I have to look at it, try and impress every chance I get and just be ready."I want to play as much as possible, be decisive and play in the big games."Getty ImagesWe asked for your views on how costly losing key midfielder Christian Norgaard would be and how Brentford will cope with so much change in personnel - with forward Bryan Mbeumo potentially on his way to Manchester United, plus a new head coach being appointed.Here are some of your comments:Mike: I'd rather lose Mbeumo than Norgaard. When Christian doesn't play, we don't win - the stats have shown it over and over again. Losing Thomas Frank was always going to make next season tough, but losing him and Norgaard would make me VERY concerned.Ray: It is one thing to lose your manager, another to lose most of the training staff and undoubtedly your most prolific goalscorer - but now the captain too? We've got to be careful we don't sabotage all the years of building. Also, 10m is an insult, but Arsenal insulted us with the David Raya deal.James: That's cheap! The captain is the manager on the pitch, and with the manager gone we need continuity. Norgaard is vital to Brentford - more so now when the club is in a state of flux.Ian: I do think losing Mbeumo - and it looks like Norgaard and Collins too - and only replacing Frank with Keith Andrews will sadly bring an end, for now, to the Bees' stay in the Premier League.Sanjay: We cannot lose him. He has been such an invaluable member of the team and is tough and strong on the pitch. The fans will say to Christian: "Please stay!"Steve: Losing Norgaard would be far worse than losing Bryan. He does the hard yards and dirty work that lets others play around him. His experience in the changing room would be just as big a miss as his presence on the pitch. The new manager can't be happy about potentially losing a senior member of the team.Get news alerts for your Premier League teamMatthew HobbsBBC Sport journalistMikel Arteta and Arsenal have declared an interest in taking Brentford captain Christian Norgaard to the Emirates, with an initial fee of 10m being mentioned.Norgaard was linked with a reunion with former manager Thomas Frank at Tottenham earlier this summer and his record shows why he is highly regarded by the top teams.The 31-year-old has just completed his sixth successive season at Gtech Community Stadium, including all four of the Bees' Premier League campaigns.Since his top-flight debut in 2021, Norgaard has made 201 interceptions - the most of any Premier League player during this period - while he also ranks second overall for recoveries (844) and third for tackles won (189).He is not necessarily renowned for goalscoring, but six goals in 2024-25 was also the best return of his entire 14-year professional career.Norgaard could effectively replace Thomas Partey in Arsenal's midfield. Contract talks with the Ghana international, who joined the Gunners for 45m from Atletico Madrid in 2020, have reached an impasse, with Partey's current deal due to expire in July.While Norgaard offers his own well of experience, it would not be a like-for-like replacement: Partey offers more dynamism carrying the ball in central areas, whereas Norgaard is more of a traditional six, screening for danger in front of Brentford's defence.As a result, Partey's average carrying stats comfortably surpass those of the Dane, while Norgaard is more prolific at breaking up opposition attacks.What Arsenal may lose should Partey depart this summer is a degree of versatility. He made 14 appearances at right-back last season, whereas Norgaard's all came in midfield.Norgaard has occasionally played on the right of midfield, or in central defence, in the Premier League for Brentford, but he has never started a top-flight game at full-back.Find and follow your Premier League team on BBC SportNick MashiterBBC Sport football news reporterGetty ImagesNottingham Forest do not want to sell Anthony Elanga.The winger has become a key man at the City Ground and Forest have rejected an offer, reportedly worth 45m, from Newcastle.The Magpies have admired the 23-year-old for a while and tried to bring him to St James' Park last summer.Yet Forest are prepared to stand firm and want to keep their big players ahead of returning to Europe next season after sealing a Europa Conference League play-off spot.Elanga played in every one of Forest's Premier League games last season, making 31 starts and scoring six times as Nuno Espirito Santo's side finished seventh.He joined for 15m from Manchester United in 2023 and has made 82 appearances for Forest, scoring 11 goals.Get news notifications on your clubGetty ImagesBBC Sport chief football writer Phil McNulty has been answering your questions on all things Premier League.Matt asked: There are a lot of rumours about Emi Martinez going to Manchester United. If this does happen, who would Aston Villa target as a replacement?Phil answered: Jordan Pickford is England's best keeper but Everton will not sell and he is incredibly happy there so it will not be him.James Trafford is a fine young keeper at Burnley, but he will not come cheap and Newcastle United have been heavily linked there. If he left would Nick Pope be happy as second choice? I'm not so sure.Trafford would be very much a live contender for clubs seeking an upgrade (I put Chelsea in that bracket as well) in the goalkeeper position.How to sign up for news alerts for your Premier League teamOne keeper who is currently being linked with Villa is Lille's Lucas Chevalier, who was Ligue 1's keeper of the season.Villa is a club that prepares for all eventualities, and with Martinez appearing to wave goodbye at the end of last season, they will no doubt have a plan in place should this come to pass.All depends on what happens now with the self-styled (although not in my opinion) "world's number one" Martinez.What do you think? Who should Villa buy if Martinez leaves the club this summer?Get in touch with your thoughts hereGetty ImagesWith Manchester United having submitted an improved offer for Brentford forward Bryan Mbeumo, we asked both sets of fans on our club pages how much they thought he was worth.Here are some of your comments:Brentford fansGeorge: Nothing less than 80m. The reason why is simple - the likes of Chelsea and Manchester United have shovelled out far, far more for players who are far, far worse. While he is at his most effective alongside strike-partner Yoane Wissa, only Mohamed Salah is more deadly when cutting onto his left foot at the edge of the box.Brian: 60m might be the lowest option, but I think 40m-50m would be closer to his price. He's had a good season but I think he's never going to do it again. He's a good player but not a great one - take the money and run.Vince: More than 60m compared with other market deals. He's a talented forward who runs and works so hard for the team. He has a brilliant temperament and doesn't see red mist and get sent off like Matheus Cunha. He has one year left with a further one-year option on his contract.HerzyBee: Mbeumo's overall contribution puts him in the top five for most relevant stats for a striker - he works incredibly hard and defends well, and scored 20 goals - five more than 62.5m Cunha. Pay up, United.Fan of a different Premier League club? Get news alerts hereMan Utd fansBarry: Leave it at 60m and if they say no then walk away. We have fallen into this trap lots of times and we pay far too much just for flops.Tony: He's a slightly-better-than-average player worth about the 50m mark. Then, as with every other player United are interested in, the selling clubs apply an erroneous 'United tax', increasing a player's value by about 20%. The 50m player suddenly becomes a 60m player.Jacob: For a man who has scored 20 goals in the best league in the world, 60m would be a steal. Anything there or thereabouts would be a good deal on United's part.Chris: Proven in the Premier League makes him worth 60m, but having just one big-return season so far makes any more a risk. Also, he is out for critical period at Africa Cup of Nations - potentially a month.Matthew: I feel 60m is more than enough for Mbeumo. He's brilliant for Brentford, but part of me feels he got a little lucky last season and scored more goals than he should have (20 goals from 12.3 xG). It may be another case of a player underperforming at United compared with their old club.What did the top three results of our polls say?Bees fans: 60m-70m - 42%; 70m-80m - 23%; 60m - 18%United fans: 60m - 54%; 60m-70m - 27%; Wouldn't buy him - 16%Getty ImagesWe asked for your views on whether Leeds should sell the likes of Mateo Joseph and Illan Meslier or keep them at the clubHere are some of your comments:Mark: Meslier endured a difficult end to the season. Clearly a talent but his unforced errors were costly. Maybe time to cash in? Joseph is clearly a talent but needs more experience and more regular game time. Can we afford that in the Premier League?Glynn: Send Joseph out on loan to get more experience. He has talent but lacks experience. Sell Meslier for his own good and for the good of the club.Martin: Keep Joseph and send him out on loan. He showed his talent early last year but faded as pressure mounted. However, Meslier cannot recover at Leeds. A good goalie but too much baggage now to stay. Sell him and get Pope or another top confident goal stopper.Graham: In a word, sell. Both of them. Neither have a future at Leeds.Dan: It's a tricky one with Joseph as he's still young and has potential but at the start of last season he was positioned as our main striker and given that opportunity, only to come up short with Joel Piroe being the main man. At the same time though Joseph shone for Spain's Under 21s but international Under 21s and Premier League football are very different. If we could get 10-15m for him I'd take it!Lee: Joseph and Meslier are both going to be stars of the future. I would sign them both to six-year contracts, then send them out on loan for a year. They both just need some confidence and some consistent playing time.Stephen: Keep Joseph but make sure he gets minutes out on loan, I think there's a player there but he's not ready for the top flight. Meslier probably needs a move away to restart his career, he's only gone backwards at Leeds and a fresh start might give him the chance to reach his potential. I don't think the fans or the defenders in front of him would like to see him on the pitch again. Not after the points he dropped single-handedly last season.Simon StoneChief football news reporterGetty ImagesRuben Amorim spoke often enough last season about Manchester United's failure to make the most of their opportunities.They need to score much more than the paltry 44 league goals they managed in 2024-25.Bryan Mbeumo's arrival should help address that shortfall but, as with Matheus Cunha, the Cameroon forward will offer more than that.He has the power and strength to carry the ball forward. Too many of United's attacking players are the nippy variety, who find it easier to operate in small spaces.The theory is Mbeumo, allied with Cunha and a strong number nine who can play with his back to goal and hold the ball up effectively, can force the opposition back, creating greater depth to the game, more space for United to play in and greater opportunities.United are trying to mitigate their recruitment plan going wrong previously by bringing in players who are used to the Premier League and do not require settling-in time, which, after how last season ended, is in short supply.Mbeumo cannot be the end of the reshaping of Amorim's squad - and the former Sporting boss said at the end of last season that it might take a few transfer windows to get what he wants.But it does appear United will be a bigger goal threat next term. And from that, significant improvement should come.On the latest Don't Go To Bed Just Yet, BBC Radio Leeds' Jonny Buchan and Adam Pope speak with Simon Rix of the Kaiser Chiefs about the future of Mateo Joseph.As the Whites plot their way through the summer transfer window and prepare for their Premier League return, can they risk letting Joseph (and others) be sold, only for them to have a great seasons elsewhere and potentially end up at a rival club?Would they be better keeping him on their books and in the squad for the campaign or sending someone like Joseph out on loan instead?What do you think Leeds should do? Should they sell the likes of Joseph and Meslier? Or keep them on the books?Let us knowGet news notifications about your club sent direct to youListen to the full episode on BBC SoundsBringing you opinion and analysis behind the main stories each weekdayGet the latest news, fan views, analysis & gossip from the clubs that interest you

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