

# Jobe Bellingham ‘anxious’ about following brother Jude at Dortmund

Dortmund’s new signing reveals mental hurdles following superstar brother Jude

● **Jobe joined Dortmund from Sunderland**

● **Debuted in Club World Cup**

● **Jude advised him to “embrace it”**

AFP | Berlin

Jobe Bellingham admitted on Tuesday to having “anxieties” on following in brother Jude’s footsteps after joining Borussia Dortmund in the summer.

Jobe, 19, is two years younger than Jude, who joined Real Madrid in 2023 after three years at Dortmund.

A centrepiece of the England national team, Jude has emerged as one of the best players in the world in recent seasons.

The younger Bellingham

joined Dortmund in June from Sunderland after their promotion to the



To avoid comparisons with his famous older brother Jude, Jobe Bellingham wears his first name, “Jobe,” on the back of his jersey instead of his last name, a practice he also followed at Sunderland

Premier League.

Jobe admitted he understood what the perception would be ahead of the move to Germany.

“It’s something you do think about. You have these anxieties, especially me as I’m only young,” Bellingham told reporters at Dortmund’s pre-season camp in Austria.

Jude Bellingham

“I’m not perfect. I do think about these things, but that was down to the club convincing me that these things wouldn’t have much bearing on me.

“This was a decision I made and it’s for myself. My journey is not anyone else’s to understand,” he added.

Bellingham made his Dortmund debut in the Club World Cup in the United States, scoring once and providing an assist in four games.

Like he did at Sunderland, the younger Bellingham wears his first name Jobe on the back of his jersey rather than his last name to avoid comparisons with his sibling.

Jobe said his older brother was “extremely proud -- he didn’t have much to say other than ‘embrace it,’” when he found out he was off to Dortmund, but added



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“our conversations aren’t usually that serious.”

The midfielder, who usually plays in a deeper role than his brother, said he did “not want to be a superstar... I don’t want to be a big character away from the pitch.

“When I play I just want to be one of the highest performing players and get my head down.”

Dortmund open their season at Essen in the first round of the German Cup on August 18.

Jobe Bellingham

## Liverpool set to cut losses with Nunez move to Saudi: reports

AFP | London

Liverpool striker Darwin Nunez is reportedly closing in on a move to Saudi club Al Hilal, which could allow the Premier League champions to make a fresh bid for Newcastle’s Alexander Isak.

Nunez joined the Reds for an initial 75 million euros (\$87 million, £65 million) from Benfica three years ago but has failed to live up to that price tag.

The Uruguayan has scored 40 goals in 143 appearances but slipped down the pecking order at Anfield under both Jurgen Klopp and Arne Slot.

According to transfer specialist Fabrizio Romano, Al Hilal will

pay an initial 53 million euros for the 26-year-old.

Nunez was likely to play even less this season after Liverpool signed Hugo Ekitike and Florian Wirtz as part of a 300 million euro spending spree that also includes full-backs Milos Kerkez and Jeremie Frimpong.

However, the club could still break the British transfer record by signing Isak, with Newcastle reportedly demanding a fee of up to £150 million for the Swedish striker.

The sale of Nunez would take Liverpool’s income for transfer sales this window to nearly 200 million euros after the departures of Luis Diaz, Jarell Quansah, Caoimhin Kelleher, Trent Alexander-Arnold and Tyler Morton.

Darwin Nunez



## Dewsbury-Hall has point to prove after sealing Everton switch

AFP | London

Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall said he wants to “prove a point” after sealing a move to Everton following a frustrating one-year spell at Chelsea.

The midfielder joined the Toffees yesterday for a reported fee of £28 million (\$37 million) just 12 months after a £30-million move from Leicester to Chelsea.

Dewsbury-Hall was part of the Chelsea side that won the Europa Conference League and Club World Cup in former Leicester manager Enzo Maresca’s first season in charge, but he struggled for first-team



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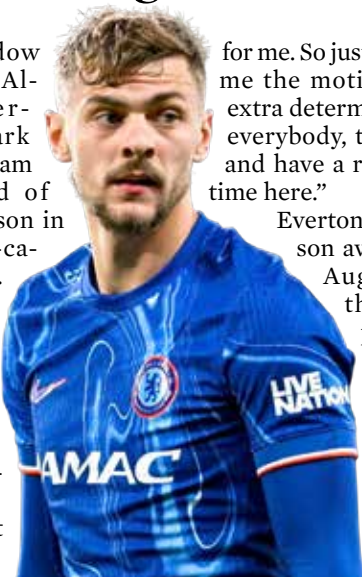
opportunities in the Premier League.

The 26-year-old is Everton’s fifth signing of the summer

transfer window after Charly Alcaraz, Thierno Barry, Mark Travers and Adam Aznou ahead of their first season in a new 53,000-capacity stadium.

“I’m so, so excited to get started,” he said. “Just sitting here in the stadium, it’s unbelievable.

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Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall



for me. So just that alone gives me the motivation and the extra determination to show everybody, to prove a point and have a really successful time here.”

Everton begin their season away to Leeds on August 18 before their first competitive fixture at the Hill Dickinson Stadium against Brighton on six days later.

## A wheelbarrow of potatoes for Danish football’s man of the match

AFP | Copenhagen

French footballer Maxime Soulas’s prize for his man-of-the-match award in the Danish first division did not go down like a sack of potatoes -- more like a wheelbarrow’s worth.

After performing when the chips were down by opening the scoring for Sonderjyske in their 3-2 win against Nordsjaelland on Sunday, Soulas received 55 kilograms of the tasty tubers, the 26-year-old defender told AFP on Tuesday.

“I gave the potatoes to my club’s cafeteria, and they donated some to a soup kitchen,” he said.

It marks the first time the man of the match can eat his award for his post-match supper.

“The sponsor of the match decides on the reward. He found it funny and now the story’s gone round the world,” said the club’s



Maxime Soulas poses with the prize he received

communications director, Jacob Ravn.

Originally from Montpellier in southern France, Soulas



Soulas’ potato prize marked the first time a man-of-the-match winner could literally eat their award for dinner—prompting laughs and donations to those in need

came to Denmark in 2020 to play for Amager in the capital Copenhagen, before joining recently promoted Sonderjyske in 2021.

Before that he played his football in the Netherlands.

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