

Kane open to extended Bayern stay

England captain says Premier League comeback less likely as Bayern success continues

- Kane open to new Bayern Munich contract
- Kane scored 18 goals in 10 games
- Won first major title last season

AFP | Munich

Harry Kane is considering extending his stay at Bayern Munich after the England captain claimed his interest in returning to the Premier League has cooled. Kane has made a fast start to the season at Bayern, scoring 18 goals in 10 games to fuel the German champions' Bundesliga title defence. The 32-year-old, who has netted 103 goals in 106 appearances for Bayern, is under contract in Munich until 2027 and is "fully all in" ahead of possible negotiations over a new deal. "In terms of staying longer, I could definitely see that," said Kane, who has reported for England duty ahead of a friendly with Wales and a World Cup qualifier in Latvia. "I spoke openly a couple of weeks ago that I have not had those conversations with Bayern

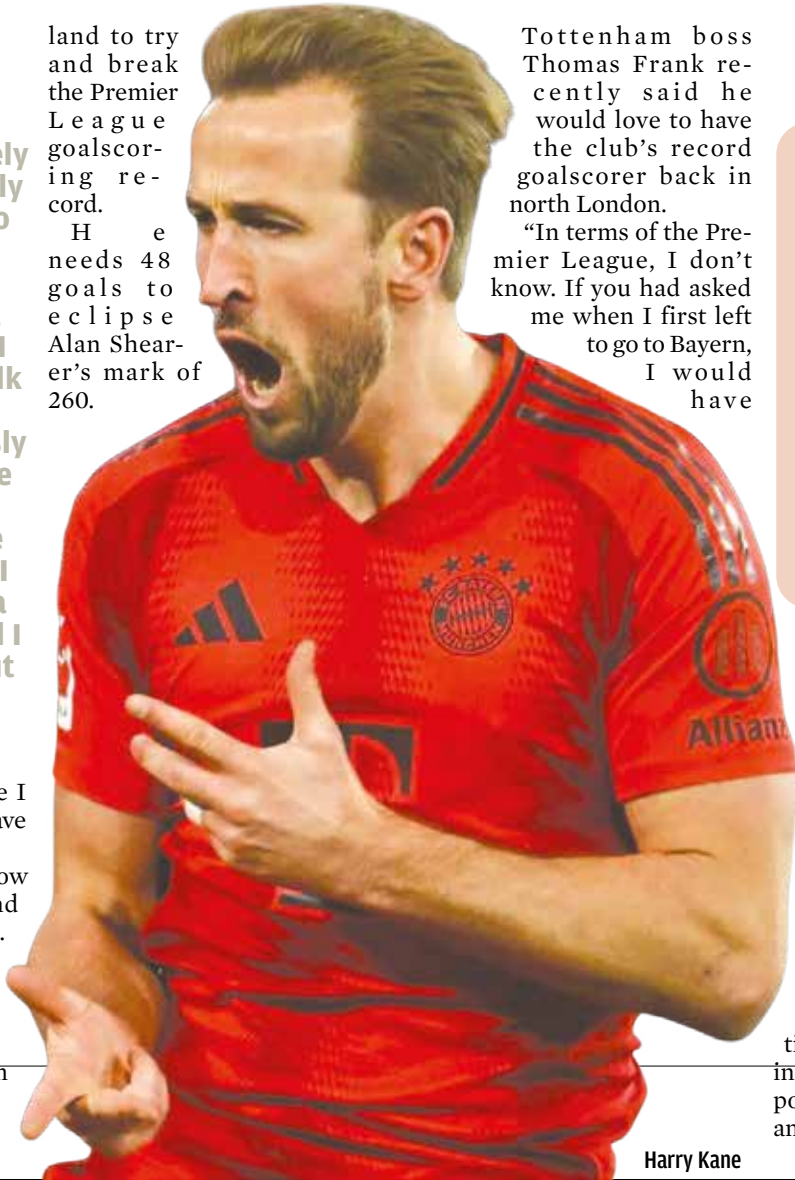
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yet, but if they were to arise I would be willing to talk and have an honest conversation. "Obviously it depends on how the next year or so goes and what we achieve together. Right now, I would say we are in a fantastic moment and I am not thinking about anything else." When Kane left Tottenham in 2023, it was expected the striker would return to Eng-

land to try and break the Premier League goalscoring record. He needs 48 goals to eclipse Alan Shearer's mark of 260.

Tottenham boss Thomas Frank recently said he would love to have the club's record goalscorer back in north London. "In terms of the Premier League, I don't know. If you had asked me when I first left to go to Bayern, I would have



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Kane, once determined to chase Alan Shearer's Premier League record, now admits that ambition has "gone down a little bit" after tasting trophy success and career satisfaction in Munich

said for sure I would come back," added Kane, who is reported to have a £57 million (\$66 million) release clause in his Bayern contract. "Now I have been there a couple of years I would probably say that has gone down a little bit, but I wouldn't say I would never go back. "What I have learnt in my career is that different opportunities and different timings happen and things fall in place. Going back to my first point with Bayern right now I am fully all in with Bayern."

103
goals have been scored by Harry Kane in 106 matches for Bayern Munich

Bayern Munich sporting director Christoph Freund recently said his side are "probably witnessing the best version of Harry Kane there has ever been". Kane won the Bundesliga last season with Bayern, his long-awaited first major trophy, and that success has driven England's record goalscorer to improve even further. "When you win a title like I did last year, maybe it could be easy to go the other way and be like, 'OK I've done what I wanted to achieve'," Kane said. "But it's given me more motivation to do more and be better. I think I've shown that this year. "I was interested in how I would feel after winning a trophy. Obviously, there's still a lot more I want to achieve in terms of other trophies and bigger trophies for sure."

Six Bahraini players reach Round of 16 at Asian U16 Tennis Championship

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Six Bahraini players advanced to the Round of 16 as the Asian Tennis Federation Under-16 Championship got underway at the Bahrain Tennis Federation courts in Isa Town. The event, running from October 4 to 10, marks the start of the 2025–2026 season for continental and regional competitions. In the Boys' Singles, Redha Hassan progressed after leading Egypt's Hamza Sorour 6–2, 3–0, when the Egyptian retired injured. Hashem Al Tublai beat Saudi Arabia's Salman Al Yami 6–1, 7–5, while Ali Al Khayyat overcame another Saudi, Sultan Al Yami, 6–0, 2–6, 6–4. Adam Bukhwa joined them in the next round with a 6–4, 6–4 win over Saudi player Al-Kadhim. Brothers Ahmed and Talal Al Sayed advanced directly to the Round of 16 without playing a first-round match. Other results saw Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Al Yami, Abdullah Al Tamimi, Mohammed Al Nimer, and Ibrahim Hammoud all claim victories, alongside Australian player Ribello Jayden, who edged Bahrain's Abdulrahman Al Doseri in three sets. The tournament continues this evening with Round of 16 matches in both the Boys' and Girls' Singles categories, as well as the Doubles Quarterfinals. All matches are being played at the Bahrain Tennis Federation courts at Bahrain Polytechnic University.



Action from the matches



World MotoGP champion Marquez to miss two races with fracture

AFP | Paris

Newly-crowned world champion Marc Marquez was on Monday ruled out of the next two races after suffering a fracture and ligament injury to his right shoulder in the Indonesia MotoGP race. The Spaniard was shunted off his Ducati at high speed on the first lap of the Indonesia MotoGP on Sunday. Ducati said the Spaniard had "suffered a fracture at the base of the coracoid process and a ligament injury to his right shoulder," but ruled out any



Ducati Lenovo Team's Spanish MotoGP rider Marc Marquez rides during the second free practice ahead of the MotoGP Indonesian Grand Prix

connection with a previous shoulder injury. Marquez's medical team in Madrid have "opted for a conservative treatment plan, involving rest and immobilisation of the affected shoulder until it is fully healed and the fracture is clinically consolidated," Ducati said. This rules Marquez out of the Grand Prix in Australia (October 17-19) and another at Malaysia (October 24-26). That leaves two more races at Portugal (November 07-09) and Valencia (November 14-16) of the 22 race program.

Man City star Stones considered retiring after injury woes

AFP | Manchester

Manchester City defender John Stones says he considered retiring last season as he struggled to cope with recurring injury problems. Stones spent most of the last campaign on the sidelines due to foot and hamstring injuries. The 31-year-old made just 24 appearances for City and England before his season ended prematurely in February. He is fit again and could make his first appearance under England boss Thomas Tuchel in the friendly against Wales on Thursday or next week's World Cup qualifier in Latvia.

"Last season was tough for me, to the point where I thought about stopping," Stones told BBC Radio 5 Live. "I didn't want to do it. I had had enough of being so professional and trying to do everything right in my power, to then keep breaking down and not having the answers. It was a very difficult place to be in. "There comes a point where you don't know why it happens and it's even harder when you put in so much effort, or you are ultra professional, to be able to play and be available. "When that time comes and something happens, it would be easier to say, 'Well I didn't do X, Y and Z, that's why', but when you do it,

it's then mentally challenging. Hopefully I don't go back to that place." Stones has been unable to make more than 27 appearances in a league campaign for City since signing from Everton in 2016. He has won six Premier League titles, two FA Cups, two League Cups and the Champions League during his time at the Etihad Stadium. And the centre-back, who has been in the England squad at five major tournaments, said he quickly realised he couldn't walk away from the sport. "My emotions were high. I wasn't thinking straight. I don't think deep down I would have ever done it," he said.



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