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Pre-Season Schedule so far : Newcastle (South Korea) Coupang Series - TBC Woolwich (Hong Kong) - 31 July Bayern Munich (Germany) - 7 August Inter/PSG (Udine, Italy) Super Cup - 13 August First PL Game 2025/26 - Fri 15/Sat 16 August Newcastle and possibly a game v South Korea Select X1 likely to be held in July before Woolwich game given the Bayern game timing in Germany. If its the same as last pre-season there will be a few games in June in UK, with a number of players involved in international matches in June joining 3 weeks after their last international match - with players returning between early/mid June through to early July. Note the Super Cup match is scheduled on 13 August just days before start of PL - I guess we'd hope to get that match re-scheduled to Sunday or Monday ? Shame there isn't the usual pre season home match the weekend before the season starts They did that last year, right? I think the home-and-home series was part of the Kane deal, a few quid in it for everybody. We usually play at good European club the week before the season starts at home, the only reason I mentioned BM was because we are playing them away in that week this year. Yeah you are probably right in that it was a deal in the kane transfer Beginning to get a bit of a persecution complex from the Spurs social media team. Last week leaving out Danny Blanchflower from the European trophy winning captains, this week leaving out Jamie Donley from the international call-ups. Don't annoy us Northern Irish folks like that To be fair, I think they are regarding Jamie Donley as a youth player getting a Senior Call up, the only one, so didn't neatly fit into their headings (eg First team players getting youth international call ups). In reality they should have altered the 'header' rather than omit the player ! Beginning to get a bit of a persecution complex from the Spurs social media team. 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Wilson Odobert and Mathys Tel - France Under-21s home friendly against Uzbekistan - kick-off 5.45pm Yves Bissouma - Mali friendly against DR Congo in France - kick-off 7pm Pedro Porro - Spain UEFA Nations League semi-final against France in Germany - kick-off 8pm Heung-Min Son - South Korea away 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Iraq - kick-off 7.15pm Rodrigo Bentancur - Uruguay away 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Paraguay - kick-off 12am Richarlison - Brazil away 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Ecuador - kick-off 12am Cristian Romero - Argentina away 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Chile - kick-off 2am Ben Davies and Brennan Johnson - Wales home 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Liechtenstein - kick-off 7.45pm Josh Keeley / Pape Matar Sarr - Republic of Ireland home friendly against Senegal - kick-off 7.45pm Manor Solomon - Israel away 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Estonia - ko 7.45pm Destiny Udogie - Italy away 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Norway - ko 7.45pm Aaron Maguire - Republic of Ireland Under-21s away friendly against Croatia - ko 4pm Kevin Danso - Austria home 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Romania - ko 7.45pm Micky van de Ven - Netherlands away 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Finland - kick-off 7.45pm Jamie Donley - Northern Ireland away friendly against Denmark - kick-off 6pm Sunday 8 June Pedro Porro - Spain UEFA Nations League final or third place play-off against either Germany or Portugal - kick-off TBC Monday 9 June Ben Davies and Brennan Johnson - Wales away 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Belgium - kick-off 7.45pm Destiny Udogie - Italy home 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Moldova - ko 7.45pm Heung-Min Son - South Korea home 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Kuwait - kick-off 12pm Kevin Danso - Austria away 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against San Marino - kick-off 7.45pm Pape Matar Sarr - Senegal away friendly against England - kick-off 7.45pm Manor Solomon - Israel friendly against Slovakia in Hungary - kick-off 7.45pm Micky van de Ven - Netherlands home 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Malta - kick-off 7.45pm Wilson Odobert and Mathys Tel* - France Under-21s European Under-21 Championship group stage match against Portugal in Slovakia - kick-off 8pm Jamie Donley - Northern Ireland home friendly against Iceland - kick-off 7.45pm Josh Keeley - Republic of Ireland away friendly against Luxembourg - kick-off 7.45pm Aaron Maguire - Republic of Ireland Under-21s friendly against Qatar in Croatia - kick-off 5pm Rodrigo Bentancur - Uruguay home 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Venezuela - kick-off 12am Richarlison - Brazil home 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Paraguay - kick-off 1.45am Cristian Romero - Argentina home 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Colombia - kick-off 1am Archie Gray* - England Under-21s European Under-21 Championship group stage match against Czechia in Slovakia - kick-off 8pm Mikey Moore and Reiss-Alexander Russell-Denny - England Under-19s European Under-19 Championship group stage match against Norway in Romania - kick-off 3pm Wilson Odobert and Mathys Tel* - France Under-21s European Under-21 Championship group stage match against Georgia in Slovakia - kick-off 8pm Archie Gray* - England Under-21s European Under-21 Championship group stage match against Slovenia in Slovakia - kick-off 5pm Mikey Moore and Reiss-Alexander Russell-Denny - England Under-19s European Under-19 Championship group stage match against Germany in Romania - kick-off 6pm Wilson Odobert and Mathys Tel* - France Under-21s European Under-21 Championship group stage match against Poland in Slovakia - kick-off 5pm Archie Gray* - England Under-21s European Under-21 Championship group stage match against Germany in Slovakia - kick-off 8pm Mikey Moore and Reiss-Alexander Russell-Denny - England Under-19s European Under-19 Championship group stage match against the Netherlands in Romania - kick-off 6pm Last edited: 3 Jun 2025 "Molango also questioned pre-season tours that pit traditional rivals against one another when players are still building fitness. 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I don't see PFA or players agreeing to salary cuts if players swap international tours in summer (which earn money to pay bigger wages to plyers) to playing local clubs with minimal earnings for club Page 2 No the tweet is just social media guys - indicates nothing. I don't think Tel is worth anything like what Bayern want (based on his performances at Spurs) and I don't see an obvious compromise .... unless its another loan. But I'd hope Spurs find a better player than Tel for next season. But we'll see I hope that they manage to find room for the UEFA-Conmebol cup thing. I think that would be a fun way to wrap up pre-season. Also, potential new plate for the cabinet. So far it is Woolwich in Hong Kong, Bayern in Germany, and then PSG in Italy. Talk about a baptism of fire for Frank. I don't expect him to win any of those really. Id play it U don't get to play those kind of games offen can't they sack the Munich game off. If they play that In America it would be a full house of probably 80.000 i know you all going on about these meaningless friendlies thousands of miles away from home and i totally agree with you all how pointless they really are. But I just wanted to maybe say who id like to see get plenty of minutes in pre season on those tours. Jamie Donley Lula Vuskovic (full international Croatian may I add) Antonin Kinsky Ashley Phillips Pape Sarr Lukas Bergvall Yang-Min hyeuk is there anyone you guys would like to see be given extended minutes on those tours? Last edited: 10 Jun 2025 Kulusevski may be back just after September internationals (first week of September, about 3 weeks after PL starts). So misses preseason i know you all going on about these meaningless friendlies thousands of miles away from home and i totally agree with you all how pointless they really are. But I just wanted to maybe say who id like to see get plenty of minutes in pre season on those tours. 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Isn't there a place in the Middle East somewhere where there is a huge furnace visible from space which is constantly lit burning old worn tyres? I used my AI to respond - double check as it might be wrong lol :- Yes, you're likely referring to the massive tire fire in Kuwait—specifically at a site near Sulaibiya or the Sulaybiya tire graveyard. Here's what you need to know: It's one of the largest tire dumps in the world, containing over 40 to 50 million tires. The site has experienced multiple large-scale fires over the years, some of which burned for days or weeks, producing massive plumes of black toxic smoke. These fires have been so large that the smoke has been visible from satellites, which is where the "visible from space" idea comes from. Burning tires release highly toxic chemicals including benzene, dioxins, and heavy metals. The environmental and health impact is severe, affecting air quality and groundwater in the region. 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The upside, if there is one, is that Jamie Donley is the logical player to get some playing time if both Kulusevski and Maddison miss the start of preseason, and probably see Bergvall being tried out as a 10 as well. Pre-Season Schedule so far : Luton Town (Luton) - 26 July Newcastle (South Korea) Coupang Series - TBC Woolwich (Hong Kong) - 31 July Bayern Munich (Germany) - 7 August PSG (Udine, Italy) Super Cup - 13 August First PL Game 2025/26 - Fri 15/Sat 16 August Its no longer obvious when we play he Newcastle game unless we play between Woolwich and Bayern games with a tight turn round. Or we split the squad into two - which could be possible if we include a number of our youngsters (of which we could have up to about 10 who have been on loan or played for Spurs), so we end with a total squad of maybe 35 players to split in two !. 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Just looking at our current Squad availability for Pre-season matches : Injured : Maddison, Kulusevski Dragusin (all likely to miss start or all preseason) Players in Brackets - Youth players who may be called up Should be available from about 1 July (minimum 3 weeks after last Internl match) GK's - Vicario, Kinsky, Austin (Keeley) Defenders - Romero, Van de Ven, Danso (Vuskovic, Philips, Dorrington), Porro, Spence, Udogie, Davies CM - Bentancur, Bissouma, Sarr, Bergvall, Gray, (Devine, Abbott) AM - Donley Forwards - Son, Johnson, Richarlison, Solanke, (Scarlett, Lankshear) Late arrivals - mid July ? u19's (Moore and Russell-Denny) and u21's (Odobert, Tel, Gray) Others - Solomon, Gil, Veliz Other Youth - Maguire, Gunter, Craig Last edited: 14 Jun 2025 Pre-Season Schedule so far : Luton Town (Luton) - 26 July Woolwich (Hong Kong) - 31 July Newcastle (South Korea) Coupang Series - 3 August Bayern Munich (Germany) - 7 August PSG (Udine, Italy) Super Cup - 13 August First PL Game 2025/26 - Burnley (H) Sat 16 August First PL game is a relatively easy fixture - but only 3 days after playing PSG in Supercup in Italy. I had hoped this might be played on Sunday 17th or even Monday 18th to give a bit more of a break. Perhaps there is still time to request game to be moved This thread is to monitor how the squad is shaping up The Spurs squad at 8 June 2025 1 Players left since end of 2024/25 season - Forster, Whiteman, Regulon, Werner (all contracts/loans expire in June 2025). 2 Players in - None to date 3 Players on loan last season who might return not included 4. In summary, there are 2 players too many to fit into CL squad (eg Davies, Tel) but might fit into squad for PL and domestic cups. Age at 1 September 2025 (in brackets) GK's (3) - Vicario (28), Kinsky (22), Austin (26), CB's (4) - Romero (27), Van de Ven (24), Dragusin (23) , Danso (25), Davies (32) FB's (3) - Porro (25), Udogie (22), Spence (25), CM;s (5) - Bissouma (28), Bentancur (27), Sarr (22), Bergvall (19), Gray (19), AM's (2) - Maddison (28), Kulusevski (25) FWDS (7) - Solanke (27), Johnson (24), Son (33), Richarlison (28), Odobert (20), Moore (18), Scarlett (21), Tel (20) Analysis By UEFA Classification (Note we can have 17 Overseas trained players plus 4 Association trained (so 21 in total) plus 4 Club trained and unlimited List B players. Note in 2026/27 Gray and Bergvall become List B players which eases situation) Club trained (1) : Austin Association Trained (6) Spence, Maddison, Johnson, Solanke, Gray, Davies Overseas Trained (17) Vicario, Porro, Udogie, Romero, Van de Ven, Dragusin, Danso, Bissouma, Bentancur, Sarr, Kulusevski, Son, Richarlison, Kinsky, Bergvall, Odobert, Tel List B (u21's) (2) Scarlett, Moore Conclusion - 2 players too many to fit into CL squad This is when player contracts expire : 2026Bentancur Gil Bissouma, Craig, Son, Davies 2027Romero Richarlison Devine , Scarlett, Moore, Keeley, Abbott2028Porro Maddison Solomon Kulusevski Vicario Phillips, Spence, Ajayi, Akhamrich, Russell-Denny2029Van de Ven, Veliz, Johnson, Austin, Donley, Gunter, Odobert, Lankshear,, Hall, Dorrington, Olusesi2030Dragusin Vuskovic , Udogie , Sarr, Gray, Solanke, Yang, Danso2031Kinsky, Melia, Bergvall Last edited: 8 Jun 2025 Spurs have a full squad to start with - so the aim has to be to improve the quality of the squad, in particular the first team So we need to aim a few quality players - no point in aiming for more than say 5 incoming experienced players as we'll need to compromise on cost if we try to buy too many and not get the quality we want I'd guess we might have £150m - £200m (including transfer fees from Solomon, Gill, Hojbjerg less paying the obligation to purchase Danso) plus whatever we raise from selling any of the squad above. 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He played in a number pf games so yes, even though he was ineffective. Effectively he was replaced in 2nd half of season by Tel I assume neither remain at end of June - if we want to buy Tel he's counted as an addition Key questions are : 1 Whether Romero wants to leave if so he needs replacing with a top class CB 2 Whether Richarison can be moved on for a decent fee (eg to Everton) so we can upgrade his position in the squad He played in a number pf games so yes, even though he was ineffective. Effectively he was replaced in 2nd half of season by Tel I assume neither remain at end of June - if we want to buy Tel he's counted as an addition I meant more that it was just the same as playing with 10 I meant more that it was just the same as playing with 10 You are making my case for me - we need to upgrade a number of our weakest players. In fact there is no space in squad for Werner, hence he's just sent back to Leipzig when his loan comes to an end One area to look at - our Midfield : CM's (5) - Bissouma, Bentancur, Sarr, Bergvall, Gray, AM's (2) - Maddison, Kulusevski Kulusevski has played a huge amount his season, and it caught up with him both in terms of a slight loss of form in 2nd half of the season and injuries, whilst Maddison picked up a few injuries over the season. But both contributed hugely in terms of goals and assists and creativity. I'd suggesting adding depth with Jamie Donley, who as a List B player does not take up a squad place, and who has had a great season at L1 Orient, following a fantastic season in u21's after conversion from best striker in his E youth year to no 10. He took a few months to step up from u21's to L1, and its likely it would be same with Jamie so expect to see the best of Jamie from December onwards (similar to Luca Bergvall moving from Swedish League to PL) In Central Midfield we currently have 5 midfielders, with Yves Bissouma sometimes looking very good, but more often too easily ineffective and has one year left on his contract. A DM such as Johnny Cardoso would go a long way to protecting our porous defence, and we should gladly take him. Papa Matar Sarr is not a bad player at all, but his chief strength seems to be powerful running, and given Spurs are limited to 21 players (other than CT and List B), he could be replaced as a CM by Alfie Devine who does not take up a squad place, and is very versatile able to play as box to box, AM, DM and in E youth groups on either wing, as well as having a great engine. If we felt the need for extra depth, and noting Archie Gray tending to play CB and RB more than CM so far and possibly looking better in those defensive roles than CM, we have the option of including George Abbott who had a fantastic season at L2 Notts County playing different midfield roles including DM and box to box, and in our u21's as a RB. Technically excellent, and winner of EFL goal of season for that reason, he has an excellent engine and very versatile. He might take a few months to adjust to PL but I've no doubt he could do it. So that gives us : CM's (5 or 6) - Cardoso (?), Bentancur, Bergvall, Gray, Devine (and maybe Abbott) AM's (3) - Maddison, Kulusevski, Donley And if we sell Bissouma and Sarr and buy Cardoso, no net spend, and likely a small profit whilst increasing our squad size which makes us less susceptible to injuries ! Another area to look at - our forwards, currently : FWDS (7) : CF - Solanke, Richarlison (CF/LW), Scarlett, RW - Johnson, Odobert (LW/RW) LW - Son, Richarlison (CF/LW), , Odobert (LW/RW) , Moore, Son - My heart says he stays, my head says with CL we need to have a player who can play weekend and midweek, and sadly that's no longer him. Maybe its time for that difficult conversation to sell him to a less physically demanding club and league. He came from Bundesliga and maybe Bayern might want to reunite him with Kane ? If Son goes, we can spend money to bring in a top class wing forward - right or left doesn't really bother me, preferably both, as we can make arguments for either side. Richarlison I knew he had overpaid when we bought him, but sadly the real issue is that he's often injured and whilst a hard worker and presser in 3 years, he's had one purple patch of about 10 weeks when he scored every week, but other than that ... he's not. So if Everton are willing to pay say £40m, we should take that and invest in an upgrade - preferably who could play striker as well as left or right wing too. Jonathan David would be a decent option, but there will be others who will be more ready to play and score than Mathys Tel. That leaves : Solanke - Hard working, hard pressing striker whose name is not Harry Kane. Odobert - Shame he's been injured for much of the season, covers left and right wing Johnson - He scores goals, maybe he can be coached to contribute more, we shall see. Scarlett - Most strikers these days seem to be older at say 24 before regularly scoring in PL. So either Scarlett or Lankshear stays and needs ti get minutes whilst the other is loaned, possibly to a Belgium/Dutch/Portugese club to get minutes and goals as in Championship they don;t get many minutes Moore - Mikey played a bit in 24/25 aged 17, and will play more (no puns !) in 25/26 aged 18 but probably no more than say 2,000 minutes (say 20 odd games out of 60 we might play) whilst his body physically develops before his real break through in 2026/27. So two upgrades which will be expensive, and we are not going to raise more than say £60m from Son/Richarlison sales. But that should make squad a lot stronger than this year. We have a number of youngsters who are capable of joining the squad - those who are List B do not need to replace existing players but are additional to the squad. 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Worth bearing in mind where our goals and assists have come from when we review our forwards and AM's. In 2024/25 most goal involvements came from : 24 (16 goals, 8 assists) Dominic Solanke 23 (11 goals, 12 assists) Heung Min Son 23 (12 goals, 11 assists) James Maddison 23 (10 goals, 13 assists) Dejan Kulusevski 22 (18 goals 4 assists) Brennan Johnson after that, its quite a reduction coming to next most prolific players 13 (4 goals, 9 assists) Pedro Porro So if Son leaves we need to make up his goal involvements from elsewhere - but the two forwards proposed as well as Jamie Donley coming into the squad should ensure, if anything we end with more goal involvements in 2025/26 than we achieved in 2025/25. 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I think our money on players leaving might be Son(£20m), Richarlison (£40m,), Bissouma (£20m), Sarr (£25m) and Romero. So £100m plus Romero ...... problem is the thick end of £100m can easily go on one top forward these days ! Hence needing to limit the numbers of top players we want in Page 2 Not sure we have the budget for so many coming in without compromising on quality - remember that top forwards are expensive as is elite CM. I think we might squeeze in 4 or 5 top players from budget this summer, getting £60m from Son/Richarlison and say £40m - £50m from Sarr/Bissouma (and buying Cordosa for £22m). I think wages are the bigger issue. 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And by finishing 17th rather than say 7th, we'll have lost out on about £30m of PL prize money. That's why I think we'll get say £150m - £200m this year (after includng Solomon, Gil and Hojbjerg sales but after paying Danso obligation) - as we have been spending circa £140m/£150m each summer for last couple of years. Plus of course whatever fees we get from selling off players from the squad in OP (say Romero, Bissouma, Sarr, Richarlison) We won't be paid any cash for CL for a year, and if we only get to Last 16 before being knocked out prize money is circa £40m plus 4 or 5 home matches, so similar at £70m to EL - and we won't want to spend much of it this summer, and we will need another window next summer ! Of course if we go deep in CL next season, £ prize money goes up. Here is the official EPL squad for 2024-25. NHGHG1VICARIO1AUSTIN2PORRO2WHITEMAN3UDOGIE3FORSTER4REGUILON4SPENCE5VDV5DAVIES6ROMERO6DANSO7DRAGUSIN7ROBSON8BISSOUMA8MADDISON9BENTANCUR9JOHNSON10SARR10SOLANKE11KULUSEVSKI12WERNER13SON14RICHARLISONNHG14HG10 2025-26: Reguilon and Werner are definitely leaving. Kinsky will have to be added to the NHG list as he is no longer classed as U21. Total NHG goes from 14 to 13. Forster and Robson will definitely not be included, and Whiteman is also highly likely to leave. Total HG goes from 10 to 7. New squad total NHG 13 and HG 7 = 20. So we can sign 4 new NHG players and 1 HG. Or 3 NHG + 2 HG Or 2 NHG + 3 HG Or 1 NHG + 4 HG. We can, in theory, sign an unlimited amount of U21 players because U21 players do not need to be included in the EPL squad. Most signings want to play in europe, and that means less players under uefa CL rules. So I don't think that is a realistic basis to assess the squad. 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Worth reflecting on how much impact last summer and January transfer windows have had in squad : Last summer we signed Solanke, Gray, Bergvall and Odobert with a rehabilitated Spence joining the squad, Solanke - played from the beginning of the season and has been a real focal point of the attack throughout the season Gray at age 18 - Started slowly but regularly playing at RB or CB as cover for injured players from about October onwards. Bergvall at age 18 - Started with sub appearances and then EL appearances but by about Christmas was a regular starter, and finished as a 'preferred starter' Odobert - Unfortunately injured really early on, so we saw him for about 2 games and then only recently has he played again. Spence - started only really playing for us in December. Kinsky - Signed in January and made an immediate impact replacing the injured Forster. Austin - Unexpectedly made his GK debut aged 26 and looked a good quality 3rd GK Danso - Excellent pickup at CB, experienced and able to slot right into Romero's place Tel - Replaced Werner as loanee winger. Lots of potential, but no certainty ! But the key takeaway now is the squad now has the benefit at the start of next season of having : GK - Kinsky, Austin CB - Danso RB/LB - Spence CM - Bergvall, Gray Striker - Solanke So that's 7 players (not counting Tel who we still need to decide if we want) or 25% of the squad who are 'decent' and now signed up to the squad. That's helped us get to a stage where we have a full squad under EL rules - and this summer we can focus on upgrading or replacing players bought in previous windows so as to improve the squad we have now. IMO we start this window in a much stronger place than we were 12 months ago. And we aim to upgrade the squad in a few positions this window, and bring in a few of our best younsters, to get an even stronger squad to start next season with. Vuskovic whilst having a lot of potential like Bergvale this season will take a few months to get up to speed. Dragusin may not be fit for the start of the season thus leaving us short in that position especially if Romero & Davies leave. Vuskovic whilst having a lot of potential like Bergvale this season will take a few months to get up to speed. Dragusin may not be fit for the start of the season thus leaving us short in that position especially if Romero & Davies leave. If Romero leaves I think we try to find best CB we can. Dragusin we will know much better how quickly he is recovering in say 2 months compared to now and can make decisions around that info. Agreed Vuskovic might take time to adapt - but Belgium league is higher rated than Swedish league and Vuskovic rated as best CB in that league despite him only being 17 at start of season. Vuskovic played between 2 and 3 times as much at Westerlo as Bergvall did in Sweden, and that was Vuskovic 2nd loan - so he'll arrive in preseason much more experienced than Bergvall. Spurs will be able to make a more complete judgement when in preseason as to how ready Vuskovic is. Vuskovic whilst having a lot of potential like Bergvale this season will take a few months to get up to speed. Dragusin may not be fit for the start of the season thus leaving us short in that position especially if Romero & Davies leave. Dragusin reported to have been running on grass 2 weeks ago, plus had been working in gym - that's about 12 weeks after his operation. A very good chance of him being fit for start of season, and possibly for latter part of preseason He's not a bad CB although not so good at distribution, so not really what Spurs need ideally. He's got a good reputation as an international CB and will certainly be attractive to other decent clubs though if we choose to sell (when he's back fit) but could also be an option as Spurs 4th choice CB The Defence. In 2024/25 we conceded 65 goals - only Wolves on 69 goals and relegated teams conceded more - circa 20 goals more than the teams in european spots via PL. And that's the reason why despite being 7th highest scorers in PL we end up in 17th spot with a GD of -1. Individually, our defenders look quite good although due to injuries they didn't play together as much as we'd like, and I'd guess Romero and Van de Ven didn't play together in more than half the matches, we didn't have Danso until January and lost Dragusin at same time. So we've often needed to play Gray and Davies (but Davies assumed to be leaving). The Ange high line won't help defenders either. Looking at Romero's social media it looks safer to assume he's staying after an EL winners medal and CL football next season : so that's the assumption behind this post. CB's (4) - Romero (27), Van de Ven (24), Dragusin (23) , Danso (25) FB's (3) - Porro (25), Udogie (22), Spence (25), 18 year old CB Luka Vuskovic has impressed everyone playing for Westerlo this last season on pretty much every measurable metric. It helps they have been playing a high line so Angeball will not be foreign to him. He's right footed but seems equally happy playing RCB or LCB, and his weaker left foot is not just for standing on. Arguably he's already too good to be loaned out again, other than to another side in PL or top league such as Bundesliga, and we'd be better using him at Spurs ..... all to be tested in pre-season of course. 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Spence - started only really playing for us in December. Kinsky - Signed in January and made an immediate impact replacing the injured Forster. Austin - Unexpectedly made his GK debut aged 26 and looked a good quality 3rd GK Danso - Excellent pickup at CB, experienced and able to slot right into Romero's place Tel - Replaced Werner as loanee winger. Lots of potential, but no certainty ! But the key takeaway now is the squad now has the benefit at the start of next season of having : GK - Kinsky, Austin CB - Danso RB/LB - Spence CM - Bergvall, Gray Striker - Solanke So that's 7 players (not counting Tel who we still need to decide if we want) or 25% of the squad who are 'decent' and now signed up to the squad. That's helped us get to a stage where we have a full squad under EL rules - and this summer we can focus on upgrading or replacing players bought in previous windows so as to improve the squad we have now. 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need to have some of the youngsters currently on loan that qualify for B list to bolster the squad. We still have shortages in some departments being DM, reliable Goalscorer & another creative player. Who leaves to create these spaces is debateable but Biss & Richie are 2 prime candidates. Where do we play Gray? whilst he prefers midfield I have yet to see evidence he is good enough yet for that position and he has performed at RB better. Thus with Spence covering LB we can concentrate on getting players in elsewhere. Do we sign Tel? I have seen no evidence he is better than Odebert or in fact Soloman and not good enough to be Solanke's deputy if Richie leaves. The Defence. In 2024/25 we conceded 65 goals - only Wolves on 69 goals and relegated teams conceded more - circa 20 goals more than the teams in european spots via PL. And that's the reason why despite being 7th highest scorers in PL we end up in 17th spot with a GD of -1. Individually, our defenders look quite good although due to injuries they didn't play together as much as we'd like, and I'd guess Romero and Van de Ven didn't play together in more than half the matches, we didn't have Danso until January and lost Dragusin at same time. So we've often needed to play Gray and Davies (but Davies assumed to be leaving). The Ange high line won't help defenders either. Looking at Romero's social media it looks safer to assume he's staying after an EL winners medal and CL football next season : so that's the assumption behind this post. CB's (4) - Romero (27), Van de Ven (24), Dragusin (23) , Danso (25) FB's (3) - Porro (25), Udogie (22), Spence (25), 18 year old CB Luka Vuskovic has impressed everyone playing for Westerlo this last season on pretty much every measurable metric. It helps they have been playing a high line so Angeball will not be foreign to him. He's right footed but seems equally happy playing RCB or LCB, and his weaker left foot is not just for standing on. Arguably he's already too good to be loaned out again, other than to another side in PL or top league such as Bundesliga, and we'd be better using him at Spurs ..... all to be tested in pre-season of course. And whilst he has impressed a lot at Westerlo he is not the finished article and will need some further development. If Sarr is replaced by Devine in CM (as proposed in an earlier post) we gain one extra List A/Overseas place which could be used to add Vuskovic to existing CB squad - but we also need to recruit a LB which could be the other use of that gained place. So the options seem to be : i) Sell Dragusin and replace him with Vuskovic. Buy a back up left back ii) Keep both Dragusn and Vuskovic. No spare space for a left back so cover comes from Spence and Gray again As a slight wrinkle on this option we could keep George Abbott as an extra CM too as he can also cover full back, such that we have 3 players who could potentially cover LB. I see no great advantage in trying to upgrade on any of the other defenders this summer, and we probably don't have the budget given other priorities. Its worth adding that both Gray and Bergvall will be classed as List B in 2026/27 which will give us 2 spare spaces, one of which could be used to acquire a dedicated left back alternative, so this may be the last season we have this issue. I disagree with the Romero assumption. Publicly stated he wants to play in La liga. It’s a World Cup next summer. The chance to retain it, prev only Brazil have done it. As we know to our cost, his priority is, and always has been, Argentina. Yes he was good in the Europa but that was a means to an end. He has done his bit but overall we wouldn’t miss him because he’s never here. Average 20 games a season, get around 60m for him and goodbye. Activate the clause and sell him to Leeds for 10m plus Harry Gray. That will appeal to Daniel.
Page 3 Tottenham First Team Playing time across all competitions 2024/25 (Spurs played a total of 60 games) 1 Porro - 4,133 mins (45 games equivalent) 2 Kulusevski - 3,452 (38) 3 Solanke - 3,389 (38) 4 Johnson - 3,315 (37) 5 Gray - 3,252 (36) 6 Son - 3,178 (35) 7 Vicario - 3,060 (34) 8 Bentancur - 2,967 (33) 9 Sarr - 2,927 (33) 10 Udogie - 2,813 (31) 11 Maddison - 2,702 (30) - Played exactly 50% of games 12 Bissouma - 2,515 (28) 13 Spence - 2,419 (27) 14 Bergvall - 2,340 (26) 15 Dragusin - 2,179 (24) 16 Davies - 2,178 (24) 17 Romero - 2,097 (23) 18 Van de Ven - 1,673 (19) 19 Tel - 1, 257 (14) 20 Forster - 1,170 (13) 21 Danso - 1,130 (13) 22 Odobert - 1,007 (11) 23 Werner - 953 (11) 24 Richarlison - 842 (11) 25 Kinsky - 930 (10) 26 Moore - 818 (9) 27 Reguilon - 317 (4) 28 Austin - 270 (3) 29 Lankshear - 146 (2) 30 Scarlett - 60 - (1) Dorrington, Ajayi, Olusesi also made an appearance A few interesting points : - Only 11 players played in more than 50% of all playing time/games, so we are very dependent upon a good squad, not just a good 'first X1' - Archie Gray played a large number of games, almost always as CB or RB not as a CM - Son had the 6th highest minutes, despite his age - We were unable to play a settled defence (although all 3 full backs were in the 13 players with most minutes played), these stats are a real give away : 15 Dragusin - 2,179 (24) 16 Davies - 2,178 (24) 17 Romero - 2,097 (23) 18 Van de Ven - 1,673 (19) No doubt that's one of the reasons behind the numbers of goals conceded. - Porro the player with the most minutes played, and by some distance playing 75% of possible minutes. Kulusevski next highest - Players in red out of contract this window Last edited: 30 May 2025 A couple of notable omissions (or lack of news) from todays news of releases due to end of contract /loans. - Ben Davies contract comes to an end at 30 June 2025. No news of an extension having been signed as yet. Probably he'll still depart with our thanks after a decade at Spurs. - Mathys Tel loan comes to an end at 30 June 2025. Presumably negotiations still in process, but he's very raw and other than one penalty (won by someone else), a goal which cannoned off him from a Johnson cross without him knowing anything about it and an assist, we didn't see much evidence of end product, so not sure we will spend much of our budget on an expensive youngster with it all to prove versus buying a more proven forward. As always, we have about two and a half months when both questions may be answered - and possibly by end June when both contracts come to an end ! Edit: New EPL squad as of 31/5/25. Returning loanees Solomon and Gil to be included in NHG list along with Veliz and Kinsky who are now both over 21.
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The issue really is around the squad for european competitions due to UEFA having tighter rules on player eligibility (Danso being a good example) and a need for Club Trained players to have a full 25 man squad (plus unlimited List B players). The majority of players will only want to join if they are eligible for both PL/domestic cups AND europe, so its the squad under uefa rules we really need to watch - although there may be a few players who would join without being in the european squad for a season (which is what Kinsky did for 6 months) and we can utilise the extra space in PL squad for players we are not expecting to use much (eg Reguilon and in 2nd half of season Werner and Forster). The PL/domestic cups squad maybe something we need to use this window if we need to bring in a player but an existing player doesn't want to move on immediately - but lets see. The Spurs squad at 8 June 2025 1 Players left since end of 2024/25 season - Forster, Whiteman, Regulon, Werner (all contracts/loans expire in June 2025). 2 Players in - None to date 3 Players on loan last season who might return not included 4. In summary, there are 2 players too many to fit into CL squad (eg Davies, Tel) but might fit into squad for PL and domestic cups. Age at 1 September 2025 (in brackets) GK's (3) - Vicario (28), Kinsky (22), Austin (26), CB's (4) - Romero (27), Van de Ven (24), Dragusin (23) , Danso (25), Davies (32) FB's (3) - Porro (25), Udogie (22), Spence (25), CM;s (5) - Bissouma (28), Bentancur (27), Sarr (22), Bergvall (19), Gray (19), AM's (2) - Maddison (28), Kulusevski (25) FWDS (7) - Solanke (27), Johnson (24), Son (33), Richarlison (28), Odobert (20), Moore (18), Scarlett (21), Tel (20) Analysis By UEFA Classification (Note we can have 17 Overseas trained players plus 4 Association trained (so 21 in total) plus 4 Club trained and unlimited List B players. 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There's no way there's room for Davies in the CL squad, don't mind keeping him around for emergency depth in the league though Dragusin probably out till Xmas. Operation in February 2025. Usually a good 9 months if not more till return . Probably won’t be in either squad. You don't compete on all fronts by upgrading your weakest players. You do that by upgrading your best. Nope You keep your best but upgrade your weakest so they are better than your previous best players (= getting a better first choice starting X1) or if not you get a stronger squad. Last season I think we played our first choice GK and defence just 5 times in a 60 game season. That's unusually low but makes the point that its a squad game now not a first x1 game - to make that a little clearer Kulusevski played 2nd most minutes in the squad last season but only played 38 games worth of 90 minutes out of 60 games. That tells you that even if we bought a Messi in prime condition, he might well play less than 50% of minutes possible at Spurs, and the quality of his replacement in the squad is therefore of great concern 31.01 [Edited] Each club is responsible for submitting to UEFA an A list of players (List A) and a B list of players (List B). 31.04 [Edited] No club may have more than 25 players on List A during the season. 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And by finishing 17th rather than say 7th, we'll have lost out on about £30m of PL prize money. That's why I think we'll get say £150m - £200m this year (after includng Solomon, Gil and Hojbjerg sales but after paying Danso obligation) - as we have been spending circa £140m/£150m each summer for last couple of years. Plus of course whatever fees we get from selling off players from the squad in OP (say Romero, Bissouma, Sarr, Richarlison) We won't be paid any cash for CL for a year, and if we only get to Last 16 before being knocked out prize money is circa £40m plus 4 or 5 home matches, so similar at £70m to EL - and we won't want to spend much of it this summer, and we will need another window next summer ! Of course if we go deep in CL next season, £ prize money goes up. Here is the official EPL squad for 2024-25.
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The Spurs squad at 8 June 2025 1 Players left since end of 2024/25 season - Forster, Whiteman, Regulon, Werner (all contracts/loans expire in June 2025). 2 Players in - None to date 3 Players on loan last season who might return not included 4. In summary, there are 2 players too many to fit into CL squad (eg Davies, Tel) but might fit into squad for PL and domestic cups. 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There's no way there's room for Davies in the CL squad, don't mind keeping him around for emergency depth in the league though Dragusin probably out till Xmas. Operation in February 2025. Usually a good 9 months if not more till return . Probably won’t be in either squad. You don't compete on all fronts by upgrading your weakest players. You do that by upgrading your best. Nope You keep your best but upgrade your weakest so they are better than your previous best players (= getting a better first choice starting X1) or if not you get a stronger squad. Last season I think we played our first choice GK and defence just 5 times in a 60 game season. That's unusually low but makes the point that its a squad game now not a first x1 game - to make that a little clearer Kulusevski played 2nd most minutes in the squad last season but only played 38 games worth of 90 minutes out of 60 games. That tells you that even if we bought a Messi in prime condition, he might well play less than 50% of minutes possible at Spurs, and the quality of his replacement in the squad is therefore of great concern 31.01 [Edited] Each club is responsible for submitting to UEFA an A list of players (List A) and a B list of players (List B). 31.04 [Edited] No club may have more than 25 players on List A during the season. 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Good enough to rotate/start in a team that has a good tactical set up? Don't let that 100% twerp make you leave. Just put it on ignore (he is the most ignored poster on TFC) and-hey, presto-this site is better for you. And others. You keep quoting it and it's name keeps coming up for other posters. Its the fact that he keeps saying we buy all 3 of Palace players which is the issue - zero chance of that. we might well try to buy one but they will not sell all 3 in one window. That's why he makes zero sense Its the fact they have to sell Rashford (on £350k pw wages) an Anthony etc which is the issue - without their wages they will probably be fine Anthony isn't on huge wages and any sale will probably realise a loss on the book value. Rashford they want to get rid because he is not very goodband the manager hates him. Would be a bonus cash wise. What kind of player is he? Good enough to rotate/start in a team that has a good tactical set up? can play deep lying playmaker. 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Casemiro - 350kpw Rashford - 300kpw Sancho - 250kpw Mount - 250kpw Anthony - 200kpw You'd bin all 5 off if you could. Meanwhile golden boy Mainoo is on 20kpw. That's gotta sting! This is how it's done though apparently...... Big boy flex. Barca won't pay him that money. £350k a week for someone who had to be loaned out? Deco might want him, but I can't see their board sanctioning that wage. If Rashford does join them, I'd be shocked if it isn't with a significant wage cut. Reduce the fee and they might. 40m at 200k or 20m at 300k, Page 2 There's a fair few players they might need to do deals on to get rid of the huge wages - Sancho, Mount, Casemero, Anthony, Can they afford to do it in one window and get in some replacements ? Mount they will keep. Others need to go but unlikely to want to without a payoff Mount they will keep. Others need to go but unlikely to want to without a payoff And that's ManU problem They need them off books due to high wages but depends on size of payoffs and cost of replacing some of them. So it becomes expensive and ffp comes back to haunt them potentially If we somehow do get Mbeumo, Manure fans are going to go mental. lol They went early and have been celebrating for days. Heard the same thing about Wharton & Alex Scott when we were linked with them as champo players....... The former has much of the fanbase wanking over him now; the latter barely had a mention since. Like those 2; we'll find out his fate when he eventually makes the leap. Heard the same thing about Wharton & Alex Scott when we were linked with them as champo players....... The former has much of the fanbase wanking over him now; the latter barely had a mention since. Like those 2; we'll find out his fate when he eventually makes the leap. Agreed. Eze, Bowen. Loads of success stories. 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Think I might actually shit myself with excitement if we get Mbeumo. Could potentially be our best right-sided player of the last 20+ years if he came here and continued the monstrous growth he has been showing at Brentford this season. Agreed. Eze, Bowen. Loads of success stories. Are you agreeing with him though? Doesn't sound like it - you've only named success stories, I think his point is that you don't know until they are in the prem, as there are as many, if not more, failures than success stories - for every Wharton there is a Scott (and probably far more Scotts than Whartons). It's too easy too just focus on the successes - you've got to be lucky enough to get one... (Apologies if I've misunderstood either of you). 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It doesn’t mean he still won’t be sold. It’s good to have him as a reserve option as we go through the summer. We need to see what happens with Romero, Dragusin and Vuskovic. If we get to the end of the window and we don’t need Ben then we can sell him. It’s also important to keep some experience in the dressing room, especially when they are model pros like Ben. I think this is a smart move from the club, I suspect Ben will be kept around to help the new manager bed into the club seeing as though he's one of the longest serving players. Frank has spoken about the importance of Ben Mee at Brentford in helping the younger players and setting an example (despite not getting many minutes). Classed as HG in the league? Takes pressure off us signing anther HG player I think this is a smart move from the club, I suspect Ben will be kept around to help the new manager bed into the club seeing as though he's one of the longest serving players. 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They'll always find them an excuse, a loophole, a back door cause they know foreign TV rights & other revenue streams would take a battering without them big names in the league & European comps. Much easier to take it out on Everton, Leicester, Forest & co. I've been told we've made a formal bid for Garnacho from a reliable source in Manchester . You keep Gentle Ben, you don't need to sign a new LCB and/or LB for another season. That's a big win in the money column. Don't wanna be reckless and do a Leeds. That 35% wage-to-turnover ratio ain't gonna happen without some more astute Levynomics. Yeah but between injuries and rotation, Davies will start over 10 games next season and probably feature in close to 20. That's not good enough if you have ambitions to challenge. I'd have liked us to part ways and sign someone who can push Udogie or VDV on that left side. Maybe we will still sign that player and if we do then great, no issues. But we've seen this video before. 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Page 6 Forwards I'd like to see next year Eze/Tel/Moore......Vlahovic/Solanke.......Mbueno/Odebert I was thinking the same, not a bad bench option to have on a 1 year deal if nothing else happens in terms of striker signing ! Vardy can have a Solanke level output even at current age and his sheer experience will be invaluable in CL A serious club that genuinely wants to compete on all fronts doesn't have Solanke and a 138yo Vardy as their striker options. They have a beast No 9, then Solanke as his backup and Vardy + a promising kid as emergency cover. Meh. 10 goals & 6 assists season just gone...but only played 27 games, of which 23 were starts. Rarely plays the full 90, not got the juice. 9 goals & 3 assists the season before that (played 31, started 19), so it ain't like he's progressing big time year on year. Injury-prone and his attitude/discipline ain't great. West Ham can have him. If he's our replacement for Richarlison then I think it's fine. He's got guts and puts himself about, we need to get back to the Poch era of players who are horrible to play against. Not nice soft boys like Brennan and Odobert. Meh. 10 goals & 6 assists season just gone...but only played 27 games, of which 23 were starts. Rarely plays the full 90, not got the juice. 9 goals & 3 assists the season before that (played 31, started 19), so it ain't like he's progressing big time year on year. Injury-prone and his attitude/discipline ain't great. West Ham can have him. Richie had similar numbers before move we ain't getting gyokeres or an osimhen sadly Did we ever consider Edin Terzic as manager. The guys a free agent and has actually won something, not to mention a second place in the Bundasliga and making a champions league final. Surely they interviewed him? Huh? There's a focus on managers in the epl but they've never won anything or made a final. Park Lane Mark Twain said: We need about 6-7 signings this summer, a left back was one of them. Now the club has depth in 2 positions it needed depth in for no real outlay. I understand why they did it but only accept it as a decision if the money saved goes towards the other 5-6 areas we desperately need quality in. I agree if they go and sign a better LCB/LB but this extension worries me that the club won't feel it necessary and will only do it if they can find a bargain rather than being ambitious and signing someone who can actually challenge VDV/Udogie and offer proper squad depth. The drop off to Davies is massive and we'll end up playing him 10-20 times next season unless we sign another one! Meh. 10 goals & 6 assists season just gone...but only played 27 games, of which 23 were starts. Rarely plays the full 90, not got the juice. 9 goals & 3 assists the season before that (played 31, started 19), so it ain't like he's progressing big time year on year. Injury-prone and his attitude/discipline ain't great. West Ham can have him. He's a very good player. I said last week I don't get why we're not trying to sign him so hopefully this is true. Woolwich let Tierney go for free and he's still a better player then Davies. If you know they aren't good enough then why keep them as back up because once you've a few injuries then that's why your left with to play every week. Results and performances drop off then. We saw this all last year. We needed to upgrade on some of our back up players. This season showed that you can't get away with having the likes of Forster, Davies, Werner and Lankshear as your back up because once a few injuries come you are literally down to the bare bones. Woolwich let Tierney go for free and he's still a better player then Davies. If you know they aren't good enough then why keep them as back up because once you've a few injuries then that's why your left with to play every week. Results and performances drop off then. We saw this all last year. We needed to upgrade on some of our back up players. This season showed that you can't get away with having the likes of Forster, Davies, Werner and Lankshear as your back up because once a few injuries come you are literally down to the bare bones. Sometimes a players value to the group goes further than how well they can kick a ball. Ben will be a vital go between from manager, coaches and players. I don't expect him to play much at all but he will still have alot to give with a coaching change and getting messages across being the model pro he is. Meh. 10 goals & 6 assists season just gone...but only played 27 games, of which 23 were starts. Rarely plays the full 90, not got the juice. 9 goals & 3 assists the season before that (played 31, started 19), so it ain't like he's progressing big time year on year. Injury-prone and his attitude/discipline ain't great. West Ham can have him. Now I defo hope we sign him so that this cunt has another whinge. Are you agreeing with him though? Doesn't sound like it - you've only named success stories, I think his point is that you don't know until they are in the prem, as there are as many, if not more, failures than success stories - for every Wharton there is a Scott (and probably far more Scotts than Whartons). It's too easy too just focus on the successes - you've got to be lucky enough to get one... (Apologies if I've misunderstood either of you). Is Scott a failure? IIRC, he had back to back injuries, with at least one of them being serious, ACL? Page 7 Is Scott a failure? IIRC, he had back to back injuries, with at least one of them being serious, ACL? Perhaps not, perhaps the jury is still out on him - I was using him as he was used by others in the posts I was replying to, but perhaps unfairly. 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Some believe it's Staverley who is now in charge of the pushing... I just don't see why he would come here, surely Woolwich, Chelsea, Man City, Newcastle and Villa would want him in their first 11? Maybe Liverpool who have a fairly settled side are the only team in the Prem that doesn't need a player like that. Distaste for scouse said: Sorry for laughing at this... You are correct of course, this is what a club that means business does. This isn't what we are going to do. I can confidently say our window will not be anything close to that. I can see 2-3 players in, and two of them will be cheap and Danny Rose will have to Google them. If we are very lucky we get an Eze to give the illusion that we want to compete. Agreed, because this is what we do. And don't forget, Frank is coming in to receive average players and make them out-perform. That's why he's getting the job. Distaste for scouse said: Sorry for laughing at this... 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If we get to the end of the window and we don't need Ben then we can sell him. It's also important to keep some experience in the dressing room, especially when they are model pros like Ben. Model pro. Bingo. Ben Davies is one spurs player I'll never slag off. Spends most of his time on the bench, doesn't whine, doesn't kick up a fuss. When he plays he's rarely a player you go wow! at. Rarely puts in a world class performance, but often puts in a solid 7/10 which for a bench player is all you should ask for. Probably not many spurs player past or present I have more respect for as a pro than Ben. Distaste for scouse said: If we did somehow manage to get him he feels like he could be that "Ginola" type player that the club has been crying out for. The guy that gets the bums out of the seats and lights things up creatively. I just don't see it happening sadly I totally agree mate,you feel something special is going to happen when he gets in that final third. I can picture him playing for us and the club should be going all out to get him. Wants to go to a bigger club,he'd still be in London and will make better money, I think there's so much going on in the background just now that I don't see us pushing the boat out for the perfect Tottenham player which I think he is. Model pro. Bingo. Ben Davies is one spurs player I'll never slag off. Spends most of his time on the bench, doesn't whine, doesn't kick up a fuss. When he plays he's rarely a player you go wow! at. Rarely puts in a world class performance, but often puts in a solid 7/10 which for a bench player is all you should ask for. Probably not many spurs player past or present I have more respect for as a pro than Ben. I think everyone likes Ben Davies as a person, and I think everyone knows he is a decent pro. I just don't think he is good enough to occupy even a squad berth at a supposedly "big 6" club. Out - Romero , porro In - Joel Ward , Aaron Creswell What a window , 9 out of 10 ACL in May 2024 which takes up to 12 months to physically recover from, but back in training already. Just depends how fit he is and whether we think ACL will affect him longer term (and that's a judgement call at this stage). RW. Almost 70 appearances for Copenhagen aged 17 or 18 before injury, including 9 games in CL where he scored v ManU - so far more experience than Luka Bergvall before he joined us, and he's best mates with him apparently visited him in London and played Swedish u21's with him. Contract ends 31 December 2025, so with less than 6 months left he can do a precontract and join 1 January or offer a small sum (say 8m) to join now. Maybe play PL and domestic leagues plus maybe u21's to get back match fitness. Could be an excellent pick up - we've been watching him for several years so obviously like him. Mbuemo + Eze + a DM. Do it you bald fuck. 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This place is littered with hindsight experts. I know very little about Hackney in all honesty, I've probably seen him play twice. He may well be worth taking the punt on, as he seems to have some decent plaudits. That's what our data analytics and scouting is for, they'll have seen far more than the odd ITV highlight and random FA Cup game to inform their decision making, like many of the resident "experts" on here have. Park Lane Mark Twain said: I'd love it but I just don't think it's realistic to assume that the club spends on that many big names. Ins Eze Palinha Froholdt Dibling In my honest opinion, and not saying I agree with it but I think our window ends up looking closer in reality to something like this, with maybe 1 other making their way in with 3-4 extra out on top of what we've already seen. Yeah I know it's not realistic for Levy I'm more saying that the club says they want to compete on all fronts. If that wasn't a blatant lie, they need to be doing something like what I wrote. They don't want to compete on all fronts though and I think what you put could enable Frank to get a Top 6 finish, which is where their real priorities lie If that was our whole summer sales aside it would be more than ok considering our normal business. Our depth isn't awful it's our top quality that is lacking. Yeah we have no magic in forward areas. Maddison the only one but he's flakey. Biggest priority for me this summer. A DM would be nice but we can survive with what we already have as long as we have a frontline that opposition fear. A decent, easily affordable window for me... Out: Romero (inevitable). 45m? Son, Sadly but getting the rumoured 80-90m+ for a shot 33 year old is fantastic business. 80-100m? Biss. Maybe, but I'd be happy for him to stay. 30+m Richy. Hopefully. 20m? Close to 200m here if the Sonny rumours are true? In: Eze. 65m? Mbeumo. 60m? Estupinan. 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In your squad list you have: - 11 NHG players (Vicario, Porro, Udogie, Dragusin, Estupinan, VDV, Bissouma, Bentancur, Kulu, Sarr, and Mbuemo). - 7 HG senior players (Spence, Davies, Danso, Maddison, Eze, Johnson, and Solanke). - 8 (unlimited) U21 players (Kinsky, Vuskovic, Bergvall, Gray, Tel, Odobert, Scarlett, Moore) So for the PL we are in a great place and could potentially sign up to 6 more NHG senior players, and 1 more Home grown senior player, and as many U21 players as we want. UEFA Rules: However, what makes it complicated is the UEFA rules. We have 5 players (Bergvall, Vuskovic, Kinsky, Tel, & Odobert) who all count as NHG players rather than U21s (which we do have space for). But 4 of the 25 squad places have to go to club trained (none in your list). Contrary to general knowledge, you can name more than 4 association trained players, but the surplus (over 4) comes out of your NHG quota). With your fictional squad (UEFA lens): - 16 NHG players (Vicario, Porro, Udogie, Dragusin, Estupinan, VDV, Bissouma, Bentancur, Kulu, Sarr, Mbuemo, Bergvall, Vuskovic, Kinsky, Tel, & Odobert) - 5 Association trained players (pick 5 from these 7 : Spence, Davies, Danso, Maddison, Eze, Johnson, and Solanke) - 0 club trained players (n/a) - 2 B-List players (Scarlett, Moore, and an unlimited number of players who are U21 and spent 3 years with us) So your fictional squad would have to lose 2 HG players or 2 NHG players to make a total of 21 (squad limited to 21 as we have zero club trained). Hopefully, this shows how important it is to have club trained players in your squad. The small slither of good news is that Gray, Vuskovic, Bergvall, Scarlett and Moore will all count as club trained once they hit 21 years old. The bad news is that your fictional squad did not include the likes of Son, Richarlison or Romero, so we have some complicated squad building to do for Europe. Personally, I would consider signing KWP (at the cost of Estupinan in your fictional squad) as our 4th choice FB (noting that both him and Spence can play LB and RB) as KWP counts as club trained, and why the club may also look at Madueke (club trained) instead of Tel (NHG). Son, Sadly but getting the rumoured 80-90m+ for a shot 33 year old is fantastic business. 80-100m? Waaay too much internet for you today mate...... Sonny might get a 100m payday for moving to Saudi IF he chooses to go, but we certainly won't. He's 33 in a couple of weeks... If we get 40/50m we ought to be extremely pleased cos no other clubs in Europe will pay that kind of money for him at this late stage. Last edited: 8 Jun 2025 Last season we started off with the very disappointing news that Werner was coming back which was a mistake and this year we have kicked off with the extension of Davies's contract. Now Davies has been a good loyal player but it is now time for him to go. 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However, Solanke scored 19 goals last season for Bournemouth... so be wary Solanke got 24 goal involvements this season (16 goals and 8 assists) whilst pressing like a demon and acting as focal point in the attack - which helped Son. Johnson, Maddison and Kulusevski end up with about same number of goal involvements each. Its a team game so they all help each other. My main transfer targets will be Douglas Luiz Eze or Ederson (Atalanta) Mbuemo Cirkin (for club trained) Tel (if Frank wants him) Page 14 My main transfer targets will be Douglas Luiz Eze or Ederson (Atalanta) Mbuemo Cirkin (for club trained) Tel (if Frank wants him) Out of interest why either eze or ederson? They play completely different positions. Surely it's Luiz or ederson? Luiz will 100% be on paratici's list this summer though we have had interest in him before. 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I only ask this as I don't think in a 433 either maddison or kulu fit in anywhere with a midfield 3 you suggest. Brennan would and I suppose that's where mbeuno would fit in. We have alot of youngsters that stand to benefit from a manger like Frank. Udogie, vdv, gray, bergvall, moore especially. I'd like to see this attack in games where we're up against a low block: Eze ---- Solanke ---- Kulusevski Maddison---Bergvall DCM... with Eze, Maddison and Kulu given license to swap positions fluidly. Solanke was the most misused Spurs player under Ange. Solanke ran himself into ground with no plan for properly pressing. Frank does man to man pressing in a good way. He would use Solanke to fullest. Also, he will use him to be target man more efficiently. Yeah proper headless chicken under Ange. 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Wants to go to a bigger club,he'd still be in London and will make better money, I think there's so much going on in the background just now that I don't see us pushing the boat out for the perfect Tottenham player which I think he is. Plus Eze's entire family are Spurs! Fair fucks... Most in this thread just took the piss when we were linked and said he was 'meh'. At Porto? ....Can they pop the ball about a bit? Nabil Bentaleb and Château NoHo were the ones that really sold Varela to me. Has better progressive passing stats than Hjulmand or Zubimendi, but also weaker defensive stats. I wouldn't hate the signing, but think he's more of a straight swap for Betancur....not really the DM we need. I'd be happy with Florentino Luis, as well. He's actually the most defensive of the 3. Out of the 3, one of those is probably going to be great, one is going to be serviceable, and one will be shit. If I had to bet, honestly, I think Luis will be the best of the crop. 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Had good seasons in the Championship the 2 years before that in his age 19 and 20 seasons. Look at the G+A per 90 - last year 0.69 to this year 0.71. He played at similar level last year compared to this year - just missed 13 matches last year due to injury. Though his assist numbers per 90 were higher last year and goals higher this year (maybe cause Toney was the main man last year?). He also had a pretty decent season 3 years ago when he was 22 - He had 17 G+A in 36 starts/38 league appearances. 0.53 G+A per 90 - which is rather decent. Only question for me is whether he is a bit of a counter-attacking/speed merchant that will be ineffective against low blocks - I haven't watched Brentford enough to offer an opinion. Solanke didn't start getting regular minutes in EPL until his age 24 season - killed it in the Championship before that but who knows what Solanke would have done in EPL if Bournemouth hadn't gone down ... 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We've been so conditioned by Levynomics that we're debating which one out of 2 completely different players we should sign. Why the debate? Because they are both established PL and international players who will cost the going rate and Levy's model only allows for one player like that per window. What's the point in the protests if the fans are self-perpetuating this for him? Absolutely, we need both. As has been said on here previously, our squad depth is actually mostly decent, and players like Bergvall, Gray and Udogie are a year older and wiser. What we need this window is 3 signings of genuine quality, like £50m+ players. What we'll get is 1 quality player and 4 youngsters and the cycle will continue. Mbeumo, Eze and a quality DM like a Hjulmand transforms this team. I had no idea Mbuemo was only 25. I thought he was 27 or 28. He's actually younger than Eze. We need both, a dm and a cb/lb We are not very good at selling players when the time is right, and it is time to sell Son and Richarlison. That would make space for Eze and Mbuemo. We would also not need to make Tel permanent either. Kulusevski, Eze, Maddison, Johnson, Odobert, Moore and Mbuemo would be a great set of players to compete for 3 WF/AM places to support Solanke. We do need another CF in addition to this though. For what it's worth Vuskovic and Dorrington became one of the CB partnerships in Prem history in one of in my FM saves. I think we are sitting on an absolute goldmine of young CB talent right now in Vusk, Phillips and Dorrington. We need to be really focusing on developing these players rather than shelling out for ready-made backups- especially since we already have them within the club. The money can be spent relatively better elsewhere within the squad. Page 19 Vuskovic already dwarfs the vast majority of our players. He's 6'4" already for fucks sake. Lad is a fucking unit! I think he is more a Bergvall level youth player by which I mean he is young yes but already a beast. Vuskovic had many of Europe's biggest clubs after him and it was seen as a coup for us to snatch him. I don't think he is comparable to Philips or Dorrington. Maybe we loan him but it really should be to another prem team or a decent German side, I get the impression he would be well above the championship level and that wouldn't help. I think he is more a Bergvall level youth player by which I mean he is young yes but already a beast. Vuskovic had many of Europe's biggest clubs after him and it was seen as a coup for us to snatch him. I don't think he is comparable to Philips or Dorrington. Maybe we loan him but it really should be to another prem team or a decent German side, I get the impression he would be well above the championship level and that wouldn't help. I agree- I think he is above Champo level already- a true wunderkid. 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I can see a loan happening- just probably not anybody we especially want. If Sonny wants out to Saudi for one last Pay day, how much we looking at? Didn't United get offered £100 million for Bruno? Not as much as that. I reckon £50/60m? I am just spitballing here. Mind you if those Saudi clubs can throw money around like confetti, and it will have been noted by Levy that they were offering around £100m for Bruno, then I would expect the bald bastard to extract every ounce of cash possible (especially given Son's marketing value which is still massive). We need: LW/6/LCB cover/RW/fullback opposite of spence I think if we cover that ground, we're in decent shape to be honest. Kim isn't the kind of player one merely loans out anymore. I can see a loan happening- just probably not anybody we especially want. Agree Kim is unlikely but there will be others who we feel could perform at the required level now whilst not having to fully commit to buying. 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I deleted my posts since some of the other posters on here pointed out that he can apparently be loaned within England. But I do think that Luka should be given the chance to prove himself before we make a decision. There'll be plenty of football during the fall and we can always re-asses going into January if a loan is needed. We need: LW/6/LCB cover/RW/fullback opposite of spence I think if we cover that ground, we're in decent shape to be honest. The Branthwaite links make me think that Frank is considering using 3 ATB fairly regularly and possibly playing Branthwaite at LB whilst sending Porro or Spence much further forward. Branthwaite has def played some LB for Everton Page 20 3 at the back could be the go to option for the cl games to keep things tight aswell. This is what he did at brentford against the top teams. 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But your right they would transform the team and elevate us massively, top quality players capable of playing every type of pass and good at controlling the game which will be crucial especially in the cl. One CM from Serie A that I'd really like is Nicolo Barella. Only 28 so got another few big years in him. Lots of experience incl in the CL. Man is a workhorse who can pretty much do it all. He's better than Bissouma, Sarr and even Bentancur. Would be such an example & model for Bergvall and Archie...even Pape. Inter are in turmoil after Inzaghi's departure and that CL final hammering. Plus they need the money. Yeah it's not FM and why would a CL finalist consider us, but still I'd test their resolve with a 40mil + Biss + Richy offer and offer the man 200k a week. One CM from Serie A that I'd really like is Nicolo Barella. Only 28 so got another few big years in him. Lots of experience incl in the CL. Man is a workhorse who can pretty much do it all. 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But water under the bridge, my friend. Let's get Frank in and hope he works miracles a la Poch cause for sure Levy ain't gonna change his rotten ways. We have the same "look at the others" frenzy every summer..... Not all these deals get done. Worry about them IF they happen. You not think perhaps our focus this last week or so has been a new manager? There'd be a massive meltdown if anyone though our managers weren't being consulted about recruitment so perhaps chill, yeh...... Lol at this Airfixx geezer marauding through every thread try to quash any criticism of Levy or our stagnant transfer activity I'm sure we were linked to Collins when he was at Burnley I wish people would stop suggesting Vlahovic... he’s an awful awful striker. Richy is genuinely much better I thought he'd be a good option when he moved from Burnley to Brentford (and before that he was at Stoke). Good solid CB, probably HG, with decent passing skills. can play LCB and RCB. 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Even More so If Sonny is off as well , I get we have a wage structure but if you want to compete at the top you need to pay the top wages. Son and Romero probably two of our highest paid, so if they both leave there are well paid positions available for the right candidates, and if they both come with Frank that's probably fine on all sides - although I'd doubt if Collins would justify a top wage ?. It is honestly crazy if we are cheaping out on our Mbeumo offer if we could land him for £50k or so more per week. Massive opportunity for us to land a genuinely elite player in a position we are weak in. He's good but elite? As far as I can see, the season just gone is the first time he's reached double figures since 2019, when he was in the Championship. His assists are ok, but for a bit of context, Johnson has 22 goals and 14 assists in all competitions (50 games). Mbuemo has 20 goals and 8 assists (41 games), yet Johnson gets dogs abuse on here. 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He may well go on to be elite, but he may well revert back to the norm, which has been pretty ordinary/poor previously. I'll give him the benefit of the doubt, as some players mature later than others. It's those that are insistent that we MUST have him that'll be the first wanting him pushed out the door if he doesn't set the World on fire. I'm not saying pass on him, but I do have reservations on whether he's just had the season of his life and we end up buying a pup. He's good but elite? As far as I can see, the season just gone is the first time he's reached double figures since 2019, when he was in the Championship. His assists are ok, but for a bit of context, Johnson has 22 goals and 14 assists in all competitions (50 games). Mbuemo has 20 goals and 8 assists (41 games), yet Johnson gets dogs abuse on here. I think it's a stretch to label Mbuemo as "elite." You can’t just look at the numbers when you analyse a player. 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Some interesting comments about him in reply to this tweet. View: Nathan Collins is not exactly the WOW moment that tells the fans that the new man wants to take us to the next level. Given squad numbers, he'd be a Romero replacement as well. Player like Romero was absolutely crucial for what Ange wanted to do. He was a deep lying playmaker at time. if settling for Collins also allows us to buy Branthwaite, I think that makes the squad better Player like Romero was absolutely crucial for what Ange wanted to do. He was a deep lying playmaker at time. if settling for Collins also allows us to buy Branthwaite, I think that makes the squad better Collins is just as good as Branthwaite. Surely you haven’t fallen for the Branthwaite propaganda have you? If we pay £70m for that just pack the club up and go home, it would be an egregious waste of funds. I just heard that the guy we haven't yet hired to be manager, has greenlit the signing of Eze if Levy won't pay the money for Mbeumo. 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It’s not so much about Frank but the club. If they want to replace Romero with Collins they can fuck off tbh. Yeah well that's just the sad state of this club that isn't changing . You can basically end every transfer conversation by bringing up ownership. There's always going to be bad decisions made. We'll always be left short in certain areas. I'm hoping Frank can bring better defensive structure that will allow us to allocate more of our budget to top end attacking players. Think people are underestimating how good Collins is currently and how great he can potentially become. tbh I think some of this may be subconscious coping because I don’t believe Mbeumo is gettable, United have their hooks into him already and if it becomes a wage competition there’s only one winner. I do agree a RW who can do more then tap-ins at the back post should be priority #1 for our attack. 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PL Retailed Lists just released (posted in Squad thread) and includes : Hojbjerg, Pierre Emile Kordt (Extended) Probably just a timing issue but he's still on Spurs books I'm just hoping probably unrealistically that Mbeumo is close to Frank, wants to stay in London, and that Levy will do the decent thing and offer him £200k p/w. Ange had the Mate pull , wonder what Frank has , we can also offer CL so I guess it just comes down to wages now and if we decide to match Uniteds offer , my hope though is this deal does seem to be dragging on a bit so might be why? So with our second European final this century just days away I have decided to buy a Spurs t shirt to commemorate the occasion. I’m going for something with the old “To dare is to do” crest badge as I’m old school. I’m hoping it’s going to be my new lucky top. I say new. I don’t think I’ve ever had one! All I know is whatever I have worn for the last 20 odd years has failed me. A lot. So what are you rocking Wednesday night? 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I feel like I need to wear the green kit because it seems to be our good luck charm in Europe I think I’m going for the home shirt from the 21/22 season Green kit worn against Ajax and City - I wore it for the second leg in Bodo as well I have my 1984 EL cup winner shirt although I wore this to the CL final and it wasn't very lucky, I also wore it at the weekend to the palace game, fuck I can't wear that now can I! Thank fuck for this thread or I may have worn a shirt that has proven to be unlucky!!! I think as i'm watching it at home i'm just going to wear the Spurs PJ's now! I have my 1984 EL cup winner shirt although I wore this to the CL final and it wasn't very lucky, I also wore it at the weekend to the palace game, fuck I can't wear that now can I! Thank fuck for this thread or I may have worn a shirt that has proven to be unlucky!!! I think as i'm watching it at home i'm just going to wear the Spurs PJ's now! No such concerns at the annual TFC Spurs naturist meet up I guess. Motto “Get your Fighting Cocks Out” Thinking about it Founder members have to the Thomas’.......the username hiding in plain site!! It all makes sense now....... Got myself this shirt for the final. 1991 FA cup final shirt same as all the subsequent finals will be owning the streets of San Sebastian. It has to be a white top, preferably 100% cotton. Full green kit (not aesthetically pleasing but successful) topped off with a half and half scarf. So with our second European final this century just days away I have decided to buy a Spurs t shirt to commemorate the occasion. I’m going for something with the old “To dare is to do” crest badge as I’m old school. I’m hoping it’s going to be my new lucky top. I say new. I don’t think I’ve ever had one! All I know is whatever I have worn for the last 20 odd years has failed me. A lot. So what are you rocking Wednesday night? New kit, old kit. 40 year old lucky shirt from 84? Or maybe this bad boy?? I've seen that in the club shop and it looks horrendous. So I love it. Page 2 As for me, think I'll wear a balaclava backwards I went up in my loft to see if my '84 tee shirt still fitted, no such luck, must have shrunk in that box. But was pleasantly surprised to find that my 91 Cup Final shirt did fit (just!), so I'll be wearing that on the day. An Adidas shirt also fitted and a Pony one, but don't think I'll take that one with me. Think the request is for us to wear white, and I don't have a single home shirt since AIA. Ive got a keep britain tidy t-shirt somewhere. And its a tottenham person putting the Woolwich logo in the bin. I’m going with the 83/84 top hoping it’s an omen to emulate it. I’ve also got 86/87 top packed with the 83/84 blue away one as an emergency Top hat, white tie, tails... It’s getting exciting now we are talking about match day attire! The stress is obviously increasing. Put it this way if we win I'll be stark bollock naked running around my suburban street in Hampshire screaming at the top of my voice and scaring the local wildlife lol Put it this way if we win I'll be stark bollock naked running around my suburban street in Hampshire screaming at the top of my voice and scaring the local wildlife lol CarrieFi fancy a date to Hampshire? We can get cookies and watch some crazy spurs fan running around waving his willy wonka about. I'll get the pepsi in. Lucky pants. The rest is arbitrary. I bought this before the CL final 2019 and wore it on the day. Haven't worn it since. I'm not going to the EL final, but Ill be wearing it again, around my neck of the woods (predominately Woolwich territory), on Wednesday. Page 3 Surely any outfit has got to be topped off with a bush hat complete with hanging corks?! I'll be rocking this bad boy Credit to yes for this beauty Our old Under Armour training kit. Peak comfort (and the last time we were really good). Was gifted this a few years back, obviously wearing it. Who's rocking the half/half scarf? I bought this before the CL final 2019 and wore it on the day. Haven't worn it since. I'm not going to the EL final, but Ill be wearing it again, around my neck of the woods (predominately Woolwich territory), on Wednesday. Is that wise? It wasn’t lucky for us last time Not sure about what I'm wearing but I have my lucky flag I got in the home leg Vs Bodo, it worked when I was waving it about during the away leg in front of my TV. So Im pinning my hopes on that. If we lose it will be in many piece come Wednesday night Why do I need a PhD in computer science to post an image on this forum Page 4 Wore it against Eintracht and Bodo, 4 matches, lucky enough I own too many Spurs shirts but i'll proably go with this...an original admiral one...or... Or this one... I bought this before the CL final 2019 and wore it on the day. Haven't worn it since. 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Mine did!! 100% Me and the boy had brand new matching Nicola Berti era Tottenham retro t shirts. They worked!!! (He just told me his mate turned up in a red Bayern Munich shirt for reasons they still can’t understand). So with our second European final this century just days away I have decided to buy a Spurs t shirt to commemorate the occasion. I’m going for something with the old “To dare is to do” crest badge as I’m old school. I’m hoping it’s going to be my new lucky top. I say new. I don’t think I’ve ever had one! All I know is whatever I have worn for the last 20 odd years has failed me. A lot. So what are you rocking Wednesday night? New kit, old kit. 40 year old lucky shirt from 84? Or maybe this bad boy?? Just ordered The Fighting Cock Thursday at 12:32 PM Podcast Replies: 0