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### Simons to Chelsea? The key questions answered...

**Chelsea** have held talks over signing **RB Leipzig** forward **Xavi Simons** - but how much will they have to pay and who else want him?

*Sky Germany's Leipzig reporter Philipp Hinze answers the key questions around the deal.*

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### 'Whites express interest in signing Chelsea duo'

**Fulham** have expressed an interest in signing both **Raheem Sterling** and **Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall** from **Chelsea** this summer, according to the *BBC*.

It is suggested that Sterling, 30, who spent last season on loan at Arsenal after being frozen out by Blues boss Enzo Maresca, has no future at Stamford Bridge and is among a 'bomb squad' of players surplus to requirements.

Dewsbury-Hall, meanwhile, found minutes hard to come by after signing from Leicester last summer, although it is reported he is viewed as a valued member of Chelsea's squad.

Chelsea reportedly prefer to sell the players who were sent on loan and not considered in the manager's plans next summer, which is true of Sterling's case.

Sterling has two years remaining on his contract at Stamford Bridge.

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### Chelsea target Hato not in Ajax squad

*Latest from Sky Sports News' Anthony Joseph and Kaveh Solhekol:*

**Ajax** centre-back **Jorrel Hato** has been left out of the squad to face Celtic tonight in the Como Cup.

*Sky Sports News* understands the 19-year-old is in Italy with his teammates for the pre-season tournament, but he will not feature tonight.

Chelsea are in advanced talks with Ajax over a possible deal for Hato, who has told the club he wants to leave.

Ajax are looking for around £52m, but Chelsea value him at £35m.

Talks are ongoing between the clubs.



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## Are Leipzig concerned about losing both Simons and Sesko?

*Sky Germany's RB Leipzig reporter Philipp Hinze:*

"Sesko is also a potential departure candidate. However, the package for the Slovenian must exceed €80m in transfer fee.

"Leipzig remain calm and relaxed. They know the value of these players. Internally, it's especially clear in Xavi's case that he wants to leave this summer. That Sesko is attracting interest from several top clubs is no secret.

"But Sesko also comes with a price tag that only very few can afford. If Arsenal finalize the signing of Gyokeres, one major contender will be out of the race. That doesn't leave many.

"Leipzig are relaxed: either they sell Sesko for a large sum, or they keep one of the best strikers in the Bundesliga in their own squad. Not a bad position to be in, right?"



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## How much do Leipzig want for Simons? Will PSG profit?

*Sky Germany's RB Leipzig reporter Philipp Hinze:*

"It's safe to assume that PSG do have a sell-on clause – yes. Leipzig are demanding around €70m in total, including add-ons. They paid €50m as a base fee plus bonus payments to PSG."



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## Are Bayern contenders to sign Simons?

*Sky Germany's RB Leipzig reporter Philipp Hinze:*

"Max Eberl, now the Bayern boss, was the one who brought Xavi from Paris to Leipzig at the time. He was primarily responsible for the transfer. Accordingly, the two know each other very well."

"Recently, Bayern contacted the player's side by phone to gather information. Bayern should definitely not be completely ruled out in the race for Xavi. They are still keeping a low profile in the background. Chelsea are currently leading the race."

"We'll have to wait and see what happens – and whether Bayern become more active if Chelsea don't close the deal. The agency EPIC has come on board to help make a transfer away from Leipzig possible for Xavi this summer. An exciting story."



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## How has Simons adapted in the Bundesliga?

*Sky Germany's RB Leipzig reporter Philipp Hinze:*

"Xavi chose the move to Leipzig wisely, together with his camp. The goal was to take on a significant role at an ambitious, up-and-coming club.

"Especially in his first year, he performed brilliantly – in great form, he became a standout both at Leipzig and in the Bundesliga.

"The permanent transfer to Leipzig had been discussed well in advance; it was no surprise. His contract, running until 2027, clearly indicates: Leipzig is not meant to be the final step or final club.

"Xavi sees Leipzig and the Bundesliga as a major opportunity for development. Now, together with his camp, he wants to take the next step up the ladder. The Bundesliga has been good for him."



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## How did Simons perform last season?

*Sky Germany's RB Leipzig reporter Philipp Hinze:*

"Xavi's last season was definitely not as poor as it initially seemed. His stats were totally fine; he contributed several goal involvements. Unfortunately, a serious injury held him back – he tore his syndesmosis ligament and was sidelined for several months.

"Xavi sees himself as a leader at Leipzig. He often puts too much pressure on himself. In the end, the entire club disappointed. It was the worst Bundesliga season in the club's history.

"As a result, Xavi's performance was also described as insufficient. The whole team underperformed badly. But in truth, Xavi's attacking numbers were actually solid.

"The club's poor season casts a heavy shadow over all the players. After a very strong season the year before, Xavi missed the chance to take the next step in his development."



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## What is the latest on interest from Chelsea for Simons?

*Sky Germany's RB Leipzig reporter Philipp Hinze:*

"Chelsea and Leipzig are in direct contact. Talks are ongoing. Negotiations with the player's side are very constructive.

"However, Leipzig's demands are clear: they are still asking for a total package of around €70 million, including add-ons. They do not want to let Xavi go for less. They have a clear stance.

"However, they are also aware that Xavi wants to leave – this is known internally and has been clearly discussed."



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## What is Simons' current situation with Leipzig's pre-season?

*Sky Germany's RB Leipzig reporter Philipp Hinze:*

"It was clearly agreed that if there is no agreement on a transfer with an interested club before the training camp, then Xavi will travel with the team to the camp.

"A normal situation – Xavi is still a Leipzig player and is training regularly with the team without any restrictions. He is behaving positively and is in good spirits. There are no signs of a bad mood. Xavi is showing good form in training."



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## Isak not a target for Chelsea

*Latest from Sky Sports News' Kaveh Solhekol:*

**Newcastle** striker **Alexander Isak** is not a target for **Chelsea**.

The Blues have complete faith in the strikers they have in their squad for the Premier League and Champions League next season.

Isak has informed Newcastle he wants to explore his options this transfer window.

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## Hato wants to leave Ajax

*Latest from Sky Sports News' Kaveh Solhekol:*

**Chelsea** value Ajax defender **Jorrel Hato** at around €40m (£35m).

The benchmark is the £38.5m Arsenal paid Ajax for Jurrien Timber (£34m, plus £4.5m in add-ons).

Hato has told Ajax he wants to leave.

**Chelsea** are in advanced talks with **Ajax** over a deal for **Hato**.

The Blues have lots of centre-back options so can maintain discipline on valuation in potential Hato deal.



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## Chelsea in advanced talks with Ajax for Hato

*Latest from Sky Sports News' Kaveh Solhekol and Anthony Joseph:*

**Chelsea** are in advanced talks with **Ajax** over a deal for centre-back **Jorrel Hato**.

It's understood Chelsea are ready to pay £44m (€50m), but Ajax are holding out for around £52m (€60m).

The clubs have been in locked in high-level talks today.

The 19-year-old central defender, who can also play as a left back has been watched closely - Chelsea's interest is longstanding.

He is a player they are understood to admire as he has quickly developed into one of the best young defenders in the world.

Hato is contracted to Ajax until 2028.



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## Hato's agent confirms Chelsea talks

**Jorrel Hato's** agent has confirmed **Chelsea** are in talks to sign the **Ajax** centre-back.

Humphry Nijman told *De Telegraaf*: "Yes, the club has contacted Ajax.

"The only thing I can say is that Jorrel is now in talks with Chelsea."

Earlier, *Sky Sports News* reported [Chelsea were in talks to sign Hato](#) and have also held discussions over the signing of RB Leipzig's **Xavi Simons**.



Ajax defender Hato - who spent a lot of last season playing as a left-back - is one of a number of centre-backs Chelsea have been looking at.



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## The players who are likely to leave Chelsea this summer...

**Chelsea** have been linked with a number of incomings - but any further signings this summer will be dependent on players leaving, too.

Here are the players likely to exit Stamford Bridge in this window...

**Joao Felix** - The Portuguese playmaker was not been included in Chelsea's Club World Cup squad after returning from his loan at AC Milan.

**Raheem Sterling** - The winger was also omitted from the Chelsea Club World Cup squad after his Arsenal loan.

**Ben Chilwell** - England left-back Chilwell spent the second half of last season on loan at Crystal Palace.

**Renato Veiga** - Veiga joined Juventus on loan in January for the remainder of last season.

**Axel Disasi** - The defender was not included in the Club World Cup squad after returning from a loan with Aston Villa.

**Carney Chukwuemeka** - RB Leipzig are pursuing a move for Chelsea midfielder Carney Chukwuemeka, according to *Sky in Germany*. Chukwuemeka spent the second half of last season on loan at Borussia Dortmund.

**Christopher Nkunku** - **Inter Milan** are interested in Nkunku, according to *Sky in Italy*. Nkunku played for Chelsea at the Club World Cup. Nkunku wanted to join **Bayern Munich** in January, but a deal could not be agreed.



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## Fulham keen on Chelsea's Dewsbury-Hall

*Latest from Sky Sports News' Dharmesh Sheth:*

**Fulham** are interested in signing **Chelsea** midfielder **Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall**.

It is understood that Fulham have explored the conditions of both a loan and permanent move.

A formal approach to Chelsea will follow if they believe there is a deal to be done.

Dewsbury-Hall featured in six of Chelsea's eight Club World Cup matches – starting once.

He has a contract until 2029 with the club holding the option to extend for a further year.



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## Chelsea in talks to sign Ajax's Hato

*Latest from Sky Sports News' Kaveh Solhekol and Anthony Joseph:*

**Chelsea** are in talks to sign **Jorrel Hato** from **Ajax**.

He is one of a number of centre-backs they have been looking at.

Any further signings at Chelsea are dependent on exits.

Chelsea have held also held talks over the signing of **Xavi Simons** at **RB Leipzig**.



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## RB Leipzig looking at Chelsea's Chukwuemeka

*Latest from Sky in Germany's Florian Plettenberg and Philipp Heinze:*

**RB Leipzig** are pursuing a move for **Chelsea** midfielder **Carney Chukwuemeka**, according to *Sky in Germany*.

Chukwuemeka spent the second half of last season on loan at **Borussia Dortmund**.

But it is Leipzig that are now pushing to sign the 21-year-old, who has three years left on his deal.

*Sky Sports News* has reported that Chelsea are looking at Leipzig's attacking midfielder **Xavi Simons**.

Chelsea have other targets as well, and any more incomings are dependent on players also leaving.



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## Riley rejoins Watford on loan

**Watford** have announced that **Caleb Wiley** has re-joined the club on a season-long loan from **Chelsea**.

The 20-year-old left back returns to Vicarage Road after spending the second half of last season at Watford.

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## Chelsea looking at Simons

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