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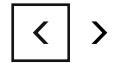

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Arsenal agree scholarship terms with teenager Dowman



Arsenal have reached an agreement with teenager Max Dowman to sign scholarship terms.

By moving from schoolboy forms to a scholarship terms - which will begin next season - it means 15-year-old Dowman could pre-agree a professional contract when he turns 17.

The talented young winger has already made his senior debut for the Gunners, coming on and providing an assist in Arsenal's 5-0 win over [Leeds](#) earlier this season.

At 15 years and 234 days, he became the second-youngest player to represent the club and the second-youngest to play in the Premier League - with team-mate Ethan Nwaneri holding both records.

Dowman has made three first-team appearances in total and is regularly featuring in the north London club's academy teams, most recently scoring twice in Arsenal's Uefa Youth League defeat by Atletico Madrid on Tuesday.

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What makes Gyokeres unique?

Champions League pundits Andy Cole and Guillem Balague look at how Viktor Gyokeres' ability to run the channels allows his Arsenal team-mates to get involved in play after the striker scored twice in the 4-0 win over Atletico Madrid.



And watch the best of the action as the Gunners blew their La Liga opponents away at Emirates Stadium on Tuesday.



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The Take That phrase that sums up watching Arsenal

Chris Howard
Fan writer



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Arsenal 'have a little patience'...

Take That may have coined the phrase in their popular song of the 2000s, but it is this Arsenal team who are demonstrating it with their performances this season so far.

Last weekend against **Fulham**, they had to break down a stubborn low block then on Tuesday against a resolute Atletico Madrid, they again showed the fortitude required to break down well-organised sides.

We are all aware of how Diego Simeone has organised his team in the past and so before the game, I remember thinking we would all need to be a little patient with this game, because it probably would not be a classic.

It is comforting to know that the team have the self-belief that they will create chances and goals. That is because as a fan you quickly move into panic mode when you see the football being methodical and a little bit patient or slow in the build-up. When it gets to the second half and you have not scored, there is always the worry it will be 'one of those days'.

Yet this Arsenal side have such an unwavering belief that their patience is going to be repeatedly rewarded, that we need to get comfortable leaning into the style of this team.

That helps when they can shut the back door and not concede and I think Arsenal's methodical build-up and slowing down of the play at times, might come from the comfort that defensively they are so good.

But you still have to chip away at the other end of the pitch and last night Arsenal did that, turning a cagey and tightly contested game into what eventually was a walk in the park.

Long may that continue.

Find more from Chris Howard at [Suburban Gooners](#) and the [Same Old Arsenal Podcast](#)

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Why Gyokeres offers more than just goals to Arsenal

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'No team in Europe will want to play us now'

YOUR OPINIONS



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We asked for your views on Arsenal after their 4-0 demolition of Atletico Madrid last night.

Here are some of your comments:

Jerry: Impressed, but consistency will be key to a successful season. The season is a marathon, not a sprint. Great to see Viktor Gyokeres score - I have been itching for that.

Philip: Patient, sublime, lethal and defensively robust. Arsenal at their best? Depth across the squad is showing through, and confidence is on the up.

Tim: No team in Europe will want to play us now.

Tino: Superb performance against a top team. In the first half, they could have been more clinical. They need to work on it to excel at tight games. Myles Lewis-Skelly's positioning meant his runs were more risky to the opponent and less to Arsenal.

Vince: Steel before flair. Gyokeres's goals weren't pretty, but he was in the right place with the right mind to force them home. Myles Lewis-Skelly's run that led to Gabriel Martinelli's goal was all will and determination. Not that there wasn't flair: Bukayo Saka's skills bamboozled the left back at every opportunity. Great game for the fans.

Okumu: Arsenal's performance was excellent in general against a very strong and determined opponent. They were ruthless after the break and scored good goals. Gyokeres was confident in the game and took his chances brilliantly in the big game, and looked dangerous in his movements in front of goal. They need to adopt dynamism and keep winning against stronger opponents than Atletico Madrid.

Stephen: Another brilliant defensive performance, and the substitutions stole the show from the bench. Gyokeres put in a shift, deservedly getting two goals. The season looks bright - the season looks red.

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Stark numbers that underline Arsenal's dominance at Emirates Stadium



Arsenal's formidable home form in the Champions League shows no sign of slowing down.

Since their return to the competition in 2023-24, Mikel Arteta's side have won all nine of their home group games - scoring 27 goals without reply.

That run has made them the first team in Champions League history to keep a clean sheet in nine consecutive home group matches.

It is not as if those results have come against modest opposition either. Across those nine games, the Gunners have faced Paris St-Germain, last season's Champions League winners, as well as Sevilla, PSV Eindhoven and Monaco among others.

The consistency is impressive, not just for the results, but for the manner in which Arsenal have dominated at home.

It reinforces the sense that Arsenal are serious contenders in Europe.

Tuesday's victory over Atletico continues Arsenal's excellent start to the season.

They have won 10 of their 12 matches in all competitions this season, top the Premier League by three points, and have conceded only three goals in those games, which is the fewest at this stage of the season in the club's 138-year history.

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Arsenal players appreciate Gyokeres - Arteta

Alex Howell
Arsenal news reporter



After three goals in his first four matches, £64m signing Viktor Gyokeres failed to find the net in Arsenal's next seven games and looked visibly frustrated at times.

After his second goal against Atletico Madrid, Gyokeres was pushed forward by his team-mates to take the adulation of the crowd and perform his trademark celebration on his own in a show of togetherness from the Arsenal squad.

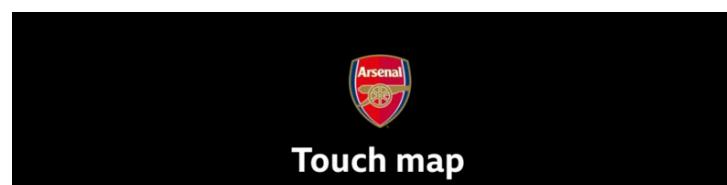
Boss Mikel Arteta said the gesture demonstrated the appreciation other players have for how Gyokeres has improved Arsenal.

"All of us [appreciate Gyokeres] because he makes us a much better team. I think we've become much more unpredictable," Arteta said.

"He's so physical, opens the spaces for everyone. The way he presses the ball and holds the ball is just phenomenal."

"And then the icing on the cake and the biggest thing that we're going to debate about him is goals."

"He's scored two very different ones, and hopefully he starts to get some momentum and a good run of goals."



The 27-year-old has had to play more than was planned at this stage of the season because of a knee injury to Kai Havertz, featuring for 90 minutes seven times in Arsenal's opening 12 matches.

But after finding his clinical touch again in the thumping win over Atletico on Tuesday, Gyokeres' tally now stands at five goals in 12 matches and his manager clearly believes the strikes were reward for his persistence.

[**Read the full piece here**](#)

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Gyokeres' confidence 'growing all the time'



Former Premier League striker Glen Murray says Viktor Gyokeres was a "real catalyst" in Arsenal's **4-0 win** over Atletico Madrid on Tuesday evening.

The Sweden international ended a seven-game goal drought with a second-half double at the Emirates.

"Once Arsenal got their noses in front, they smelt blood and just showed a sureness, a professionalism and a maturity," Murray told BBC Radio 5 Live's Football Daily podcast.

"Atletico had done well with the game at 0-0 and threatened to take the lead but once Arsenal went in front, they blew Atletico away."

Gunners boss Mikel Arteta said Gyokeres "**makes us a much better team**" in his post-match comments, stressing the the 27-year-old's positive impact even when not scoring in recent weeks.

"I was really impressed by his attitude," added Murray. "You can feel the Arsenal fans willing him to do well here. He was closing down. He was a real catalyst.

"When you're a midfield player and you see your forward player closing down with that intensity, it drags you along at times and he did that.

"But he added goals to his game and that was massive. They weren't pretty but it doesn't matter. It hit the back of the net and gave him that confidence.

"He walks away with two goals, the man of the match award, and as far as he's concerned that confidence in himself and in his team-mates is growing all the time.

"You could see what the goals meant to him, especially the celebration for the second. He does offer something so if he isn't scoring he's affecting the way the opposition play. But from a personal point of view you always want goals."

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'Gyok and roll' - Wednesday's papers

Wednesday's back pages focus on Arsenal continuing their flawless start to the league phase of their Champions League campaign with an impressive 4-0 win over Atletico Madrid at Emirates Stadium.

In particular, Viktor Gyokeres' second-half double steals the headlines, with the Mirror opting for 'Viktorious'.



The Star and The Express both carry pictures of Gyokeres performing his trademark celebration, with the latter showing him alongside Gabriel who again impressed in both boxes and opened the scoring for the Gunners with a commanding header.



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Gyokeres makes Arsenal a much better team - Arteta

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Analysis: Set-pieces deliver again

Alex Howell
Arsenal reporter



Arsenal's threat from set-pieces is well known, but the Gunners have gone to another level this season.

Both **Liverpool** manager Arne Slot and **Fulham** boss Marco Silva have mentioned the Gunners' ability in those situations recently, with a goal from a corner making the difference in Arsenal's win over the Cottagers on Saturday.

Mikel Arteta's team boast excellent delivery from both sides of the pitch with Declan Rice and Bukayo Saka consistently putting the ball in good areas for their team-mates to attack.

Since Rice's debut for Arsenal in August 2023, only Inter Milan's Hakan Calhanoglu (11) has more assists from dead balls in all competitions across Europe's big five leagues than the England international (10).

It was a set-piece and a goal from Gabriel that saw Arsenal get a crucial win over **Newcastle** in the Premier League last month, and it was the defender again who opened the scoring against Atletico when this match was crying out for a spark.

Arsenal now have 10 goals from set-pieces this season, excluding penalties, and as they hope to compete for trophies in multiple competitions this season, their potency from those opportunities is going to be key.

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Arsenal 4-0 Atletico Madrid: What Arteta and Gyokeres said



| 'Phenomenal' Gyokeres makes Arsenal better team - Arteta

Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta, speaking to Amazon Prime: "It was a tough match. After the goal they [Atletico Madrid] opened up a bit and it was a little easier for us to find the spaces.

"I'm very happy with the result. At this level in the Champions League you really need to step up and we certainly did that in every phase of the play. Very happy."

On Viktor Gyokeres scoring: "Delighted as he fully deserved it. The workrate he brings to the team is outstanding."

"We value a lot of things that he does for the team and it was the biggest smile on his face today and look at his team-mates."

"Hopefully this is the start of some beautiful sequences."

Arsenal striker Viktor Gyokeres, speaking to Uefa: "I am very pleased. They had some good opportunities but I think we controlled it overall."

"To score four and keep a clean sheet again is very good. We always keep going. We do the things right when we defend and when we get the chances we are extremely strong in taking those."

"Both [my] goals were great. I try to do my best all the time and work hard, contribute with different stuff and the goals would have come sooner or later."

"We want to do well, we want to win football matches but there's a long journey to go. We will take it game-by-game, even if that sounds boring."

Did you know?

- Since returning to the Uefa Champions League in 2023-24, Arsenal have won all nine of their home group games by an aggregate score of 27-0. It makes them the first side in the competition's history to keep a clean sheet in nine successive home group games.
- After Gabriel Magalhaes' opener (free kick) and Viktor Gyokeres' second of the game (corner), Arsenal are the first side in Europe's big five leagues this season to score 10 goals from set pieces in all competitions.

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Arsenal 4-0 Atletico Madrid - send us your thoughts



Whether you were at the game or following from elsewhere, we want to know what you learned.

What did you think of Arsenal's performance?

Come back to this page on Wednesday to find a selection of your replies

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Arsenal v Atletico Madrid: Team news



Mikel Arteta makes just two changes for tonight's match with Myles Lewis-Skelly and Gabriel Martinelli coming into the starting XI.

Arsenal starting XI: Raya, Timber, Saliba, Gabriel, Lewis-Skelly, Rice, Zubimendi, Eze, Saka, Martinelli, Gyokeres.

Subs: Arrizabalaga, Setford, Mosquera, White, Hincapie, Calafiori, Norgaard, Trossard, Merino, Nwaneri

Atletico Madrid starting XI: Oblak, Gimenez, Koke, Barrios, Sorloth, Llorente, Hancko, Alvarez, Simeone, Gonzalez, Le Normand

Subs: Musso, Ruggeri, Gallagher, Griezmann, Baena, Akmada, Carlos Martin, Lenglet, Molina, Pibil, Galan, Raspadori



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How Rice 'has transitioned seamlessly to a box-to-box player'

Alex Howell
Arsenal reporter



Declan Rice is widely regarded as one of the best central midfielders in the Premier League, but his role for the Gunners now is very different from the one he played in when he arrived at the club.

When Rice signed for Arsenal from **West Ham** for £105m in 2023, he spent the first six months as a more traditional holding midfielder, before he moved to a box-to-box role following a winter training camp in January 2024.

That change brought an increase in his attacking numbers, helped by him taking set-pieces, and he carried that into last season as the 26-year-old produced a career-best campaign for goal contributions with nine goals and 10 assists.

Rice already has three assists and one goal in his 11 games for Arsenal this season.

Martin Zubimendi is one of the best deep-lying midfielders in Europe and has allowed Rice to continue his move to a fully fledged box-to-box midfielder - but in a slightly different way.

The Spaniard's presence has actually meant Rice taking up a deeper position alongside him, but in a role that allows the Englishman to use his running power to join Arsenal attacks.

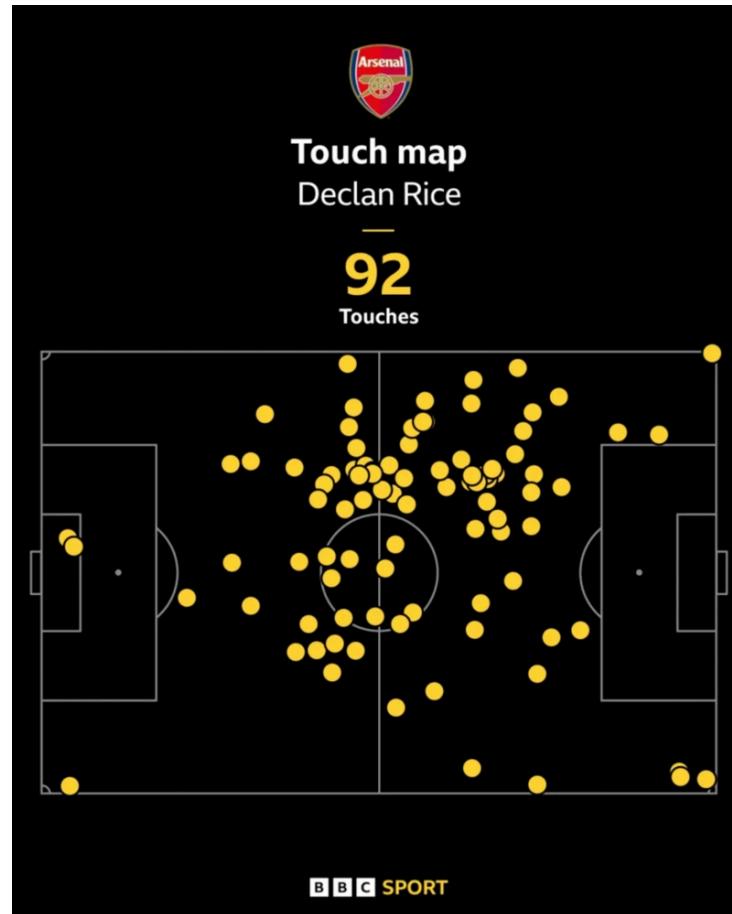
He leads the way for the Gunners this season on total ball carries (147), passes played into the box (57) and chances created (level with Bukayo Saka on 13).

A recruitment specialist working in top-level football told BBC Sport: "The attacking role hasn't fazed him. He has grasped it really well and you can tell it's something he's always had."

"He is extremely athletic and a good mover. He has the freedom to create in the attacking area of the pitch. He is excellent in holding. He is such a fluent player and performs with the freedom he has been given."

"A good player with good passing, but can also be gritty and break up play. He is a commanding midfield player."

"He can dictate the tempo of the game. Really good precision in his actions. He has transitioned seamlessly to a box-to-box player."



Rice's touch map at Fulham on Saturday shows his involvement all over the pitch

[Read more on the evolution of Rice's game since joining Arsenal](#)

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Dowman scores twice as Arsenal U19s lose to Atletico

Alex Howell
Arsenal reporter



Dowman scored two penalties in Arsenal U19s loss to Atletico Madrid

Arsenal's 15-year-old Max Dowman scored twice as the U19s played out an entertaining match with Atletico Madrid in the Uefa Youth League.

Dowman started centrally behind striker Andre Harriman-Annous with 16-year-old Marli Salmon, who went on tour with the first team, the captain at centre back.

Arsenal scored the first goal of the afternoon when Harrison Dudziak scored from close range after Brando Bailey-Joseph beat his full back and cut the ball back to him in the area.

Dowman showed why he has already made his first team debut this season with touches of real quality but when he appeared to be taken down in the area no penalty was given.

He was also taken down heavily while dribbling and Atleti's Daniel Munoz was given a yellow card for the late challenge.

Downman is a powerful runner and his physical ability and numbers are on par with members of the senior squad.

Sergio Vinatea levelled the game with a drilled low shot from the edge of the box before Dowman calmly gave Arsenal the lead from the penalty spot.

Atletico then scored two quick fire goals before Dowman scored his second spot-kick of the afternoon. He looked to have rescued a point but Atletico Madrid winger Ruben Gomez fired in the winner just one minute later following a counter-attack.

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'The new Arsenal way'?

Laura Kirk-Francis
Fan writer



"The thing about Arsenal is that they always try and walk it in!"

This line from an episode of the IT Crowd is nearly 20 years old. Referencing the intricate and often overly complex football made famous by Arsene Wenger, you would be hard pushed to find any fan using it to describe the current Arsenal edition.

Today, Arsenal currently sit top of the Premier League having already scored from 10 set-pieces this season.

It is the earliest into a season that any side has reached double figures for set-piece goals in Premier League history. Leandro Trossard's 58th-minute goal from a Bukayo Saka corner was the seventh time Arsenal have found the net from a corner this season.

They are certainly not trying to walk it in anymore.

This is a club with a very strong sense of identity in how it conducts itself on and off the pitch. But for many years Arsenal were derided for

Opposition fans scoff at the idea of 'Set-Piece FC', but Arsenal fans have watched their club play 'the right way' for many years and fall short. Now, they are watching them play the winning way.

For me, this departure from style over substance can only be positive. It is also not a case of either/or.

Arsenal have still struggled at times to be fluid in attack, but they are dominant in possession and have scored some excellent team goals. I would be lying if I said I did not want to see a bit more of the razzle dazzle from two seasons ago, but if not then I will happily accept a set-piece winner every day of the week.

Opposition fans hate it, Arsenal fans love it, but this is undeniably the new Arsenal way.

And it's working.

Find more from Laura Kirk-Francis at the [Latte Firm podcast](#)

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Outstanding Simeone would succeed anywhere - Arteta

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Arteta 'loved' seeing Saliba watch Atletico on team bus

Alex Howell
Arsenal reporter



In the aftermath of Arsenal's 1-0 win over Fulham on Saturday, there was a picture doing the rounds on social media.

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It was not of the goal or of any of the celebrations. Instead, it was an image of defender William Saliba watching Atletico Madrid, the Gunners' opponents in the Champions League, on the team bus leaving Craven Cottage.

There is a quick turnaround between the games with just two days of preparation before Diego Simeone brings his Atletico side to north London.

The Gunners have only conceded three goals this season, keeping eight clean sheets and boss Mikel Arteta says he was happy to see the dedication from members of his squad.

"Very pleased because I didn't encourage it - that came from them. Arteta said.

"We know this will be a tough one, so the earlier we think about it the better. I love that initiative from the players."

Full commentary of Arsenal v Atletico Madrid on BBC Radio 5 Live from 20:00 BST on Tuesday

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