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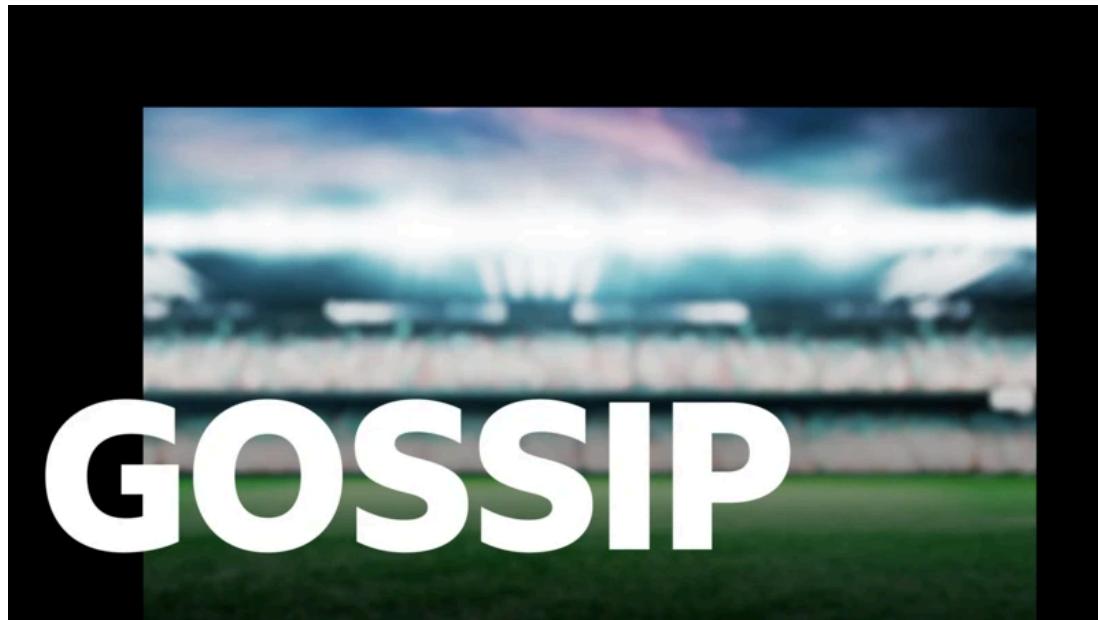
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Gossip: Maresca tempted by Juventus job



Chelsea head coach Enzo Maresca has doubts about his long-term future at Stamford Bridge amid Juventus considering the 45-year-old Italian as a serious candidate to take charge of the Serie A club. ([Teamtalk](#))

[Manchester City](#) are plotting a £75m bid for [Nottingham Forest](#) midfielder Elliot Anderson next summer but are likely to face stiff

competition from Chelsea for the 22-year-old England international.
(Express)

Turkey forward Kenan Yildiz continues to push for an improved contract at Juventus but with talks yet to bear fruit, clubs including Chelsea, **Arsenal** and Barcelona are keeping a close eye on the 20-year-old.
(Gazzetta dello Sport - in Italian)

Juventus have rebuffed multiple enquiries for France defensive midfielder Khephren Thuram, 24, from Premier League clubs including Arsenal, Chelsea and **Liverpool** during the past six months. **(TBR Football)**

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Maresca gets one-match touchline ban



Chelsea head coach Enzo Maresca has received a one-match touchline ban and £8,000 fine following his sending off against [Liverpool](#).

The 45-year-old received a second yellow card in the 96th minute after celebrating his side's winning goal against the Reds at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, 4 October.

It means the Blues boss will not be in the dugout for the trip to [Nottingham Forest](#) at the City Ground on Saturday in the Premier League.

Maresca will not be banned from entering Chelsea's dressing room as FA rules state managers are allowed in there before kick-off, at half-time and at full-time.

He will also be able to communicate with his staff "by means of telephone, a runner or any other electronic device such as a radio or mobile phone" during the match.

It is Maresca's second touchline ban as Chelsea manager, serving his first suspension in April 2025 after picking up a third yellow card of the season while celebrating Pedro Neto's 93rd-minute winner at [Fulham](#).

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Why Caicedo is pivotal for Chelsea - but are they over-reliant?

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Palmer will need 'spectacular run' to make World Cup

Phil McNulty

Chief football writer



Cole Palmer's England career has, so far, been a mixed bag ranging from the moment of brilliance that gave England hope with the equaliser against Spain in what was eventually a losing cause in the Euro 2024 final in Berlin, to other occasions when he has left even supporters of his superb talent wanting more.

Palmer's current problem is a lingering groin injury. Further down the line it will be the Chelsea star performing in consistently eye-catching fashion that might persuade Thomas Tuchel to find a place for the 23-year-old in what is already a crowded area.

Tuchel is unlikely to start fitting square pegs in round holes so close to a major tournament - therefore Palmer, who has only played 64 minutes under the German, has work to do.

He is unlikely to get in as the 10, with Morgan Rogers currently in possession and Jude Bellingham waiting in the wings.

It is hard to see a place on the flanks, where he is less effective, with Anthony Gordon and Marcus Rashford contenders on the left and Arsenal pair Bukayo Saka and Noni Madueke fighting for a place on the right.

This effectively means Palmer will have to produce a spectacular run of form to force his way back into Tuchel's thinking.

[Read the full list of players with points to prove here](#)



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Meet the young Chelsea winger poached from Palace

Nizaar Kinsella

Chelsea reporter

Chelsea teenager Jesse Derry is delivering at youth level after a summer of uncertainty.

The 18-year-old winger has scored in his past two Premier League 2 matches and continued his form with a goal for England Under-19s on Tuesday.

However, it follows a turbulent summer where a decision to leave Crystal Palace - despite multiple contract offers - weighed heavy.

Derry did not talk to other clubs until after his contract expired on 30 June and ultimately signed for Chelsea until 2029, rejecting other clubs in England and abroad.

It proved difficult to leave Palace, a club Derry joined aged five - especially given that his father, Shaun, played 222 times for the club and had coached in the academy set-up.

Yet, there was concern around Palace's track record at bringing players through, with Wilfried Zaha being the last academy product to make the grade; Aaron Wan-Bissaka, Tyrick Mitchell, and Justin Devenny were signed from elsewhere before getting their chance.

Chelsea were able to pitch the fact that manager Enzo Maresca gave a record eight academy debuts last season, and the likes of Marc Guehi,

Tino Livramento, and Lewis Hall are playing Premier League football having opted to leave the club.

In addition, Derry also grew up supporting Chelsea through his boyhood admiration for Eden Hazard.

Born in Leeds while his dad played at Elland Road, Derry followed the tail end of his father's playing career, and he got to see a 17-year-old Jack Grealish up close when he was managed by Shaun on loan at **Notts County** in 2013.

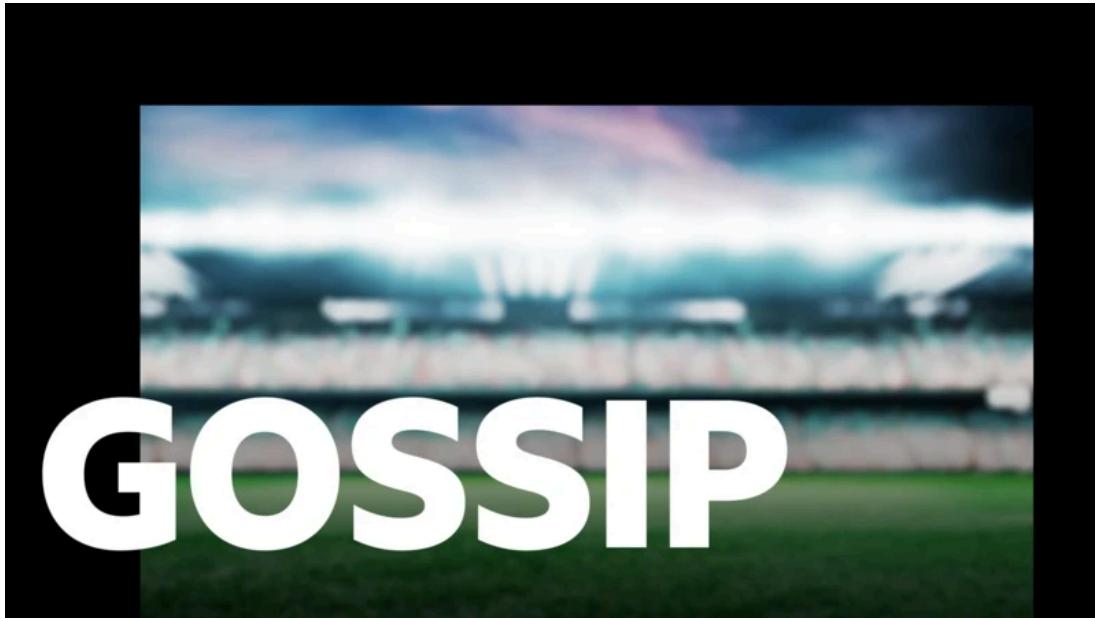
Now, Derry has displayed his own range of talent by coring three different types of goals in three consecutive matches - a powerful shot, a header and then a lob with England against Wales this week.



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Gossip: Chelsea line up new contract for Caicedo



Chelsaea have no concern over the future of Ecuador midfielder Moises Caicedo, 23, following the public axing of his agent. ([Telegraph - subscription required](#))

Caicedo is set to be rewarded with a new contract by Chelsea to ward off interest from Real Madrid. ([Teamtalk](#))

[Chelsea](#) and Barcelona are monitoring Dinamo Zagreb's 16-year-old Portuguese forward Cardoso Varela. ([Mundo Deportivo - in Spanish](#))

Former [Celtic](#) youngster Justin Osagie has sealed a dream move to Chelsea just over a year after he was released by the Hoops. ([Scottish Sun](#))

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Estevao takes first steps to becoming 'a household name'

Will Faulks
Fan writer

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It was in May 2024 that the first links between Chelsea and Estevao Willian started to be reported. A deal to sign him the following summer was soon concluded, and since then Blues fans have waited patiently to see him unleashed.

They cannot wait much longer.

Supporters have been tracking the youngster ever since those first rumours, and the excitement has continued to build. Some really special moments - a first Brazil goal, scoring against Chelsea in the Club World Cup, some ridiculous displays in the Brazilian league - kept raising expectations further, but it felt like the last minute winner against **Liverpool** in the final game before the international break was the 18-year-old's real coming-out party.

After the game, TV pundits around the world showered him with praise and he took his first major step from highly-rated talent to household name, at least in footballing circles.

As talents go, you almost could not design one more suited to get supporters excited. A pure one-on-one dribbler who is not afraid to shoot and has the natural movement and instincts of a goalscorer, Estevao looks utterly fearless despite his age.

The much repeated lines about needing to be patient with him and his development are made to look faintly ridiculous by just how confident and capable he is already.

Manager Enzo Maresca is doing his best to protect the prodigy, but there is only so much he can do when Estevao continues to make such important impressions from the bench.

For now, fans will be content to see him arrive as a game-breaking roll of the dice in the second halves of games.

But if he keeps looking so much more dangerous than his rivals for minutes on the wing, it will only be a matter of time before the coach has little choice but to give him regular starts.

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'No ill will' as Caicedo leaves representatives

Nizaar Kinsella
Football reporter



There was some confusion among Chelsea fans on Monday when Moises Caicedo posted a slightly cryptic statement on social media, saying he has separated from former agents Manuel Sierra of Football Division Worldwide and Ali Barat of Epic.

The final line of the statement - posted on a background of Caicedo celebrating and signed by solicitor Chris Farnell - read the midfielder "has now appointed people that he can trust".

While on the surface it appeared there may have been some argument or rift between the Ecuador international and his previous representatives, it is simply that he is now being advised by his family without a formal agent.

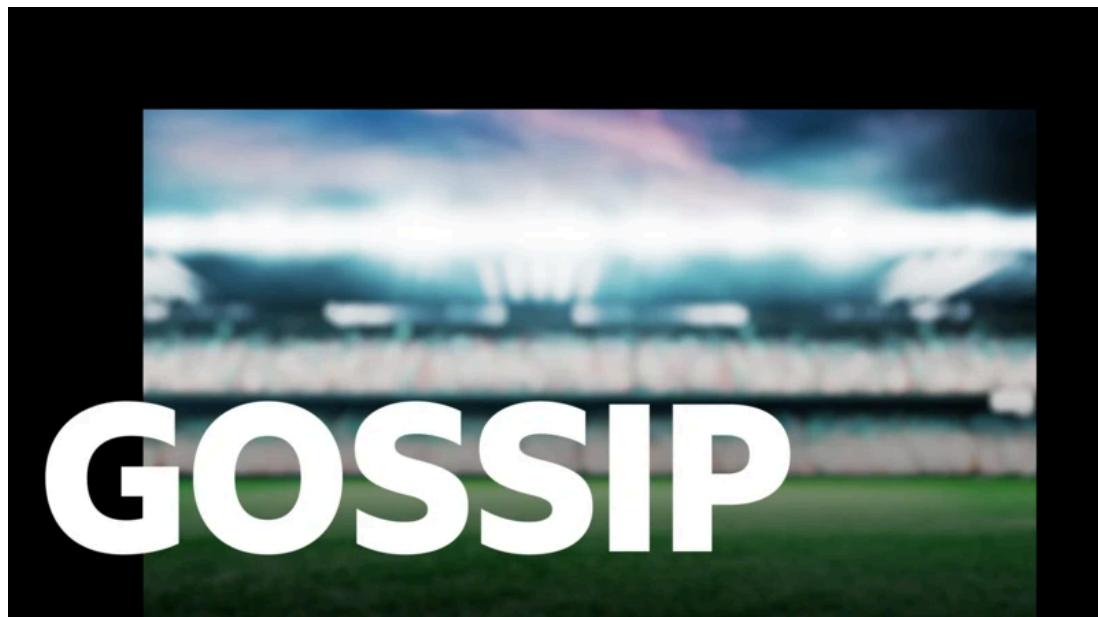
This has been Caicedo's long-term plan after using two agencies to move to **Brighton** and Chelsea.

The post has been taken down due to the awkward wording but there is no ill will intended towards his previous representatives.

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Gossip: Blues intensify pursuit of Wharton



Chelsea's pursuit of **Crystal Palace's** Adam Wharton has intensified but they face competition from **Manchester United** for the 21-year-old England midfielder. (**Teamtalk**)

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Will Estevao start in Palmer's absence?



Q&A with
Nizaar Kinsella



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In the final part of our Q&A special with Chelsea reporter Nizaar Kinsella, we look at the Blues' form and the impact of Estevao Willian.

Rob asked: Do you think Estevao Willian's impact against Liverpool is likely to give him an opportunity as a regular starter in Cole Palmer's absence?

Nizaar answered: Estevao will slowly earn more and more minutes at Chelsea. To be honest, at just 18, he can be quite happy with the chances he has been given already.

There is no doubting his ability but there are still improvements he needs to make physically and tactically to be trusted week in, week out. That ugly side of the game did not come naturally to Palmer either, but he is a brilliant all-round footballer now.

Those with long enough memories might be able to remember fair questions about Palmer's defensive or pressing output in his first season under Mauricio Pochettino and, understandably, they are not strengths of Estevao either.

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Sean asked: With as many red cards as we have had recently, it is hard to get a clear picture on our form at the moment. What do you make of Chelsea's underlying form? Are we good, or are we a promising young team still too prone to individual mistakes?

Nizaar answered: I was a little worried about Chelsea's performances going into the **Brighton** match at the end of September.

Yet, despite losing that game, I thought the Blues were excellent for 52 minutes and defeat came because of a poor reaction to having Trevoh Chalobah sent off.

They ground out a dull 1-0 home win over Benfica, then produced a heroic effort in challenging circumstances to beat **Liverpool** 2-1 before the international break. I would say those three matches show Chelsea are still progressing under manager Enzo Maresca and with these players.

If they win a few games after the break, people will talk about them as title contenders again, but I still see them as a little short of that absolute top level in the Premier League.

Scroll down this page to find the rest of Monday's Q&A with Nizaar.

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What is the progress on Chelsea's stadium plan?





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In part two of Monday's Q&A with Chelsea reporter Nizaar Kinsella, we focus on the club's plans for stadium redevelopment.

Mohammad asked: What is the progress on Chelsea's stadium plan? Is it looking like a move to Earl's Court or a Stamford Bridge expansion and how soon?

Nizaar answered: The Stamford Bridge expansion looks more likely but there is still some window of opportunity open on taking a site which is currently controlled by the Earl's Court Development Company (ECDC).

It feels probable that the ECDC will get planning permission at the end of 2025 to kill off any chances of Chelsea moving to a new site and selling the valuable plot of land at Stamford Bridge.

The limit to just one main option should focus minds to start the redevelopment of the current ground - given there isn't any other well-placed land available in west London big enough to host a massive stadium.

Club president Jason Gannon is leading a team planning the stadium project.

It wouldn't surprise me if we see some kind of formal announcement in 2026 to kick-start this process.

Come back to this page later on Monday for the final part of Nizaar's Q&A, which will look at Estevao Willian's impact.

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Could Chelsea target Guehi in January?



Q&A with
Nizaar Kinsella



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Our Chelsea reporter Nizaar Kinsella has been answering your questions. In the first part, he discusses the Blues' potential January transfer plans.

Tim asked: Why do you think there is no noise about us going back for Marc Guehi? Surely it makes perfect sense to try to get him in January given the ongoing injury problems we have at the back?

There seems to be such reluctance from the board to actually buy the players we need but yet have absolutely no qualms about spending big money on attackers like Jamie Gittens etc.

Nizaar answered: All bets are off after Liverpool's deadline day move collapsed. Every top club in Europe is likely to try their luck with Guehi, who has less than a year left on his Crystal Palace deal.

We know the hierarchy at Chelsea is aware of his qualities. However, I doubt injuries will factor in at this stage - given Trevoh Chalobah, Wesley Fofana and Tosin Adarabioyo are due back after the international break.

It would then be a case of whether Chelsea's project appeals to Guehi, if they make an offer and whether he is the profile needed compared with

others already on the books. I am not expecting to hear anything on this soon.

Chelsea explored signing defenders before Levi Colwill's injury in the summer, most notably Dean Huijsen, but were happy to just add Jorrel Hato from Ajax, with a view to giving academy graduate Josh Acheampong further chances.

They also have other young players coming through, including Mamadou Sarr and Aaron Anselmino, who is currently on loan at Dortmund, and their future pathway is also being factored in.

Haris asked: Are Chelsea looking for a new goalkeeper in January?

Nizaar answered: Chelsea have money to spend in January but are currently happy with their squad and would only sign a player capable of taking the club to the next level.

They explored a potential market opportunity to sign Mike Maignan, but saw AC Milan's £25m price as too high for a player with a year left on his contract and walked away.

Of course, that price will probably come down in January, but the Blues are broadly happy with the form of Robert Sanchez, who won the Golden Glove at the Club World Cup, and are not expected to return to the market.

Youngster Mike Penders is also at the club, with his future chances another factor to consider.

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Gossip: Blues unlikely to make January move for Araujo



Chelsea are interested in signing Barcelona's Uruguay defender Ronald Araujo, 26, but are unlikely to make a move for him in the January window. [**\(Football Insider\)**](#)

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How have the big-name striker signings done so far in the Premier League?

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What is the latest on Mudryk and matchday shirt sponsor?

Nizaar Kinsella
Football reporter



Chelsea's lack of front of shirt sponsor and the future of Mykhailo Mudryk have been the subjects of questions sent in via our '[Ask about Chelsea](#)' form.

The Blues are currently the only Premier League side without a matchday shirt sponsor, while Ukraine forward Mudryk [could face a lengthy ban](#) after being charged by the Football Association with violating its anti-doping rules.

What is the latest on Chelsea's shirt sponsorship?

There remains an ongoing competitive process for the front-of-shirt sponsor with Chelsea believed to have had offers but focused on aligning with the right long-term partner.

The club is aiming to strike a deal worth £60m-£65m per season following qualification for the Champions League and winning the revamped Fifa Club World Cup.

Multiple potential partners are believed to be in the frame but beyond that we don't know a lot else about who it may be or when they might announce it.

I am, however, surprised no sponsor has yet been announced.

There have been some reports that the 74 charges hanging over the club may be deterring final sign-off on a deal - given, in theory, a significant points deduction could be part of a punishment.

I would also say that in the advertising industry there is some sympathy that Chelsea are chasing the biggest possible deal and taking their time, but it is still regarded as a unique situation that one hasn't been signed.

What is the current position with Mudryk?

Chelsea winger Mykhailo Mudryk remains provisionally suspended, is training alone and is continuing his legal battle.

The Ukrainian lost his number 10 shirt to Cole Palmer and was charged by the FA over a doping violation.

We await any potential sanctions in a highly confidential process which will be the next step and then any potential appeal. This could potentially drag on for a while.

There has been no update since I first answered this question in early September.

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How does Caicedo compare with his Chelsea idols?

Nicola Pearson
BBC Sport journalist

"Makelele and Kante were an inspiration to me."

Those were the words of Moises Caicedo in an interview with **club media** after completing his then **British record move** to Chelsea from **Brighton**.

Alongside an old photo of the midfielder in a kit with N'Golo Kante's name on the back, Caicedo also said: "I can say we share similar qualities, but they [Kante and Claude Makelele] were better. But now I am going to give everything for this club because they did so much for me."

While it has taken a bit more time than most expected, those watching the Blues are starting to see just how good the 23-year-old can be.

It may be early on in the season, but Caicedo has already won more player of the match awards than any other player (three), and has scored three

goals from his four shots on target.

Being a defensive midfielder, the Ecuador international may be more inclined to celebrate his topping the Premier League charts for tackles and interceptions - in fact, he is joint-top across Europe's top five leagues with his 18 interceptions.

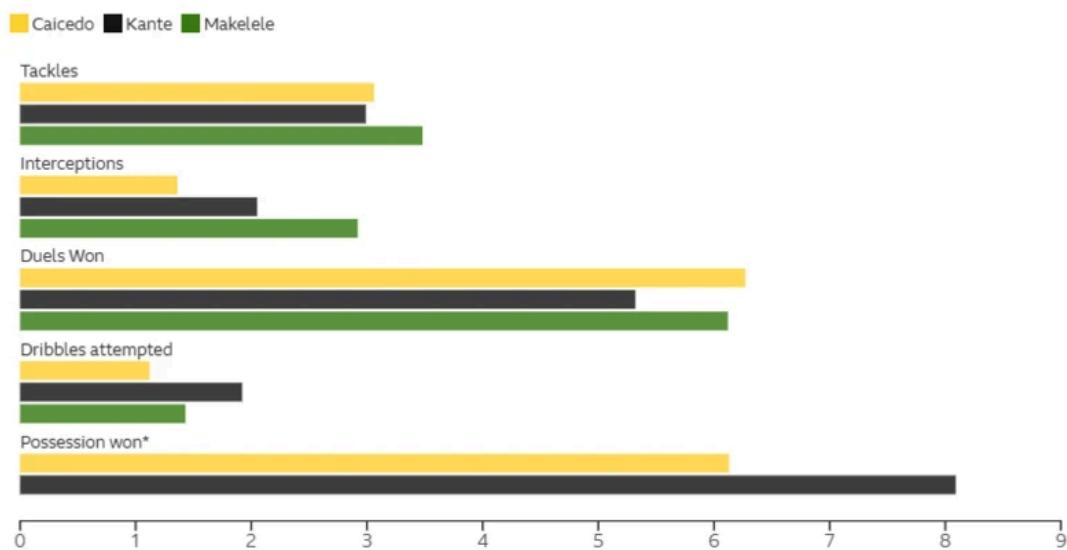
Chelsea have a strong recent history of players in the holding midfielder role.

Makelele really set the standard - the role is named after him, after all - while Kante brought his own unique style in his seven seasons and, though not strictly the same kind of player, others such as Michael Essien and Ramires are also worthy of mentions.

Arriving at an older age, both Makelele and Kante had the years on Caicedo, but how does Chelsea's latest midfield star currently rank against his idols when they were at Stamford Bridge?

Caicedo v Kante v Makelele

Statistics per 90 during Chelsea careers



Source: Opta • *Data unavailable for Makelele



Despite playing a similar position, Makelele and Kante were somewhat different in style.

Makelele was not about about distances, speed and flair - he was about protection, defence and controlling the game.

And while Kante still held these traits of his fellow countryman, the well-used football joke of '70% of the earth is covered by water, the rest by N'Golo Kante', though tongue-in-cheek, did stem from the France international's incredible ability to cover the pitch and be the engine room of the team.

Caicedo's start to life at Chelsea was not easy - perhaps weighed down by his £115m fee - but he has grown into his role and his numbers are following.

When compared per 90 minutes, the similarities between all three midfielders is what stands out.

As expected, Makelele edges it in some of the more defensive stats, like tackles and interceptions, and Kante comes to the fore when it was about winning the ball and moving with it.

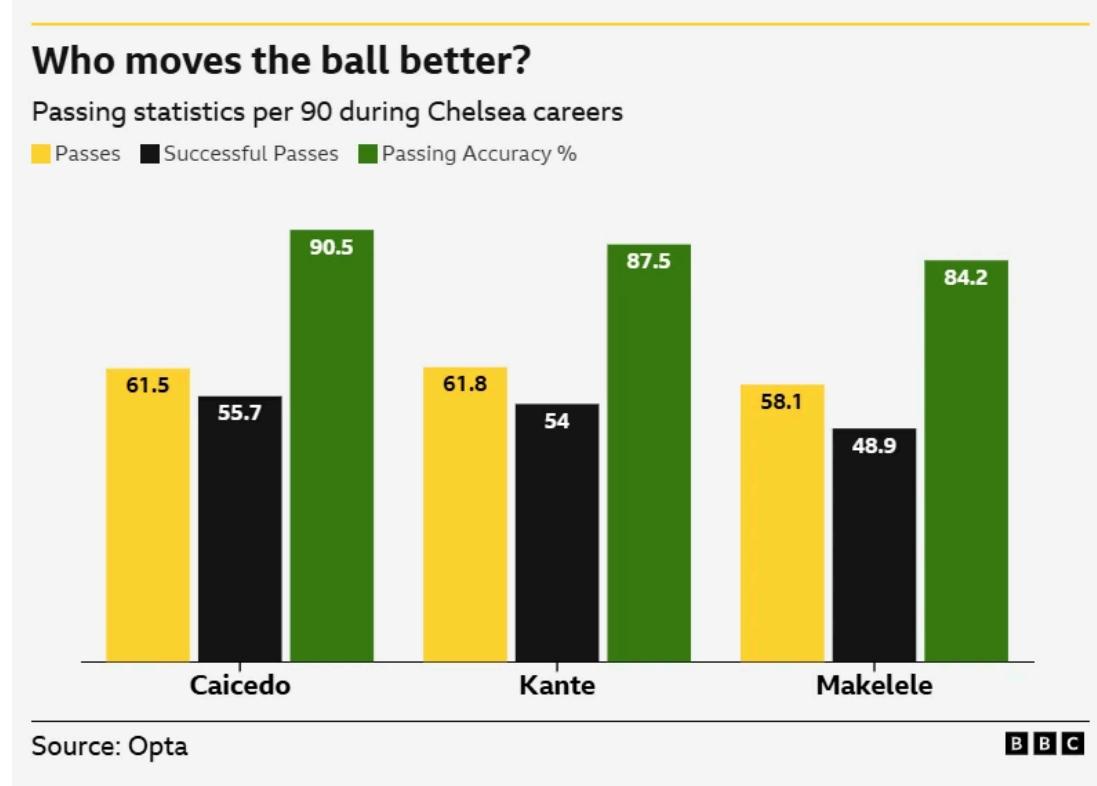
Coming out on top for duels attempted, Caicedo shows his fearlessness in competing for the ball, but his ability in using it is really highlighted when it comes to passes.

With 55.7 successful passes per 90 and a passing accuracy of 90.6%, Caicedo came out ahead on those metrics.

Having grown up watching both Chelsea's legendary midfielders, perhaps Caicedo is now growing into a player that shares strengths of both - and that can only be an exciting prospect for Blues supporters.

Who do you think will end up with the greatest Chelsea midfield legacy?

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Ex-executive Stylsvig finds new role

Sami Mokbel

Senior football correspondent



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Former Chelsea chief revenue officer Casper Stylsvig has been appointed sports business executive director of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Stylsvig joined the west London club in November 2023, making the move from AC Milan, where he held the same role.

The executive's exit from Chelsea was confirmed last month. In his new role, which starts in January, Stylsvig will be responsible for the HKJC's global sports portfolio across horse racing and football.

Before Chelsea and AC Milan, Stylsvig held senior roles at [Manchester United](#), [Barcelona](#) and [Fulham](#).

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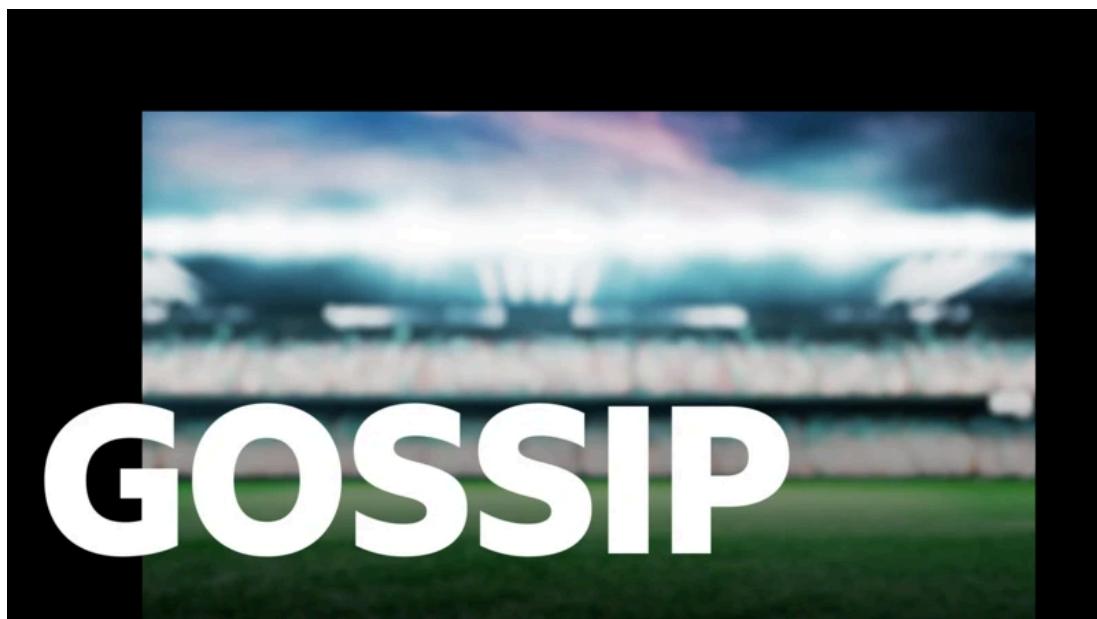
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Choose who will be Chelsea's greatest in midfield

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Gossip: Murillo top of Chelsea list of defensive targets



Chelsea are looking to strengthen defensively, with [Nottingham Forest](#) and Brazil centre-back Murillo, 23, one of the names at the top of their list of targets ([Football Insider](#))

Meanwhile, Blues striker Marc Guiu may return to [Sunderland](#) during the January transfer window, despite only being recalled from his loan spell at the Stadium of Light in August. ([GiveMeSport](#))

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Send in your Chelsea questions



Q&A with **Nizaar Kinsella**



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Chelsea got the win they so needed against **Liverpool** right before heading into the international break, after an edgy September which saw the Blues record two wins, one draw and three losses in all competitions.

Brazilian teenager **Estevao Willian's stoppage-time goal** was enough to ease any building pressure on head coach Enzo Maresca and his players.

Our fan writer Will Faulks hopes the international break will bring "**important breathing room**" for the Blues, but BBC Sport football reporter Nizaar Kinsella is still on hand to answer your burning questions.

So send them in below - what do you want to know about Chelsea right now?

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No Palmer, no drama - but who should fill his boots?

YOUR OPINIONS



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We asked you to put yourself in Chelsea head coach Enzo Maresca's shoes and suggest how you would replace Cole Palmer, who is set to be on the sidelines until next month with a groin injury.

It is a busy October for the Blues, who will be in Premier League, Champions League and Carabao Cup action over the next three weeks.

So who is the standout candidate to step up in his absence? Here are some of your thoughts:

Dave: Is there too much drama around this? He's out until November and we're not back until 18 October. While undoubtedly our best attacking player, we have decent cover and should be able to see ourselves through a handful of games without him.

Fossie: Chelsea proved they are not a one-man team against Liverpool. Cole Palmer was sitting in the stands and the team performed admirably. I would like to see Estevao play in the number 10 position, where I think he would be most effective, and that should solve the Palmer absence problem.

James: No Palmer, no problem. We have EsteWOW.

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Ija: Long term we would find it difficult to replace him but until November, and considering the games ahead, we can manage. I would be more afraid of losing Moises Caicedo at the moment.

Rob: Chelsea should look to move Enzo Fernandez into the number 10 spot and bring in either Lavia or Santos next to Caicedo to complete the double pivot. Neto, Joao Pedro and Estevao should also rotate in and out of the number 10 at different points in the game, with all offering slightly different advantages in that position.

Sean: I'm 'happy' about it. Let's give him time to get back to full fitness. I think we are capable of winning these games without him. We have **Tottenham** on 1 November - we'll need him then!

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Can Chelsea deal with prolonged Palmer absence?

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Chelsea forward Cole Palmer is expected to be out of action until November, as he continues to recover from a persistent groin injury.

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The 23-year-old playmaker and goalscorer has already missed six games this season, making just four appearances in all competitions since the start of the 2025-26 campaign.

Palmer is likely to at least miss games against **Nottingham Forest**, Ajax, **Sunderland** and **Wolves**, so who is ready to step up in his absence and

how much of a loss will he be?

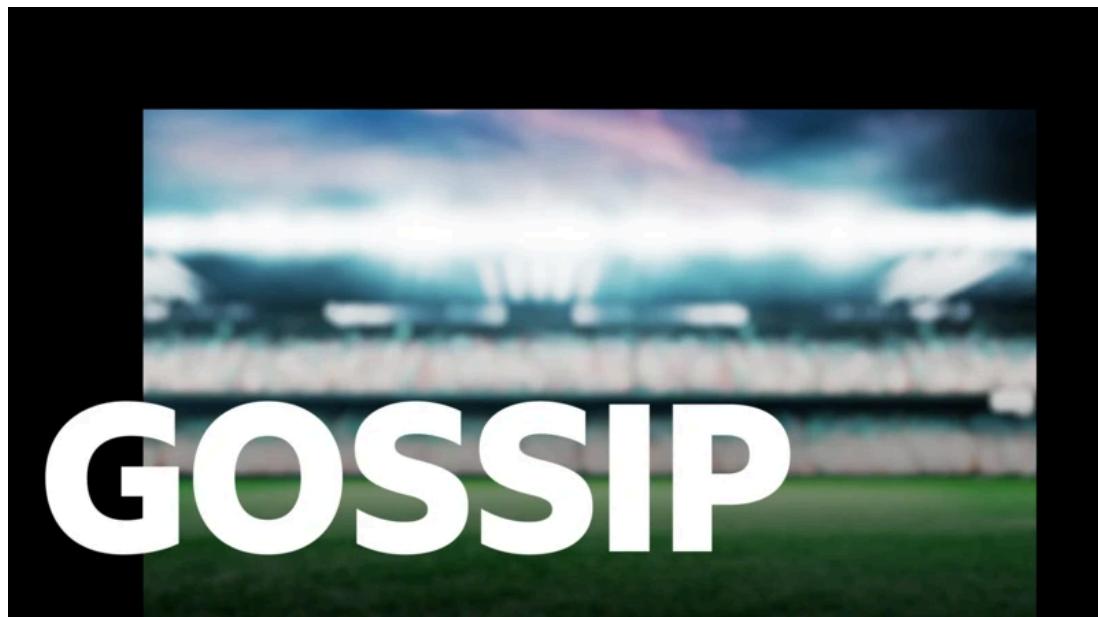
If you were Enzo Maresca, how would you replace him?

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Gossip: Blues open to George departure



Chelsea will listen to offers for 19-year-old English forward Tyrique George in January. [**\(Football Insider\)**](#)

Meanwhile, Juventus striker Dusan Vlahovic wants to move to the Premier League in 2026, with the 25-year-old preferring a move to Chelsea or [**Tottenham. \(TBR Football\)**](#)

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Weekly sports quiz: Which footballer trademarked their nickname?

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