“Manchester United have such a shit scouting network”

“Manchester United are overpaying for Maguire”

“Why can’t United go after Upamecano/Konaté /Rúben Dias”

Let’s try to understand objectively if these claims make sense.

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Manchester United’s CB purchases over the years:

Victor Lindelöf (Benfica) - €35M

Eric Bailly (Villareal) - €38M

Marcos Rojo (Sporting CP) - €20M

Daley Blind (Ajax) - €17.5M

Phil Jones (Blackburn) - €19.3M

Chris Smalling (Fulham) - €8M

TOTAL: €157.8M spent on CB’s (excluding wages and bonuses).

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YET we are still on the lookout for a STARTING CB, even after so many purchases. Let’s look at these purchases in detail:

1. Were they scouted from other teams and relatively unknown? YES.
2. Had a lot of Potential at the time? YES.
3. Were they bought from other foreign leagues? YES (on most occasions).
4. Young and unproven at a big stage? YES.

<jones>

Here’s the thing. Manchester United are in a state of rebuild (for the umpteenth time). A rebuild always starts from the back. We need quality NOW. Even Lindelof took 1 YEAR to get adjusted. Remaining have been inconsistent/injury prone.

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Based on past signings and what we need, this is the sort of profile they were looking for:

1. Proven in Big Leagues. (Preferably PL)
2. Reaching/In PRIME.
3. Will settle in IMMIEDIATELY.
4. NOT Injury Prone.

This is why United have been targeting the liked of Koulibaly and Maguire. They WILL work. They WILL hit the ground running.

<koulibaly>

Will any of Dias/Upamecano/Konate become world class? MAYBE.

But considering the past, would you personally want to gamble ~€50M Euros? At some point, you have to cut your losses short, and aim for PROVEN/RELIABLE quality.

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But United do not have the luxury to waste time. Maguire’s price will put everyone off, but he is the quality that we NEED NOW.

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