



Barcelona Summer Transfers 2026: Gordon and Adeyemi In, Álvarez Chase Continues Under Flick

Description

Barcelona's **Barcelona summer transfers 2026** have captured global attention as Hansi Flick reshapes his squad at pace. With Anthony Gordon already settled in Catalonia and Karim Adeyemi now confirmed as the second major arrival, the Blaugrana are building one of the most exciting forward lines in world football. The only missing piece? Julián Álvarez.

Gordon and Adeyemi: Barcelona's New Attacking Partnership

The summer started with a statement. In late May, FC Barcelona confirmed the signing of **Anthony Gordon** from Newcastle United on a contract until 2031. The 25-year-old Englishman was one of the Premier League's most consistent performers over the past three seasons, finishing as Newcastle's top scorer last term while racking up more dribble attempts than any other player at the club. Gordon caught the eye even before his Barça move – he directly faced the Catalans three times in last season's Champions League, more than holding his own against a side of Barcelona's calibre.

Then, in late July, came the second blow for rival clubs: Borussia Dortmund's **Karim Adeyemi**, the pacy, versatile German forward, put pen to paper at Camp Nou. The 24-year-old, born in Munich to a Nigerian father and Romanian mother, joins for a reported €29 million base fee plus €7 million in variables, on a deal likewise running until 2031. Adeyemi's reunion with Flick is a telling one – it was the current Barça coach who handed him his Germany senior debut when Adeyemi was still at Red Bull Salzburg. Now, five years on, teacher and student are back together in very different circumstances.



Karim Adeyemi joins FC Barcelona from Borussia Dortmund. Source: FC Barcelona official website (fcbarcelona.com)

Between them, Gordon and Adeyemi bring blistering pace, high-pressing intensity, and a directness that fits Flick's system perfectly. Both are natural wide forwards who can cut inside or drive the byline, and both have Champions League pedigree. The result is a front line with Lamine Yamal, Raphinha, Ferran Torres, Roony Bardghji, Gordon, and Adeyemi all competing for positions — an extraordinary depth that would be the envy of any club in Europe.

The End of the Lewandowski Era

The arrivals come in the context of notable departures. Most significantly, **Robert Lewandowski** has departed the club after his contract came to an end, drawing the curtain on a four-year spell that brought another La Liga title and consistent Champions League campaigns. The Polish striker was a reliable 20-goal-a-season man, but at 37, his exit was widely anticipated. Ansu Fati, whose injuries never quite let him fulfil his enormous potential at Camp Nou, has completed a permanent move to AS Monaco for €3 million.

These exits create both space and urgency. With Lewandowski gone, Barcelona need a proven number nine which brings us to the name on everyone's lips.

The Hunt for Julián Álvarez: Can Barça Complete the Jigsaw?

Barcelona's most pressing priority for the remainder of the window is signing a world-class striker, and **Julián Álvarez** remains their primary target. The Argentine World Cup winner has attracted interest from multiple top European clubs this summer including [Arsenal, whose pursuit of Álvarez has gathered momentum](#) but Barcelona believe they can win the race. Flick's system offers Álvarez the mobile, pressing-heavy environment in which the 26-year-old thrives, and the prospect of playing alongside Gordon and Adeyemi in a relentless high press makes for an enticing proposition.

The La Liga transfer window runs until 1 September, giving the Catalans time to manoeuvre. Their financial position has improved markedly since the lean years of 2021/22, and the club's leadership is bullish about closing a deal. Whether they succeed will define the narrative of Barça's 2026/27 campaign before a ball is kicked in earnest.

What Flick's Revolution Means for 2026/27

When Hansi Flick arrived at Camp Nou, he inherited a squad packed with individual talent but lacking in cohesion and pressing structure. Two full seasons in, his methods have taken root: La Liga and Champions League campaigns have been strong, but the holy grail of a league title has remained elusive. The signings of Gordon and Adeyemi suggest Flick and the Barça board believe this is the summer to push for sustained dominance.

It is worth noting the tactical implications. Gordon is versatile enough to play centrally, which could prove important given Lewandowski's absence, while Adeyemi offers relentless energy off either flank. With Lamine Yamal still only 19 and improving every month, and Pedri and Gavi finally both fit at the same time, the infrastructure for something special is there.

Compare this build with how other European giants are spending: [Real Madrid are also busy, with José Mourinho reshaping the Santiago Bernabéu roster](#). La Liga's summer arms race is well and truly underway. For Barcelona fans, though, the mood is one of genuine excitement and if Álvarez lands in Catalonia before the window closes, the feelgood factor around the club will hit new heights.

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