



Liverpool Transfer News Summer 2026: Iraola’s Anfield Revolution Begins

Description

A new chapter begins at Anfield. With Andoni Iraola installed as manager and two new arrivals through the door, **Liverpool transfer news summer 2026** signals a genuine rebuild at one of England’s most storied clubs – one shaped by the bitter end of the Arne Slot era and the emotional farewell of Mohamed Salah.

Iraola Takes the Helm After Slot’s Sacking

Arne Slot’s tenure began in spectacular fashion – a Premier League title in his very first season at Anfield, delivering the trophy that had eluded Jürgen Klopp until 2020. But the 2025-26 campaign fell apart badly. A fifth-place finish and a Champions League final defeat on penalties to PSG was not the follow-up Liverpool’s hierarchy had in mind. Slot was sacked in May 2026, and the club moved quickly.

Andoni Iraola was appointed head coach on 4 June 2026, signing a two-year deal. The former Bournemouth manager – recruited to the south coast by Liverpool’s own sporting director Richard Hughes in 2023 – was the only candidate interviewed. His high-intensity, heavy-pressing style mirrors the Klopp DNA that made Liverpool great, and Iraola’s record of punching above his weight at Bournemouth made him the perfect fit. As Hughes put it, the appointment was not a gamble – it was a conviction.



Source: Liverpool FC official website (liverpoolfc.com)

Salah's Exit â End of an Era

There was no avoiding it. Mohamed Salah's contract expired this summer, and after a relationship that turned sour around Christmas, the Egyptian King's eight-year love affair with the Kop came to an end. Salah leaves with 228 goals in all competitions â the club's all-time leading scorer in the Premier League era. Wherever he ends up, he departs as a Liverpool legend. His absence will shape everything Iraola does this summer and beyond.

Jacquet and Munoz: Iraola's First Signings

The manager has wasted no time putting his stamp on the squad. Defender **Jeremy Jacquet** has been confirmed as a £60 million signing from Stade Rennais, taking the No.5 shirt. The 20-year-old France U21 international is a product of the Rennes academy, having made 33 senior appearances and helped France reach the final of the U19 European Championship in 2024, where he was named in the Team of the Tournament. His age, profile, and potential made him a priority target from the moment Iraola arrived.

"I feel really good the first impressions are great," Jacquet said on signing. "For me, it's a big dream. A club like Liverpool it's a big dream." Liverpool triggered the pre-agreed £60m deal after Jacquet recovered from a shoulder injury that cut short his 2025-26 season.

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Joining Jacquet is Spanish winger **Victor Munoz**, signed from Osasuna after Liverpool triggered his €40 million release clause. Munoz offers pace, directness, and consistency across a full La Liga

season – the kind of reliable wide option Iraola prizes in his aggressive 4-3-3 system.

What Comes Next for Iraola's Liverpool?

Liverpool's business is far from done. Reports link the Reds to West Ham's Crysencio Summerville, Paris Saint-Germain's Bradley Barcola, and a potential £21m move for Almer's Sergio Arribas. There is also a reported interest in RB Leipzig defender Lutsharel Geertruida, though Arsenal are in the race too.

The priority is clear: replace Salah's creativity and goals, strengthen the backline after a shaky season, and give Iraola the high-energy squad his system demands. Liverpool were the most-watched club on the planet for nearly a decade. Under Iraola, backed by smart recruitment, the Anfield machine is ready to roar again.

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