

Chelsea hope big offer will convince Inter to sell Lukaku



Chelsea hope to convince Inter to sell Romelu Lukaku by making a suitable bid this summer.

The Premier League side are willing to offer Marco Alonso to the Serie A side in part-exchange for the striker.

Chelsea believe they can capitalise on their financial difficulties and that a big offer will make the move more likely.

What is Lukaku worth? Lukaku and last week that he is parting up for the new season with the Italian champions after he received training suggestions he wants to stay.

Meanwhile, Inter CEO

Giuseppe Marotta has insisted that the forward will not be allowed to leave any time soon, saying, "Lukaku is not for sale. Lukaku is an important piece on the chessboard available to Simoni."

Why do Chelsea want to sign Lukaku?

The Stamford Bridge side are keen to have a new striker, having lost Olivier Giroud to Arsenal.

Chelsea strongly have Erling Haaland and Harry Kane on their mind and are not willing to sell the former during this transfer window and Tottenham are not letting their star man join their co-

achieve a permanent deal, having Chelsea with just 15 competitive appearances in his name and no goals.

What else do Chelsea have to offer? Cristiano Ronaldo scored more goals in the Italian top flight in 2020-21 than any other player in the league.

They have been offering several players to the Spanish side in exchange for the defender.

Kurt Zouma, Emerson Palmieri and Romelu Lukaku are among the players on the list.

They are trying to get rid of Zouma first to make room in the squad for Ronaldo, with West Ham also in talks to sign the former.

At the olympics, sport climbing is full of unknowns for athletes and fans

For the first time ever, climbing movements, the route always has to be the same for Olympic gold in Sport Climbing makes its Olympic debut at Tokyo, Asia Olympic Park. It's a big deal for a sport with neither much fan base nor celebrity endorsement, but only recently achieved mainstream popularity through a combination of indoor gym, climbing social media, and TV shows and movies like *American Ninja Warrior* and the Academy Award-winning documentary *Free Solo*.

But even those who follow climbing aren't quite sure what to expect this week. When the IOC announced Sport Climbing for the 2020 Games, climbing competitions had never been run as a combined event. Climbers widely respected as the best in the world had to compete in two separate events: outdoor climbs were down a rope, while indoor climbs were done on a wall.

With the new format, and as the long pandemic pause in competitions, Olympic Sport Climbing has the potential to shake up the climbing world.

To enter the gold medal, athletes have to excel in three climbing disciplines: speed, lead, and bouldering. This combination of events is new to competition climbing and has caused waves of anxiety among some of the best climbers in the world, all because of sport climbing.

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Speed is unique in that it's a timed, head-to-head sprint to the top of the wall. Success in speed depends on explosive power and muscle memory of a handful of

The American canoeist nevin harrison finally gets her chance



Harrison, now 19, is a standout in canoe racing at age 12, becoming an Olympian was not the first thing on her mind. She's not a member of the U.S. Olympic team yet.

By age 17, she was going fast enough to be a world champion. There are sports the United States is good at and sports that it is not. It is pretty safe to say that canoeing and kayaking fit in the second category.

She's the first world champion in 2019, she said. "I just happened to be in one of the few locations in the country where the sport is actually kind of popular."

Once she started staying in the United States, of all places, had canoeing's brightest young star.

U.S. Shooting taking lead on countering the sport's negative connotations



That was just the start of the list for the athletes with USA Shooting, who left a country with some of the most lax gun laws in the world for a country with some of the strictest. That meant more regulations, more paperwork and more anxiety.

"That process is a lot more extensive and means that what we find in most countries that we haven't seen," said Matt Stagg, competitive rifle shooter before becoming chief executive of the U.S. federation last summer.

Monty Martin, relief pitcher Scott McGough walks to the dugout.

Imagine a javelin thrower or a sprinter in a country where we're putting in additional paper, chase orders for more. Despite the obstacles, the U.S. has won six medals — three gold, two silver and a bronze, matching its record from the 1968 Summer Olympics.

"USA Shooting is improving on pretty much all of our aspects and we're becoming a better team," said Matt Stagg, who worked with Lucas Kozminsky to win a silver medal in mixed team air rifle. "I hope that this keeps getting people interested in the sport."

"There's not a lot of interest in shooting in the U.S., so hopefully as bringing our medal count up... [we] will help."

But if shooting's popularity

is helping it's has a reputation of being a violent and growing country, where gun violence and associated issues are a major concern. "Shooting is generally in the U.S. has a negative connotation," said James Hall, 37, who competes in the 10-meter air pistol team and individual events in Tokyo.

The Tokyo 2020 Olympics Games began in Tokyo on Monday 23, 2021.

It seems like so many people are coming to the U.S. to see the Olympics, according to a 2018 report by the Swiss-based Small Arms Survey, which found that 10 million more people are using guns in the U.S. than in any other country. The first seven months of this year, for example, guns were responsible for nearly 12,000 deaths and more than 2,000 injuries, the Gun Violence Archive, a nonprofit research organization, reports.

That's an average of 112 injuries every 56 deaths a day, or 10 times as many deaths as Olympic medals every 24 hours. The U.S. is on pace to surpass last year's number of 12,400 gun deaths, the highest in more than two decades.

Hall says the best way to counter that is by being in the spotlight and being a role model. "Our athletes — understand that they have a role to play in promoting the proper and responsible use of firearms." According to that is essential if USA Shooting hopes to continue winning Olympic medals. "It's not a controversial thing, it's to go out and shoot a round of steel or short a round of steel," Stagg said. "The more we can get people exposed to the sport, the less they'll identify gun ownership with what they see in the evening news."

Two others members of the Olympic team — Kozminsky and skier shooter Vinny Hancock —

Tokyo 2020 Olympics: Alexander Zverev claims Germany's first gold medal in men's singles tennis

Having earned his country's women's Scottie Gilchrist, the only tennis player to win the Golden Slam of all four major tennis and Olympic gold in one year, Zverev has now joined her as a singles champion.

Zverev has been one of the best players in the world, and he's been a big part of Germany's success. He's won the Australian Open, the French Open, the Wimbledon, and the US Open. He's also won the Davis Cup, the Hopman Cup, and the Fed Cup. He's also won the ATP Cup, the ATP Finals, and the ATP Masters 1000 series.

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