

Leeds interested in Traore deal as Wolves place £30m pricetag on winger



Leeds United are considering a move for Wolves star Adama Traore, Goal understands.

Contract talks between the Spaniard and his club have stalled, attracting the attention of their Premier League rivals.

But the Whites would have to make a significant transfer outlay if they hope to land their target.

Wolves began discussions over a new contract with Traore back in May.

The club were keen to find off-transfer positions over their star, with Liverpool and Barcelona mentioned as possible destinations.

Despite early progress, however, negotiations have now reached an impasse, raising the possibility that he could depart.

Traore nevertheless remains under contract until 2023, meaning that Wolves are under no obligation to sell one of their prized assets.

Leeds would have to pay up to £30 million to convince the club to sell this summer, while they may face competition from Liverpool, who have also been linked to the player in July.

A product of Barcelona's La Masia youth academy, Traore left the Liga games for Aston Villa in 2015 before making just two senior appearances. He made little impression at Villa Park either and

was moved on to Middlesbrough after two seasons and 12 games.

But the winger found his best football with the Terriers and then Wolves, where he has been a key first-teamer for the last three years as the club has been a stiff in the Premier League.

The team also caught the attention of Luis Enrique, who headed him to Barcelona in 2020 and this summer named him to La Liga's Best 2020 squad.

Cricket-Former captain Bailey replaces Hohns as Australia's chief selector



William Buick and Andrew Balding land Goodwood awards

Not only was he crowned leading jockey for the week in Stakes with seven winners, he is about to get married on Sunday.

Buick landed feature prizes on Stakes in the King George Chase, Stakes and the Qatar 1100, all on Woodward's Fougère, bringing the up rider prize sweep up halfway through the final afternoon.

"I'm delighted to be leading jockey at Goodwood," Goodwood said Buick.

"Obviously it's over five days and you can't win them all. It's intense and there are some you look back on and wish had gone differently.

"It has been a good week, we

all know that it is a tough week. I know I had some good rides coming into the week, and it is always a week you look back on and think there is one or two races you would like to have a go at again, but all in all it has been a great week.

"I am really pleased, Sweeney and Goodwood Fougère being the highlight."

He added: "Now I have got to get my head into my speech - all week I have been focusing on my job, now I am going to focus on tomorrow. It shouldn't get in the way. Doyle is my best man."

That is his nervous one, but it should be a brilliant day and we're

getting married at a church opposite where we live.

Andrew Balding, who won the Stakes Stakes and Alcoholic Free, was crowned leading trainer with five winners.

On being informed of the fact, the Knapford handler said: "That's great. I thought we had a chance coming into today and we've had a couple of winners."

He added: "We targeted this meeting with the right horses. The ground suited most of them - it's been a good week. "It was a special moment for us with Alcoholic Free (in the James Stakes). She is a special filly and we really enjoyed it."

Cup, a home Ashes series against England as well as away tours to the sub-continent.

"I would like to thank Trevor for his incredible work which has helped shape the success of Australian cricket over a long period, including during my days as a player and captain," Buick, who played 90 one-day internationals, said.

Trevor has always been calm, consistent and approachable.

"Similarly to his journey, he has made my transition from player to selector as smooth as possible."

There is a lot to take from Trevor's style and very much look forward to the journey ahead."

CA's Executive General Manager of National Teams Ben Oliver said that the recruitment process was a little tricky to join Bailey and head coach Justin Langer was under way.

CEO of QuickBooks Chairman Ian believes women bring a unique set of strengths to the male-dominated tech space.

Buick (67) first joined the selection panel in 1991 after retiring as a player following the 1989 Ashes series and helped pick some of Australia's greatest teams. CA said.

In his first tenure, Australia won five straight Ashes series and a record 16 consecutive test victories, as well as back-to-back "Sliver" World Cup in 1999 and 2003.

"The game has been great to me and I have loved every minute of it, from the good times to the bad," Holmes said.

"I have been extremely fortunate to be involved with some of the greatest Australian teams of all time and many of the best players to have played the game."



India's married archers: 'We are a powerful couple.'

When love's arrow struck, Deepika Kumari and Anshu Das were ready with their own quiver. Known as Das-Das in India, the couple are one of two pairs of married archers at the Tokyo Olympics.

Both halves of the couple advocated into the individual archery event, with Das falling in the 1/16 elimination round on Saturday to Takaharu Furukawa of Japan, the 2012 Olympic silver medalist.

Wearing the Indian flag in the stands, under a bright sun, was Kumar, the world No. 1, who had reached the quarterfinals before. She was beaten by An-Sun of South Korea, who went on to take the gold medal.

"We are a powerful couple," Das said after his elimination on Saturday. "We lost in this Olympic here, but from now we will play the game differently. We have learned so many things at the past few years, and we know how to deal with the pressure."

India's Olympic impact is small, especially given its large population. Apart from men's football, the country has won only one other gold medal in the 2004 Beijing Games. In Tokyo, India's archers were considered strong

the country's medal hopefuls but failed to make it to the podium rounds. So far, India has won a silver medal in women's weightlifting and is assured a medal in women's shooting.

Archery is a supremely meditative sport. Going into the competition on Saturday, Das talked the couple's confidence. The divorce between a win and a loss in archery is measured in millimeters.

"They help each other with the arrows," said Anshu Das, referring to the support the couple give each other. "It is easy to be nervous in archery."

In the earlier rounds in Tokyo, contented on an artificial island built from waste landfill. Das had disagreed with the 2012 Olympic archery medalist, who is part of South Korea's strong archery squad. Unusually, none of the Koreans were in medal contention at the men's individual event, although the team won gold on Monday.

The other married archers who competed in Tokyo are Florian Gruber and Lisa Gruber of Germany. A silver medalist in the women's individual event at the

2016 Rio Games, she was part of the German women's team that won bronze in Tokyo on Sunday. He made it to the quarterfinals on Saturday, after having spent another Korean Olympic gold medal.

With Covid-19 raging in India and the government keen to raise its Olympic profile, the archery team was dispatched to an army sports institute in the city of Pune to train for eight months, being away from family for a long time.

In June, they won gold in the mixed team event at an archery World Cup competition. But Das's shooting was considered erratic in the run-up to the Games, and they were not paired for competition in Tokyo. Kumar and her mixed team partner, Pranav Jadhav, made it to the quarterfinals before being eliminated by Korean rivals.

Das and Kumar had originally planned to get married around the time of the Tokyo Olympics, but the Games were delayed, and they decided to marry last year. On one ring finger, Das wears his wedding band. On the other, he has a golden band with the Olympic rings.



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'We're just playing a sport': US Olympic athletes on mental health challenges



U.S. Olympic athletes are not the most important than medals, US marathon athlete Megan Pearson said after her team won silver Sunday in Tokyo.

The mixed stadium event, combining cycling and running, has just made its debut at the Olympics and the US team came just a few seconds behind Britain. Pearson finished with bronze.

But with the focus on the mental health of athletes, the

American team reached on how they cope with the pressure of competing at the top level of sport, highlighting the importance of addressing mental health issues.

"It's important to remember that at the end of the day we're just playing a sport, doing a sport, and not lives are more valuable than just the medals," Pearson said at the press conference following the medal ceremony.

Katie Ledecky said she started

talking to a psychologist after making part in the Rio Olympics, and it's now part of her routine.

Kerri McKeown said the pandemic has brought him closer to his parents and family, and now he opens up and talks to them about his feelings instead of bottling everything in," and reached for help when he already was "completely broken or down."

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