

'It's not just Real' Premier League big clubs also in the hunt for Mbappe, what are their chances?

The Premier League (PL) is also in the hunt for Kylian Mbappe.

French journalist Fabrice Hawkins, who works for RCM Sport and is a well-known Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) source, weighed in on the Mbappe transfer saga on Monday (Aug. 8).

"With the winter transfer window having just opened, Mbappe could be in talks with other clubs from the new year. But according to Mbappe's representatives, there have been no discussions (about his next move). There have been no discussions. Nothing can influence Mbappe's decision."

However, a move to Spain is still being speculated. Global outlet EPSN named Real and the PL big boys as the next clubs Mbappe could head to, with Real (9/10 chance) the favorite. "Real have spent years laying the groundwork with Mbappe," said ESPN. President Florentino Perez is desperate to build a team around Mbappe following the departure of Karim Benzema to Saudi Arabia. The biggest problem is the financially rich PL clubs."

First up is Liverpool (7/10 chance). "Liverpool's owners, Fenway Sports Group (FSG), are focused on assessing the long-term value of any signing. Mbappe could play for Liverpool for more than five years and then leave for a big transfer fee. An additional factor is the future of Mohamed Salah. If he leaves for Saudi Arabia this summer, Liverpool will have the immediate funds to sign Mbappe."



Manchester City (7/10 chance) are similarly out of the running. Their financial resources under Sheikh Mansour are arguably the best in the world. The club's recent history of winning trophies and the presence of Pep Guardiola are also attractive. According to ESPN, City approached Mbappe when he was headed to Paris and could try again to seal the deal.

Next up is Arsenal (5/10 chance). "Arsenal are the biggest club in London," says ESPN. Playing in London is a big draw for world-class players. Arsenal have yet to reach the heights of Man City and Liverpool, but they are improving rapidly under Mikel Arteta.

They need a proven goal scorer and Mbappe could be the solution."

Chelsea (3/10 odds) and Manchester United (2/10 odds), who have both fallen into a recent slump, are rated lower. ESPN also noted that Chelsea and United may question their ability to compete on the world stage for an extended period of time, making it difficult for them to pull off a big deal. Finally, Newcastle United (1/10 chance) was mentioned, but it was said to be unrealistic.

After the dismantling of the 'MNM line', the Parc des Princes is stirring again. Mbappe, whose contract expires next summer, has been reignited with the winter transfer window. "Real believe that Mbappe will not re-sign with PSG and will hold out until January 1," says Spain's As. They will also make an offer to which he will have 15 days to respond. The date is marked in red on the calendar in Perez's office," he said, claiming to have set a deadline.

"Perez does not want history to repeat itself and the club is moving skillfully. If Real call Mbappe's mother, Lamari, they will tell her that she has 15 days to respond. Mbappe will have enough time to accept the offer."

Relationships have cooled rapidly since last summer. "The situation is very tense and the club is angry," transfer market expert Fabrizio Romano wrote at the time, "Mbappe was surprised by the timing (of the contract rejection letter)," "PSG has a contingency plan in case Mbappe leaves," and "the leak (of the extension rejection) was not expected because (contract) negotiations were ongoing." Since then, his career has gone downhill. Then the speculation began in earnest.

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Mbappe, who has been linked with Real, known as the Dream Club, refuted the controversy at the time. "I did not ask to leave PSG or join Real, I only said that I would not exercise the option to extend my contract until June 2025," Mbappe said. "I'm happy to stay here next season," he added, meaning that he will honor his contract with PSG until the end of the set period, just not extend it.

It got to the point where Mbappe was excluded from training. Then all the top clubs in the world came calling. PSG were also in the market. But in the end, the deal fell through.PSG and Mbappe worked hard to repair their frozen relationship and stayed together.

Former president Leonardo told France's L'Equipe: "PSG thinks it's time for Mbappe to go. He's been here for six seasons and five other clubs have won the UCL (Real, Liverpool, Munich, Chelsea, Man City). This means that we can win the UCL without Mbappe. In the last two years, Mbappe has shown that he is not a player who can truly lead his teammates. He's a good player, not a leader. He's a great goal scorer, but he's not creative. It's difficult to build a team around him," he said. Mbappe's ego must be bruised. After the summer transfer window, the winter transfer window is open again.

While a move to Real still seems to be the favorite, a move to England cannot be ruled out. Back in 2020, Mbappe said, according to UK outlet Talk Sport, "Liverpool were a PL machine. They look like they win easily, but they never do. Their ruthlessness comes from a lot of hard work in training and a very good coach. Liverpool are amazing and now everyone watches them. They are a great team with a very good manager."Klopp added: "I love Mbappe. He's a really good player and a great boy. I've known him since AS Monaco youth and he was destroying defenses like he does now at 17. Mbappe is unbelievably consistent".

Despite the ongoing speculation that a move to Real is a foregone conclusion,

Mbappe's representatives insist that nothing has been finalized. The whole transfer

saga is set to come to an end next summer.