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Aubameyang signs, Evans agrees move and Mesut Ozil deal is announced - Arsenal's transfer window to do list

Arsenal transfer news includes a look at what could happen at the Emirates during the final week of the window

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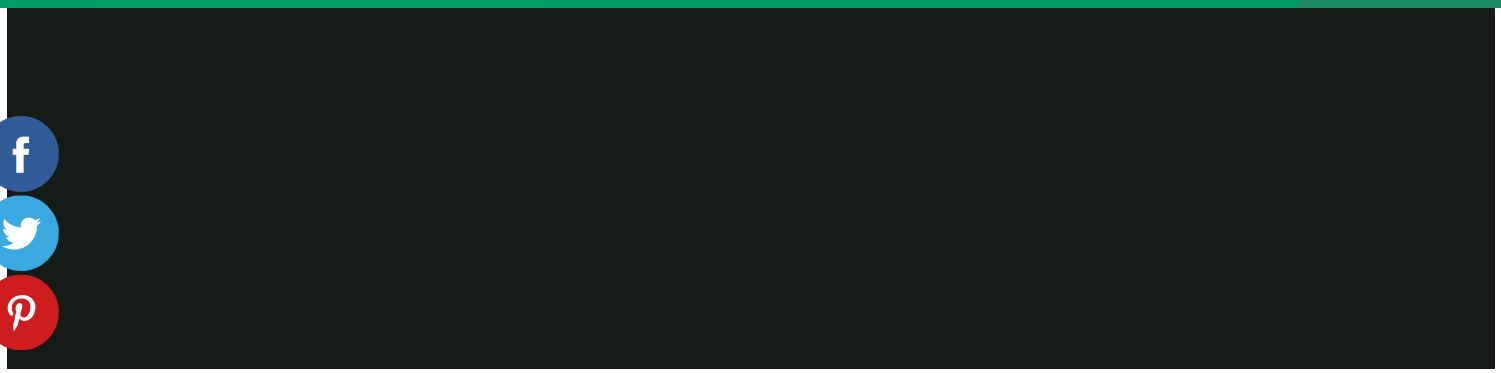

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We are now just one week away from the end of the transfer window - and there is still plenty of work to be done at Arsenal before the 11pm deadline next Wednesday.

So far the Gunners have brought in two new faces, with young Greek defender Konstantinos Mavropanos arriving from PAS Giannina and Henrikh Mkhitaryan joining from Manchester United in the swap deal that saw Alexis Sanchez move to Old Trafford.

But Arsenal are still in the hunt for more new additions, something Arsene Wenger confirmed at his press conference on Tuesday morning.

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"If people want to buy our players we have to examine that. Players who have less chances to play we have done it. They deserve to play because they are great players who have left us.

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Arsenal are chasing Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang of Borussia Dortmund.

"After that we will see at the end. A lot will happen in the last week in the transfer market, as usual."

So what is on the agenda at Arsenal over the next seven days? We take a look.

Signing Aubameyang

All Arsenal's eggs are in this basket right now - with high profile talks currently taking place in Dortmund for Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

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But so far the talks have yet to reach a successful conclusion, with the two clubs still said to be as much as €10m apart.

The Giroud situation

What could prove decisive in the talks for Aubamenyang is the future of Olivier Giroud.

The striker could have left Arsenal in the summer but opted to remain at the Emirates rather than join Everton.

But he has struggled for game time and - with the World Cup looming large - he could look to move on in the next seven days.

And Dortmund are one of the clubs who want him and so he could be included as part of the deal which sees Aubameyang move to north London.

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Olivier Giroud could be on his way out of Arsenal.

A six month loan spell in Germany for Giroud is the most likely option. It would give Dortmund an international forward to replace Aubameyang on a short term basis while also allowing them to look for a more long-term replacement in the summer.

And it will allow Giroud to get some much needed game time at the top level before the World Cup in Russia this summer.

Improve the defence

When Arsene Wenger hinted on Tuesday that Aubameynag wasn't the only player he was after, he was referring to his defence.

The Arsenal boss is well aware that he needs to improve his options at the back and his focus is on West Brom's Jonny Evans.

Wenger failed to land Evans in the summer when the Baggies rejected a bid from the Gunners, but another offer is expected in the next week and this time it could be successful

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potential return

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Evans only has 18 months left on his deal at the Hawthorns and has let it known he will not renew. That contract also has a clause in it that allows him to leave for just £3m if West Brom get relegated.

And with the Baggies currently sitting second bottom on the Premier League, that is looking like a distinct possibility under Alan Pardew.

So they are open to cashing in now for around £20m and are in the process of bringing in Ali Gabr from Zamalek as a potential replacement. Once that deal is completed it is expected that Evans will be allowed to leave, with Arsenal in pole position for his signature.

Evans isn't the only defender on the agenda, however, with Mainz's Abdou Diallo also on the list following a glowing recommendation from new head of recruitment Sven Mislintat.

Allowing some players to leave

The next seven days won't just be about getting players in, Arsenal will also look to get some players out as well - both permemntly and on loan.

Mathieu Debuchy is currently working to find himself a club and Arsenal will allow to him to leave should an offer arrive.

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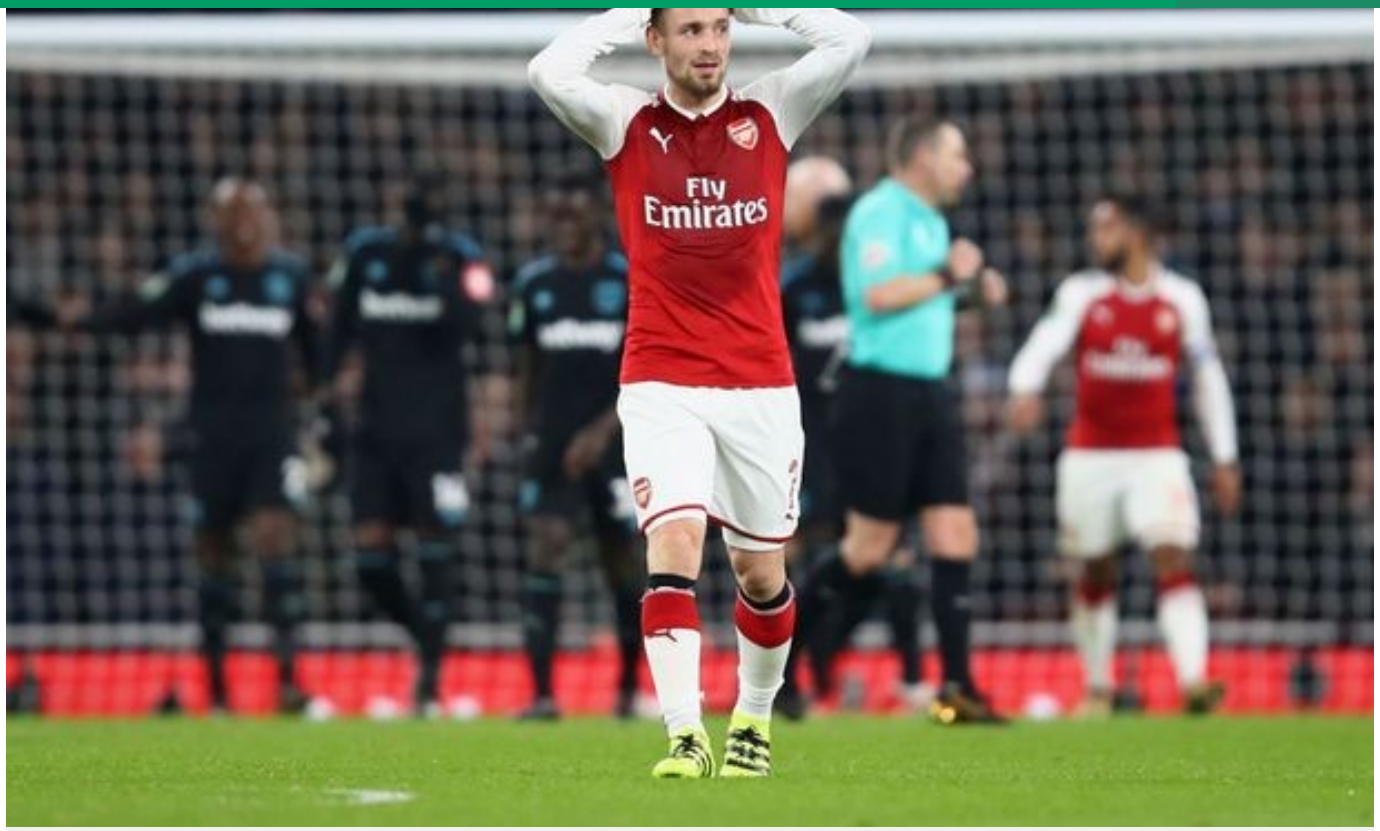

Debuchy during the Carabao Cup tie against West Ham

Some of the club's young players could also be sent out on loan, with Jeff Reine-Adelaide possibly moving on having returned to full fitness following injury.

Chuba Akpom will also be allowed to leave, with Eddie Nketiah having already overtaken him in the pecking order at the Emirates.

The wildcard option

Arsene Wenger has been known to land someone out of the blue so you can't rule anything out during the next seven days.

If the Aubameyang deal fails to go through, it could be the Arsenal boss turns his attention elsewhere before the window closes.

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Bordeaux's Malcom is another option, although the Gunners have cooled their interest in the past week, while Thomas Lemar can't be ruled out.

Wenger sanctioned a £90m bid for the Monaco winger in the summer and remains a huge fan of the France international and if Liverpool make a move for the 22-year-old within the next seven days, it could prompt Arsenal into a rival offer.

The dream news

Arguably the most important signing Arsenal could announce within the next seven days wouldn't be a new addition - It would be Mesut Ozil signing a new deal at the club.

The German is out of contract at the end of the season and is already allowed to talk to foreign clubs about a free transfer in the summer.

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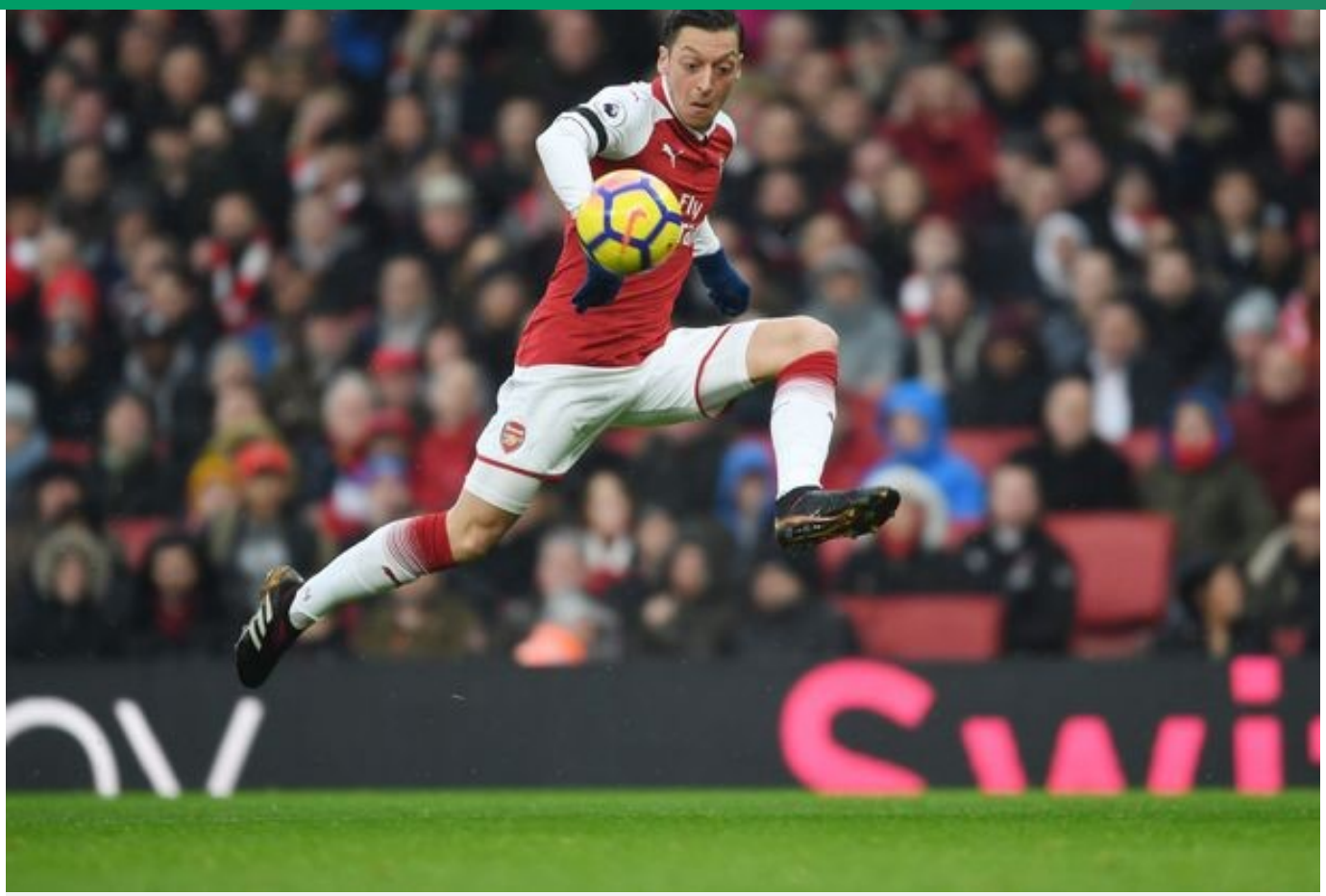

Mesut Ozil is out of contract in the summer.

Arsenal are confident they can still come to an agreement, however, and there have been suggestions that a deal could soon be reached.

Given the mood around the fanbase following Alexis Sanchez's departure, confirmation that Ozil has signed a new contract would be a much needed boost ahead of the second half of the campaign.

Who do you want to see Arsenal sign before the end of the window? Let us know by leaving a comment below

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