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Borussia Dortmund sign £23m Andriy Yarmolenko to replace Ousmane Dembele after Barcelona move

«Боруссія Дортмунд» підписав контракт з Андрієм Ярмоленко на 23 млн євро, замінивши Усмана Дембеле після його переходу в Барселону

Боруссія заплатить за 27-річного українця Андрія Ярмоленка, який повинен замінити в німецькому клубі Усмана Дембеле, 25 млн євро. Боруссія стежила за Ярмоленко кілька років, але тільки після того, як Дембеле перейшов у Барселону за рекордну для Бундесліги суму вирішила звернутися до послуг українця.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-4830062/Borussia-Dortmund-sign-Andriy-Yarmolenko-23m.html>

Borussia Dortmund have made their first acquisition following Ousmane Dembele's £96million move to Barcelona by agreeing a deal for Dynamo Kiev striker Andriy Yarmolenko.

The German side reluctantly agreed to sell the France international last week in what becomes the second most expensive transfer deal ever and have wasted no time in reinvesting in the squad.

A €25m (£23m) deal was agreed with the Ukrainian side, allowing Yarmolenko to join on a four-year contract. As a fast and tricky winger, he will be a like-for-like replacement for Dembele.

'Andriy is a player we have been pursuing for a long time and is on the top level both at club level and for the Ukrainian national team,' said sports director Michael Zorc.

The player himself added: 'I am very grateful that Dynamo Kiev has fulfilled my dream of being able to switch to a big European club.'

'I will work hard in every training to help Borussia Dortmund achieve their highest goals - that's what I always do.'

With the move, Yarmolenko's ends a 10-and-a-half-year stay with Dynamo where he won three Premier League titles and scored an impressive 137 goals in 339 competitive games.

He has also scored 29 goals in 69 caps for the Ukraine and has won the Ukrainian player of the year award three time (2013, 2014, 2015) and has previously been linked with a move to Everton among other Premier League clubs.

Dortmund could continue to spend before Thursday's deadline after receiving the large windfall from Barcelona, which could rise as high as £135.5m if all performance-related clauses are reached.

France forward Ousmane Dembele was officially unveiled as a Barcelona player on Monday

Dembele performed a few ball skills for the watching media and supporters at the Nou Camp

Dembele arrived at the Nou Camp on Monday and was presented in front of fans and media after completing a routine medical.

'I am very happy to be here. It has always been my dream to be at Barcelona,' Dembele told the club's website after sealing his five-year deal. 'And now I'm here I'm very happy to have achieved my dream.'

'This is the best club in the world with the best players in the world... my aim is to do everything for the club, everything for the team, and to have an understanding with my team-mates.'