



Betis confirm Ceballos is set to join Real Madrid

DANI Ceballos is leaving Real Betis and is set to sign for Real Madrid, according to Angel Haro, president of Betis.

Spanish midfielder Ceballos (20) was the subject of a tug-of-war between La Liga giants Madrid and Barcelona, but eventually opted to join Zinedine Zidane's side.

Spanish media have reported that Real will pay around €15 million for Ceballos, who was named the outstanding player at the recent U21 European Championships in Poland, where Spain finished in second place.



PREMIER League club Swansea will not let Icelandic international Cylfi Sigurdsson leave for less than €50 million, the BBC reported.

The 27-year-old playmaker – who was pivotal to the Swans staying up last season scoring nine goals and creating 13 others – was subject of a €40 million bid from Leicester, which was turned down.

Everton are thought the most likely to match the asking price as their manager Ronald Koeman is a known admirer of Sigurdsson.



AJAX Amsterdam rightback Kenny Tete has joined Lyon in a four-year deal worth €4 million, the Ligue 1 outfit announced yesterday.

"The position of fullback has evolved a lot in recent seasons. You are asked to attack, to defend well, and to run fast and long. Kenny has this profile and we jumped at this opportunity."



FIORENTINA midfielder Borja Valero is undergoing medical tests at Inter Milan ahead of his possible transfer, the Serie A club said on their website yesterday.

The 32-year-old, who made 32

league appearances and scored one goal last season, joined Fiorentina from Spanish club Villarreal in 2012.

The former West Brom player will make a permanent move to the Milan-based club for a €5.5 million fee and a three-year contract, according to Sky Sport Italia.



ENGLISH Premiership champions Chelsea have paid £34 million



for Antonio Rudiger from Roma.

The defender signed a five-year deal. "It's a great feeling because not every player has the opportunity to join a huge club like this," Rudiger told the Chelsea website.



PLATINUM Stars have completed the signing of striker Maboke Matlakala from Baroka FC.

The 27-year-old penned a three-

year contract with Dikwena and started training with the club yesterday. The Phokeng-based outfit recently recruited defender Sibusiso Mthethwa from Tuks, while forward Thobani Kunene has returned from a loan spell at Real Kings.



ROMELU Lukaku bid a fond farewell to Everton as he contemplated life with Manchester United following his move for a reported €75 million transfer record deal between British clubs.

"I want to say a big thank you to all the people involved at Everton," the Belgian international striker said.



STOKE City defender Erik Pieters will be spurred on by the arrival of 10-year-old leftback Josh Tymon from Hull City, the Premier League club's manager Mark Hughes has said.

England under-20 international Tymon broke into Hull's first team last season, scoring once in 12 senior appearances as the club fought to stay in the top tier but failed after losing three of their last five league matches.

Pieters (28) has been a mainstay in Hughes' squad since joining in 2013 and was impressive last season, missing just two league games as Stoke finished 13th and Hughes believes that competition for a starting could motivate Pieters further.



NEW SuperSport United coach Eric Tinkler has recruited fitness trainer Zac van Heerden in the only change to his technical team.

The ex-Wits conditioning coach began his duties during the Caf Confederation Cup game against CF Mounana at Lucas Moripe Stadium at the weekend.

— Reports by Reuters, AFP, KickOff.

New Chelsea recruit Antonio Rudiger of Germany. PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

