

The 10 Most Talented Young Footballers In The World 2023

Ever wonder who the next Ronaldo is?

Will there ever be another Messi?

And, if so, is he already out there?

A young player with bags of potential and the world at his feet.

Ready to explode onto the scene and carve his name into the history books of football.

Only time will tell!

But if there is another Messi or Ronaldo waiting on the sidelines, we're pretty sure he's on this list because this is the top 10 hottest young football players in the world 2023.

At Number 10;

Endrick.

What's a list like this without at least one potential Brazilian prodigy?

This player has been compared to Ronaldo and Romario and boy does he love to run defenders.

Endrick is currently at Palmeiras and has been part of their youth setup since age 11, despite almost joining Sao Paulo.

In 2022 Endrick's star began to rise after some standout performances in the Copa Sao Paulo de Futbol Junior where he scored in 7 consecutive games and was named Player of the Tournament.

He made his senior debut in October 2022 in a win over Coritiba at the tender age of 16 years and 2 months and became the youngest player to do so at Palmeiras.

Just before Christmas in 2022, the left-footed striker committed his future to Real Madrid and will join them formally in July 2024.

At Number 9;

Carney Chukwuemeka

A jewel in the Chelsea and England youth setup crown, Chukwuemeka is a 6'2" midfielder who Paul Merson recently said will "be an absolute star"!

He joined Chelsea in 2022 after spending his time previously at academies in Aston Villa and Northampton Town.

Chukwuemeka has Nigerian parents and was born in Austria but made his Under 17 debut for England in 2019, and played for the Under-19 side at the 2022 UEFA European Under-19 Championships, where he was named in the team of the tournament.

A midfielder who is praised for his calm on the ball and excellent balance, look for Chukwuemeka's name to emerge more as he makes more appearances in Chelsea's (and England's) aging midfields.

At Number 8;

Rayan Cherki

Cherki is a 19-year-old French Algerian midfielder at Lyon and is widely regarded at the club as their best ever prospect.

A hometown kid, Cherki is a dazzling attacking midfielder and winger with a deft left foot. He has made 66 appearances already in the Lyon senior side and has represented France at the Under-16, Under-19 and Under-21 levels.

In 2020, Cherki made his Champions League debut against German powerhouse Bayern Munich, making him the youngest player ever to feature in a Champions League Semi Final, which is you know, kind of a big game!

Cherki is already valued at around the €20m mark and with more senior appearances for Lyon sure to come, his stock will only continue to rise.

At Number 7;

Harvey Elliot

Harvey Elliot is likely a name you've heard already if you've watched the Premier League and Liverpool over the last two years. Despite the Reds having a season to forget so far, Elliot has been a rare bright spot.

Often deployed in central midfield, Elliot is a natural inverted winger on the right side, but he'll have his work cut out for him if he's to displace his mentor Mohammed Salah from that position.

Elliot, originally part of the Fulham youth setup, is known for his graft and determination and has started to score more timely goals for the Reds lately. His rapid return after a horrific ankle injury against Leeds last season was inspirational.

Elliot has been talked about as a potential future captain for Liverpool and you can expect to see his name emerge more often for the England team soon.

He's still only 19 years old but is contracted until 2027.

At Number 6;

Benjamin Sesko

This 19-year-old Slovenian currently plays for Red Bull Salzburg in the Austrian Bundesliga but is set to join up with fellow Red Bull franchise RB Leipzig in the German Bundesliga in July of 2023.

He has been in Salzburg since he was 16 and in those three seasons has won the Austrian league title twice and one Austrian Cup.

A towering forward (6 foot 5 inches), Sesko scored his first international goal in 2021 for Slovenia and become the country's youngest ever goal scorer.

His 5-year contract RB Leipzig came with a €24 million transfer fee, which may prove to be an incredible bargain if lives up to the hype surrounding him.

Given his similar height and Bosnian heritage, many are comparing him to Edin Dzeko. Even their last names sound similar!

At Number 5;

Yousouffa Moukoko

Moukoko is yet another product of the seemingly endless supply of jaw-dropping youth talent coming out of Bundesliga side Borussia Dortmund.

The 18-year-old Cameroonian born striker is tipped to be one for the future and seems to have a lethal eye for the back of the net.

Originally from St. Pauli, Moukoko moved to the Youth Academy in Dortmund in 2016 and played for the Under-17 side at just 13 years old!

Moukoko has played at every international level for Germany and is seen as the successor upfront for a nation desperately seeking to reclaim its position as the best in the world.

Having played with and learned from the likes of Erling Haaland, expect to hear Moukoko's name more and more in transfer discussions in the coming seasons.

At Number 4;

Florian Wirtz

Wirtz is an Attacking Midfielder said to be in a similar mold to compatriot and legendary midfielder Toni Kroos.

Currently at Bayer Leverkusen, the 19 year old has played in over 60 games for the Bundesliga side and scored 13 times. He has also played at pretty much every level for the German National Side including four times for the senior team.

More of a left sided, inverted winger type of player, Wirtz is known for working tirelessly when not in possession of the ball. This work rate and positive attitude to the game will surely delight scouts sometime soon.

According to Transfermarkt.us, his current value stands at €70m and despite his price tag, the likes of Chelsea and Manchester United are rumored to be potential destinations in coming seasons.

At Number 3;

Jamal Musiala

While the current version of the German National Team has had a noticeable dip in form, the future of Die Mannschaft seems to be incredibly bright.

The biggest prospect for Germany now appears to be Jamal Musiala, whose name seemed to emerge quite quickly on the scene in 2022.

Born to a Nigerian father and German mother, Musiala lived in England until age 7. He is a product of the Chelsea Youth Academy but has since made 74 appearances for Bayern Munich and is still only 19 years old.

Musiala was included in the German squad for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

He plays an attacking midfielder and winger but appears to be extremely comfortable in most midfield positions.

This versatility makes him a hot commodity in the transfer market but given his growing status at Bayern, you're unlikely to see him move clubs anytime soon.

At Number 2;

Gavi

Pablo Martin Paez Gavira, or Gavi for short, is the widely regarded as the most exciting prospect to come out of Barcelona since you know who was at La Masia.

Originally spending time in the Youth setup at Real Betis, he moved to Barca in 2015 at only 11 years old.

Wearing the number 6 shirt, Gavi has already made over 50 appearances for Barca despite being only 18 years old.

As a central midfielder, he has naturally drawn comparisons to the likes of Andres Iniesta and Xavi, who happens to also be his current manager.

Gavi started in all four matches for Spain in the 2022 World Cup and despite his home country's somewhat lackluster performance, he had tongues wagging with his mature and intelligent approach to his game on football's biggest stage.

And at Number 1;

Jude Bellingham

The consensus pick for hottest young talent in world football at the moment is England's Jude Bellingham.

Currently at Borussia Dortmund, it appears only a matter of time before he makes a massive money move away though with the likes of Liverpool, Manchester United and Real Madrid looking at making offers any day now.

Born in Stourbridge, Bellingham moved to Dortmund for an initial £25 million from Birmingham City in 2020 where he had been in the youth setup from the Under-8 level.

At just over 6-foot tall, Bellingham is a prototype central midfielder considered to be in a similar mold to the likes of Steven Gerrard and Frank Lampard.

Transfermarkt.us has him valued conservatively at €110m, but that fee is set to rise given the stature of clubs pursuing him.

So, there you go!

Now you know who your club should be looking at in the summer transfer window. Did we miss a young name on this list?

If you think we did, let us know in the comments below, because we'd love to know!

Until next time!

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