

Bayern Munchen: "We have got the perfect striker" – Thomas Tuchel on Harry Kane transfer

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Bayern Munich coach Thomas Tuchel insists Harry Kane will be an "absolute success story" for the Bundesliga champions.

The England captain has scored three goals and registered one assist in his first four matches since an initial £86million move from Tottenham and Tuchel believes he is the "perfect" striker for them.

"We have exactly the player we need, with the personality of the way he plays, in Harry Kane," Tuchel told a press conference ahead of Friday's visit of Bayer Leverkusen.

"We try to get him more involved in our game and this is going to be an absolute success story.

"We have the perfect striker for us and we are more than happy with him."

After a tumultuous week with the national team – Germany sacked Hansi Flick after a 4-1 defeat to Japan – Tuchel has no concerns about his returning internationals.

"I don't have to build them up, they did it themselves with a good performance and victory over France (2-1 on Tuesday)," he added.

"Yesterday we worked together for five minutes in the dressing room and it was pretty much business as usual."

Former Bayern and RB Leipzig manager Julian Nagelsmann is the favourite to replace Flick and his successor at club level Tuchel gave him his backing.

“Yes, he can do it. He is an outstanding coach and it’s up to him but as far as his skills and know-how it is not a problem.”

What is more of a problem is the challenge of Leverkusen, as at least one of the Bundesliga’s two remaining 100 per cent records will end at the Allianz Arena with the visitors currently topping the table on goal difference after an impressive start to the season.

Tuchel is an admirer of the work Xabi Alonso has done, saying: “He is a really good coach and that’s what he proves now.

“I learned a lot about football watching Xabi Alonso play. He was a really important figure in the national team, Bayern, Real and Liverpool in central midfield.

“He knows the game and he has that natural aura on the pitch leading his team to the biggest victories so it is not a surprise he is an outstanding coach.”

Joshua Kimmich is doubtful for the game, as is Eric Choupo-Moting, after returning from international duty with an injury but Jamal Musiala, whose back problem meant he did not join up with Germany, is likely to be fit.

Goalkeeper Manuel Neuer is expected to return from a calf injury before next month’s international break.