

OUSMANE DEMBÉLÉ

FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 · PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

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■ ■ INJURY CONCERN (May 18) — Subbed off vs Paris FC with fatigue/minor concern. **Coach Enrique: 'Just fatigue — not complicated.'** In France's 26-man WC squad. **PSG vs Arsenal UCL final (Budapest) imminent before WC.**

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France enter the 2026 World Cup as one of the tournament favourites — 2018 champions and 2022 finalists — with a squad that could be their deepest ever. Group stage vs Senegal, Iraq and Norway. Full previews at Nektr.

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① SHORT BIO

Full name: Ousmane Dembélé | **Born:** May 15, 1997 — Vernon, Normandy, France | **Age at WC 2026:** 29 | **Height:** 1.78 m | **Foot:** Right

Ousmane Dembélé's career has been a story of extraordinary talent meeting extraordinary adversity — and ultimately triumph. He rose at Rennes and Dortmund before Barcelona signed him for **€135M in 2017**. The following six years were plagued by persistent hamstring injuries that led many to question whether he would ever fulfil his potential. He proved every doubter wrong. Joining **PSG in 2023**, he became the most dominant attacking player in Ligue 1 — scoring **21 league goals in 2024-25** and helping PSG win their first **UEFA Champions League title**. His form earned him the **2025 Ballon d'Or** — the ultimate vindication. In 2025-26 he has again been PSG's top scorer with **18 goals across all competitions**, including scoring braces in 57% of his league starts. Now targeting a *'triple-double'* in 2026: a second UCL with PSG (final vs Arsenal), a second World Cup with France, and potentially a second Ballon d'Or. France's most in-form attacking player heading into the tournament — if his minor injury concern resolves.

- [Wikipedia — Ousmane Dembélé](#)
- [Goal.com — Triple-Double Target](#)
- [Transfermarkt Profile](#)

② PROFESSIONAL STATS

18 Goals (all comps) · 2025-26	10 Ligue 1 Goals · 2025-26	 Ballon d'Or · 2025	35 Goals (all comps) · 2024-25
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Competition	Season	Apps	Goals	Assists	Notes
Ligue 1	2025-26	~25	10	~8	Brace in 57% of starts
All Comps	2025-26	~35	18	~10	Joint top all comps w/ Kvara
Ligue 1	2024-25	~34	21	~12	PSG top scorer
All Comps	2024-25	~45	35	~15	UCL winner · Ballon d'Or
France (Senior)	Career	58+	7	~18	2018 WC winner
2022 World Cup	Qatar	5	1	2	Group stage + R16

■ [Wikipedia](#) ■ [FotMob](#) ■ [Transfermarkt](#)

③ SOCIAL MEDIA & OFFICIAL LINKS

■ Instagram	@dembouz	Primary platform — PSG life, Ballon d'Or moments, lifestyle
■ X (Twitter)	@Dembouz	Official announcements and match reactions
■ ■ YouTube	Paris Saint-Germain	Dembélé highlights & PSG content
■ Wikipedia	Ousmane Dembélé	Full career biography, Barcelona era and Ballon d'Or record
■ FIFA WC Hub	FIFA Official	World Cup 2026 squad & tournament hub

④ TOP 3 TRENDING STORIES

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2025 Ballon d'Or Winner Eyes 'Triple-Double' in 2026

After winning the **2025 Ballon d'Or** following PSG's UCL triumph and his 35-goal season, Dembélé has set out his ambitions for an unprecedented *'triple-double'*: a second UCL (PSG face Arsenal in Budapest), a second World Cup with France, and a second Ballon d'Or. He told RMC: *'When you win once, you want to win several times... I am hungry to score goals, to give assists and to win trophies.'* Goal.com confirmed he is eyeing all three. No player in history has won back-to-back Ballons d'Or and a World Cup in the same summer.

■ Sources: [Goal.com](#) · [Yahoo Sports](#)

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Brace in 57% of League Starts — Most Efficient Forward in Ligue 1

Dembélé's 2025-26 Ligue 1 statistics are staggering. Yahoo Sports highlighted that he has **scored braces in 57% of his league starts** — four braces in just seven starts — and scores **a goal every 74 minutes** in Ligue 1. His shooting accuracy of nearly 2 shots on target per game, with almost a goal per two shots, gives him the best ratio among Ligue 1's top 20 scorers. PSG's season record (18 all-comp goals, joint top with Kvaratskhelia) is built significantly around his output.

■ Sources: [Yahoo Sports](#) · [Wikipedia](#) — [PSG 2025-26](#)

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Injury Scare vs Paris FC (May 18) — UCL Final & WC Participation at Risk?

Dembélé was **substituted in the first half** during PSG's Ligue 1 match vs Paris FC on May 18 — immediately raising fears about his availability for PSG's UCL final vs Arsenal in Budapest and the World Cup. Coach Luis Enrique moved quickly to reassure fans: *'Nothing to say about Ousmane... I think it's just fatigue... I don't think it's complicated.'* Reports confirm the injury is not serious and PSG refuse to take risks. He remains in France's 26-man squad.

■ Sources: [Sunday Guardian](#) · [Tribuna.com](#)

⑤ STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

■ STRENGTHS	■ AREAS TO WATCH
<p>✓ ■ Elite Finishing Rate</p> <p>Brace in 57% of league starts, goal every 74 min in Ligue 1. The most efficient striker in Ligue 1 — clinical finishing has reached a new level.</p>	<p>✗ ■ Chronic Injury History</p> <p>Career defined by hamstring issues at Barcelona. Although transformed at PSG, the May 18 scare is a reminder his body requires careful management.</p>
<p>✓ ■ Pace & Direct Dribbling</p> <p>One of Europe's fastest players with the ball at his feet. His directness and ability to beat defenders in one-on-one situations is world-class.</p>	<p>✗ ■ UCL Final Timing</p> <p>PSG vs Arsenal UCL final comes just days before WC preparations begin. Fatigue from a deep European run is the biggest physical risk heading in.</p>
<p>✓ ■ Ballon d'Or Pedigree</p> <p>2025 Ballon d'Or winner — the pinnacle of individual recognition. Brings that winner's mentality and hunger to every competition he enters.</p>	<p>✗ ■ International Goal Return</p> <p>7 goals in 58 France caps is a modest return for a player of his calibre. Must show that club brilliance translates to international knockout football.</p>
<p>✓ ■ Two-Footed Versatility</p> <p>Equally dangerous on the right flank or as a centre-forward. Can play anywhere across the front three — gives Deschamps tactical flexibility.</p>	<p>✗ ■ Age at 29</p> <p>At 29, heading into his final realistic prime World Cup — the physical demands of a tournament immediately after a UCL final could be intense.</p>