



Transfer of Abdul Kader KEITA to Galatasaray

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Olympique Lyonnais has transferred Ivory Coast international striker Abdul Kader KEITA to Galatasaray for a minimum of €8.5 million, equivalent to the residual value of his contract. This amount may be increased by €500,000 depending on the performance of the Istanbul club.

KEITA joined Olympique Lyonnais in July 2007 and played 72 matches over two seasons in OL colours. His departure is neutral from an accounting standpoint, as the club will recognise neither a gain nor a loss on the transfer, whilst adding to its cash balance.

Following the departure of JUNINHO, the transfer of Karim BENZEMA (Real Madrid), KEITA (Galatasaray) and Sandy PAILLOT (Grenoble), and the return of Romain BEYNIE and Cléber ANDERSON (11 July), who were on loan, the professional team is now composed of 28 players.

While waiting for Kim KÄLLSTRÖM to return on 6 July, and Jean II MAKOUN, John MENSAH and Fabio GROSSO on 13 July, Claude PUEL and his staff will open the Tignes training session this evening with 34 players, including the following 11 young promising players, participating in pre-season preparation for the first time with the professional squad: Yoann COURT, Sébastien FAURE, Thomas FONTAINE, Mathieu GORGELIN, Alexandre LACAZETTE, Anthony LOPES, Ousmane N'DIAYE, Enzo REALE, Nicolas SEGUIN, Eric TIE BI and Ishak BELFODILL, who, at 17, will be the youngest in the group.

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