



ARRIVAL OF DJAMEL BENLAMRI LOAN OF REINE-ADÉLAÏDE AND ANDERSEN

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Olympique Lyonnais announces the arrival of the Algerian international defender and 2019 Africa Cup of Nations winner **Djamel Benlamri** from the Saudi club Al Shabab. The central defender, who was released from the last year of his contract, has signed on for a year with an option for a second year.

Aged 30, Djamel Benlamri has played more than 200 matches in his professional career in Algeria (Hussein-Dey, JS Kabylie, ES Setif) and Saudi Arabia (Al Shabab).

The 1m90 central defender, who has totaled 14 caps with Les Fennecs becomes the 10th Algerian international to play for Olympique Lyonnais and compensates for the departure of Danish international **Joachim Andersen** to Fulham, in the form of a loan in the amount of €1M for the season, without a purchase option until June 30, 2021, to which could be added a €1M bonus tied to the English club's maintaining their Premier League status.

The 24-year-old Danish international defender joined OL in July 2019 and remains under contract until June 30, 2024.

Meanwhile, Olympique Lyonnais also announces a season-long loan, with a purchase clause of the French U-21 international midfielder **Jeff Reine-Adelaide** to OGC Nice until June 30, 2021.

This loan, in the amount of €500K, to which could be added a bonus of € 500K if Nice qualifies for a European competition next season, has a purchase option set at €25M.

Having joined in August 2019 from Angers, Jeff Reine-Adelaide has made 23 appearances for OL and scored 2 goals. The up-and-coming player had recently expressed his wish to leave the club after just returning to competitive play in the Champions League Round of 16 second leg against Juventus.

OL wish Jeff Reine-Adelaide a good season -- he remains under contract with the club until June 30, 2024.

Olympique Lyonnais are pleased to have been able to keep their best international players including Memphis Depay, Houssein Aouar and Moussa Dembelé, while strengthening the centre back and full-back positions as requested by their coach Rudi Garcia.

As announced several times by President Jean-Michel Aulas, the club has made the decision to continue investing to give sporting director Juninho and his manager, Rudi Garcia, the best chance of success in the French 2020/21 Ligue 1 championship.

Olympique Lyonnais welcome the new international Algerian, Italian, and Brazilian players, who have come to strengthen the team with the common goal of having a great season with the club.

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