## Mikkel Damsgaard signs new deal with Brentford



Danish midfielder Mikel Damsgaard has agreed a contract extension with Brentford until the summer of 2030 with the Bees holding an option to extend for a further year.

The Dane has been one of the best players for Thomas Frank's side with two goals and seven assists in the Premier League so far this season and has been considered one of the clubs best performers this campaign alongside Yoane Wissa and Bryan Mbuemo.

The 24 year old Damsgaard is currently 4<sup>th</sup> in the Premier League assist charts behind Liverpool icon Mohammed Salah, Arsenal winger Bukayo Saka and Fulham's Antonee Robinson.

English fans were treated to glimpses of Damsgaard's potential during the Euro 2020 semi final where the Dane rifled a marvelous free kick past Jordan Pickford, however his first two years in the Premier League consisted of injuries and a lack of playing time.

Damsgaard was primarily brought to West London from Serie A side Sampdoria to fill the void of compatriot Christian Eriksen who left the G Tech Community Stadium for Champions League football with Manchester United back in 2022.

"I have really enjoyed my years here so it was a no-brainer for me to extend so I'm very happy." Damsgaard said in a club interview.

When asked why he wanted to commit to the Bees until 2030 the 24 year old said "obviously this season has been a lot better for me personally with a lot more playing time... so obviously with playing time now coming it was a pretty easy decision to extend."

This season Damsgaard has been an integral member of Frank's side having started 19 of the Brentford's 22 games this season which is more starts than his first two seasons in West London combined.

The electric midfielder was responsible for setting up Wissa's opening goal against Manchester City which helped the Bees secure a dramatic comeback draw against the English Champions. Brentford fans will be happy that they have a player of Damsgaard's quality commit their long term future to the club especially considering that the club risk losing players such as Mbuemo and Wissa to bigger clubs.

Wissa was recently the subject of a £22 million bid from Nottingham Forest that was immediately rejected, whereas Mbuemo has been linked to likes of Arsenal and Manchester United.