

Appointing Keith Andrews as Brentford Head Coach was a “relatively straightforward decision”



Brentford FC Sporting Director Phillip Giles believes that Keith Andrews' appointment as the club's new Head Coach was a “relatively straightforward decision.”

Giles stated, “Keith set a very high bar, with the added advantage of things like he knows the players already. He knows how we play. He has strong ideas on how we want to develop that...So it ended up being a relatively straightforward decision in the end.”

Andrews was recently promoted from his position as set-piece coach, following the departure of club icon Thomas Frank, who left for Europa League winners Tottenham Hotspur.

The Republic of Ireland international has never been a head coach before, however he has worked as a backroom staff member for both MK Dons and Sheffield United, prior to joining Brentford in 2024.

The 44 year old will be without Captain Christian Norgaard, as it is widely reported that the Dane will be joining Arsenal imminently, despite penning a new two-year deal in March.

Talisman Bryan Mbeumo has been the subject of interest from Manchester United this summer, with Sky Sports reporting that United have bid £62.5 thus far. Andrews may possibly lose the 25 year-old forward to start the 2025/26 Premier League season.

When asked about the potential departures, Andrews did not seem worried. He said, “Players come and players go. That's just the nature of it.”

Andrews added, “Ultimately I want the best possible players in the building, and we have got phenomenal players in the building that we will continue to improve and develop.”

Andrews still has the likes of Yoane Wissa and Mikkel Damsgaard, both of whom had phenomenal seasons in 24/25. The latter was named Brentford Players' and Supporters' Player of the Year.

The Bees still need to form Andrews' backroom staff as Justin Cochrane, Chris Haslam and Joe Newton, left their respective roles to join Frank at Spurs. A new set-piece coach also needs to be appointed following Andrews' promotion.

The rookie Head Coach will travel with his squad to Portugal for training camp this month, before returning for friendly fixtures with Queens Park Rangers and Borussia Monchengladbach in August.

Brentford's opening league game will be an away trip to the City Ground as they face Nottingham Forest on August 17th.