

"Mediocrity is a religion bordered on the North by compromise, on the South by indecision, on the East by past thinking, and on the West by a lack of vision."

—Dr. Myles Munroe

Last Minute Transfers

As the transfer market comes to a close and clubs all over the world are making last minute efforts to strengthen their sides. Some have been successful while others are still trying to work out deals to bring in reinforcements.

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Portsmouth Lodge Unsuccessful Bid For Zaki

Portsmouth placed a £3 million bid for Zamalek star Amir Zaki, who spent last season on loan at Wigan Athletic and drew comparisons to Alan Shearer for his early season displays, yet the attempted transfer has been quashed.

Reports hint that the cash injection that has followed Massimo Allegri's takeover of the south coast club has led to late activity in the transfer market, however, a follow-up article on F100.net indicates that those

achieve has been quashed.

The agent of Amir Zaki, Nasser Shawki, explained, "Portsmouth have made an official bid for Zaki, but Zamalek said they wanted to keep him and rejected any possibility of his exit."

"Portsmouth offered three different options for Zamalek to get Zaki. They offered £3 million, or £2.7 million plus 10 per cent of the next sale to buy him permanently."

"They also made a £750,000 loan offer, but Zamalek won't reach to sell," concluded Shawki.



Zaki



Nigeria's Afolabi joins Salzburg

Nigeria international defender Koffi Afolabi has ended the speculation about his club future by signing for Austrian champions Salzburg.

The 29-year-old moves to Salzburg on a free transfer, having signed a two-year contract.

Afolabi has been without a club

since his contract ended at French side Sochaux in June.

He was linked with several clubs in Europe before sealing the deal with Salzburg that expires in August 2011.

Afolabi, who has won 28 caps, has already played in Austria, spending two seasons with Austria Vienna from 2005-2007.