



Tuchel tells Bellingham to fight for his place

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Bellingham

England manager Thomas Tuchel has sent a direct message to Real Madrid star Jude Bellingham, emphasising that competition for starting places in the squad heading to the [2026 World Cup](#) will be wide open, with no guarantees for any player.

## Bellingham's place not confirmed yet

According to [Sky Sports](#) Tuchel emphasised that Bellingham is one of several players in contention for the playmaker role (No. 10), given the wealth of options available within the England squad.

This comes at a time when Bellingham has featured in just four matches during the qualifiers, whilst the coaching staff have relied on other players, most notably Aston Villa's Morgan Rogers, who played in all eight qualifying matches, reflecting the fierce competition for this position.

According to the same source, Tuchel emphasised that England's squad includes a large number of players capable of filling key roles, noting that the coaching staff have around 14 or 15 players who could be considered for the starting line-up, which means the final selections will remain open until the very last moments before the tournament kicks off.

This statement presents Bellingham with a direct challenge to prove his worth, at a time when England are preparing to enter the World Cup with high ambitions and a squad brimming with options in the attacking midfield.

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