

Is Emmanuel Eboue the right choice for Sunderland's Defence?

There has been a lot of news about Sunderland FC in the past few weeks with talks of Adam Johnson being found guilty. However, there has also been other news for the club as they have just signed 32 year old right-back Emmanuel Eboue who is originally from the Ivory Coast. However is he the right choice to make the defensive line solid and conclusively take Johnson's place?



Eboue made 96 BPL appearances in his 8 seasons at Arsenal.

Before signing for Sunderland he was a key player for famous Turkish team Galatasaray and helped win five trophies. He was signed for €3.5 million (£2.7million) in 2011 after an unsuccessful career at Arsenal and was happy to transfer to a team that he would get to play more. Although, he was at Arsenal for 7 years which is a good amount of time to be at a club and get very little playing time. Eboue hasn't been at a club for six months and has been signed to Sunderland as a free transfer. He isn't exactly a goal scorer with only 3 international goals to 78 caps but he has good record when it comes to goal stopping.

Although, recent news has said that Eboue wanted to be back at Arsenal, he has transferred to a team that is 17th in the Premier League so you would see why he was ambitious to go back to a team that are in the top three. However, Sunderland's Manager Sam Allardyce has asked if he will stay until the end of the season as Sam was impressed with his trial at Wearside. Although he isn't exactly the fans' favourite as he was consistently booed of the pitch.

Eboue is a great player with a good work rate but can he compete for the spot against Deandre Yedlin and Billy Jones. Now Adam Johnson is gone will the manager change his spot to a centre midfielder or change other players to suit this new arriving? His chance to make his debut is on the 20th of March and if he does well can he pull the team away from the relegation zone?

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