

'I was stressed out.. I just wanted to go home': Jordon Ibe on his disaster spell with Bournemouth after £15m flop was released last month as he admits 'the pressure took all my confidence away'

- Jordon Ibe has revealed what went wrong during his four years at Bournemouth
 - The 24-year-old was released from his contract at the Vitality last month
 - He said he suffered from pressure to succeed after joining Liverpool as a teen
 - Ibe admitted he 'just wanted to go home' after receiving abuse on social media
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Jordon Ibe has opened up about his difficult four years at [Bournemouth](#), admitting he was 'stressed out' by the pressure to succeed on the south coast and suffered a loss of confidence.

The former [Liverpool](#) youngster was released by the Cherries last month - four years after signing from the Reds for £15million, but Ibe revealed there were times when he 'just wanted to go home' after receiving abuse on social media.

In a cagey interview with [The Beautiful Game Podcast](#), the 24-year-old, who signed for Liverpool as a 16-year-old in 2011, admitted some of the trolls 'got under my skin' during his time at the Vitality Stadium, and also conceded he failed to click with manager Eddie Howe.



The winger spent four years on the south coast but was released from his contract last month

When asked what he felt went wrong at Bournemouth, he replied: 'I don't want to talk too much. I don't know... I can't pinpoint it.'

Ibe was then asked if there were any outside factors that contributed to his unsuccessful spell, including pressure from the media.

'110 per cent,' he responded.

'I'm in the limelight. People look up to me, even if I'm playing for Bournemouth. There was a lot of pressure and bad light put on me and it just took all my confidence away.'

'I was stressed out, I just wanted to go back home. There was [abuse on social media] and even in the Bournemouth area, so I just wanted to go back home.'



Ibe said he was trolled on social media during his time at the Vitality and 'wanted to go home'

Speaking about the trolls who gave him verbal abuse, he added: 'It was just a p**s-take, it would get under my skin a lot of the time. I like to keep myself to myself. the only person I spoke to was Nathan Ake and Lys Mousset and my family.'

When he first joined Liverpool, Brendan Rodgers played a key figure in his development, and Ibe called him 'a father figure', but admits he simply didn't gel with Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe.

'I think [Howe] tried his hardest but it just didn't click. I just clicked from day one with [Rodgers] and he treated me like a father figure as well.'

He ended up playing 92 times for Bournemouth, but scored just five goals. This season he has only featured twice - both in brief substitute appearances.



He said he failed to click with Eddie Howe, whereas Brendan Rodgers was 'like a father figure'



- **The former Liverpool youngster moved to Bournemouth for £15m but scored only five times**

He has always had high expectations to succeed after coming to Liverpool as an exciting winger from Wycombe, immediately being compared with Raheem Sterling, and he said the pressure to perform from a young age was tough to cope with.

'Raheem is a top guy. Me and him still speak now, he still gives me advice but he's a terrific football player,' he continued.

'So to live up to him is always going to be difficult, especially at Liverpool - they expect the best of the best and Raheem was playing phenomenally, so it was a bit of pressure for me to play at his level and the level of the whole team.



He moved to Anfield as a 16-year-old and admitting it was tough to live up to high expectations

But he said he was grateful to Liverpool for accommodating his family after bringing him over in his teenage years, revealing they put his siblings in school and bought a house for his mother.

'They provided a house for my mum and put my brother and sister into good schools, so it was good for them,' he said. 'I wasn't willing to go anywhere without my mum.

'I wasn't going to go all the way up North and still have my family down here. So it was my family or nothing.'