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Kaiserslautern's Miroslav Kadlec tumbles after being tackled by Stuttgart's Adrian Knup during their German soccer league match in Stuttgart on Thursday. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.

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AC in to crown high of highs



ROME, Apr 1: Defending champions AC Milan can cap a victorious week for owner Silvio Berlusconi—Italy's newest political sensation—when they host fourth-place Parma on Saturday at San Siro Stadium, reports AP.

Berlusconi, a media magnate and one of Italy's richest men, led a right-wing alliance to victory in general elections and could wind up prime minister of Italy's 53rd post-war government.

The Red and Black go into the 30th round—moved up a day because of Easter Sunday—with a seven-point lead in the First Division with just five matches to play.

Following their 1-0 shock defeat at Napoli on Sunday and a lackluster 0-0 draw with Anderlecht in the European Champions League on Wednesday night, Milan will try to recover their winning form against powerful Parma.

Parma, beaten 2-1 by Benfica in the first-leg Cup Winner's Cup semifinal on Tuesday in Lisbon, is nine behind Milan and shares a place in fourth with Lazio of Rome.

But Parma have played one game less, and could reach Sampdoria of Genoa and Juventus of Turin in second with a win in next week's make-up match against relegation-bound Reggiana.

SILVIO BERLUSCONI

Swede Tomas Brolin and diminutive leading scorer Gianfranco Zola.