

Cantona MU's best ever

MANCHESTER, England. Feb 17: Former France international striker Eric Cantona has been voted the best player in the glittering history of English Premiership leaders Manchester United by the club's fans in a ballot organised by the club's official magazine, reports AFP.

Cantona finished ahead of greats such as George Best, Sir Bobby Charlton and legendary players of the past like Duncan Edwards.

Wales international Ryan Giggs came third; between Best and Charlton and eighth-placed Beckham finished ahead of another star of the 60s, Scotland's Denis Law.

Charlton was a key member of England's 1966 World Cup team and starred alongside Best in the United team that won the 1968 European Cup, beating Benfica 4-1 at Wembley. Charlton scored twice and Best notched a superb solo goal in that match.

Edwards was regarded as English football's finest prospect when he was killed in the Munich air crash in 1958

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THE TOP 10:

- 1 Eric Cantona
- 2 George Best
- 3 Ryan Giggs
- 4 Sir Bobby Charlton
- 5 Bryan Robson
- 6 Duncan Edwards
- 7 Peter Schmeichel
- 8 David Beckham
- 9 Mark Hughes
- 10 Denis Law

Edmundo may move back to Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb 17: Brazilian top-flight side Vasco da Gama are bidding to re-sign their former striker Edmundo, the club's vice-president Eurico Miranda said on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Edmundo — full name Edmundo Alves de Souza Neto — has been in Rio for a week after his latest walkout from his current club, Italian Serie A side Fiorentina, but had said he would return after the carnival in which he had played the drums in a marching samba band.

Miranda gave no details but press reports say Vasco are prepared to pay 11 million dollars for the temperamental striker.

Edmundo, known as the animal for his volatile behaviour, was the key player in Vasco da Gama's championship season in 1997, winning a move to Italy. But he has failed to settle in Europe, walking out on more than one occasion on the club.

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