

# Robinho just a matter of time?

INTERNET SOURCE, Madrid

Real Madrid is close to signing young Brazilian forward Robinho from Santos, the player's agent said Tuesday.

Negotiations are taking place for Robinho to join Madrid on June 30, just after the Spanish league season ends, agent Juan Figuer said.

He said it was impossible for Robinho to move earlier because Madrid already holds its maximum quota of three non-European Union players -- Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos and Walter Samuel.

"We're close, but whenever it's an important contract details arise, sometimes important ones," Figuer was quoted as saying by Europa Press. "We're talking about all these details. Players of a different level get signed up, but you don't sign up a high-level player like Robinho that easily."

Madrid has first option on Robinho even though other clubs also are interested, Figuer said. English Premier League leader Chelsea is believed to be one of them.

Also Tuesday, Real Madrid's Luis Figo could be suspended for a rough play which left an opponent sidelined for at least six months.

National daily El Pais said Tuesday that the Spanish soccer federation's competition committee might punish Figo at its weekly meeting later in the day for his sliding tackle on Zaragoza's Cesar Jimenez even though referee Jose Losantos Omar didn't issue Figo with a card at the time.

## HONG KONG TOUR Brazil at full power

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Brazil have named most of their big guns, including Cafu, Roberto Carlos, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho and Adriano, in their squad for next month's friendly against Hong Kong in a move that is likely to upset European clubs.

Hard-tackling Juventus midfielder Emerson was recalled after an absence of more than one year while Santos forward Robinho, still the subject of speculation over a possible move to Real Madrid, was also named for the match in Hong Kong on February 9.

Emerson last played in the World Cup qualifier in Peru last March and Robinho made his only international appearance as a substitute against Bolivia in September.

Brazil's last visit to Asia, a friendly in China in February 2003, ended in a goalless draw and infuriated European clubs who were forced to release their players for the game.

Last August, AC Milan refused to release Kaka, Cafu and Dida for the so-called peace match in Haiti.

The Hong Kong fixture has already sparked controversy in Brazil itself, with the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) publicly denying that it is receiving a \$1 million fee for the fixture.

"The organisation does not have financial participation in this match," the CBF said in a statement.

The CBF says the match has been arranged by one of its sponsors.

Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, who said last year that he preferred friendlies against top-ranking European teams, was diplomatic about facing a side who are 134th in FIFA's world rankings.

"This friendly fills a gap in the fixture list and keeps the national team action," he said.

"We always get something positive from these games."

## SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Gomes (PSV Eindhoven, Netherlands), Julio Cesar (Flamengo)  
**Defenders:** Cafu (AC Milan, Italy), Belletti (Barcelona, Spain), Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid, Spain), Gilberto (Hertha Berlin, Germany), Juan (Bayer Leverkusen, Germany), Roque Junior (Bayer Leverkusen, Germany), Lucio (Bayern Munich, Germany), Luisao (Benfica, Portugal)  
**Midfielders:** Alex (Fenerbahce, Turkey), Diego (Porto, Portugal), Elano (Santos, Brazil), Emerson (Juventus, Italy), Julio Baptista (Sevilla, Spain), Juninho Pernambucano (Olympique Lyonnais, France), Renato (Sevilla, Spain), Ze Roberto (Bayern Munich, Germany)  
**Forwards:** Ronaldo (Real Madrid, Spain), Robinho (Santos, Brazil), Ronaldinho Gaucho (Barcelona, Spain), Adriano (Inter Milan, Italy)

## Savage drama finishes

AFP, London

The longest running saga of the January transfer window finally came to an end on Wednesday when Robbie Savage completed his move from Birmingham to Blackburn for a fee of around three million pounds.

The 30-year-old Wales international, one of the most combative and controversial midfield enforcers in the Premiership, has signed a three-and-a-half-year contract, Blackburn announced.

Savage is now clear to make his debut for Rovers in Monday's local derby against Bolton.



PICTURE TELLS THE STORY: Real Madrid superstars Ronaldo (R) and Raul leaving the field dejectedly after their King's Cup third round exit at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid on January 19.

## SPANISH KING'S CUP

# Bye, bye Real!

## Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid were dumped out of the King's Cup by Valladolid on the away goals rule after the second division side claimed a deserved 1-1 draw at the Bernabeu on Wednesday.

Valladolid forward Xavi More grabbed the all-important goal when he cut inside defender Roberto Carlos and fired a low shot into the far corner 12 minutes from time to cancel out a Michael Owen strike and put his side into the quarter-finals.

Athletic Bilbao comfortably avoided a similar upset in their tie against third division Lanzarote when they recovered from a 2-1 defeat in the first leg to claim a crushing 6-0 win over the Canary Islanders at San Mames.

The performance of the night came from Bilbao youngster

Fernando Llorente who scored a hat-trick and set up another as his side cruised to their 7-2 aggregate victory.

Earlier, Osasuna survived a stern test from Getafe to book a place in the quarter-finals with a 4-3 aggregate win.

The Navarrians, who won last week's first leg 2-0, were put under severe pressure throughout the all Primera Liga tie, but a fine double from midfielder Inaki Munoz allowed them to scrape through against the modest Madrid-based side.

Real Betis did the bare minimum to go through, drawing 0-0 with third division Mirandes after a comfortable 3-1 victory in the first leg.

Primera Liga strugglers Numancia also joined them in the next round after substitute Miguel Perez cancelled out a 1-0 first-leg deficit against second division Elche following the break and his side

went through on penalties.

Real, who once again adopted the risky strategy of fielding a side of second string players in the Cup, were outplayed by their determined second division opponents in the first half.

Valladolid midfielder David Sousa hit the bar with a dipping free kick in the sixth minute and strikers More and Roberto Losada were a constant menace to the Real Madrid backfour.

Real's new signing Thomas Gravesen and Albert Celades were unable to take control in the centre of midfield, while strikers Owen and Javier Portillo barely had a sniff of the ball up front.

The home side's only clear chance of the half came three minutes before the break when Portillo had a long distance effort tipped over the bar by Valladolid keeper Francisco Lledó.

Coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo clearly did not like the look of what

he saw in the first half and threw on Ronaldo, Raul and Zinedine Zidane in place of former youth team players Jurado, Javi Garcia and Portillo after the break.

Valladolid were the first to threaten once again and it took a brilliant reaction save from keeper Cesar to stop a rasping shot from More in the 52nd minute.

The in-form Owen looked as though he had secured his side a place in the next round when he raced on to a neat pass from Raul and fired a perfectly-placed angled shot inside the far post 20 minutes into the second half.

Real's celebrations were cut short, however, when the visitors drew level 12 minutes later thanks to More's fine individual goal.

Real, who were the losing finalists in last season's competition, join Barcelona, Valencia and Deportivo Coruna on the list of high-profile victims in this season's Cup.

## UEFA.COM'S TEAM OF THE YEAR

# Henry keeps his place

## Football

REUTERS, London

Arsenal and France striker Thierry Henry has been selected in the uefa.com users' team of the year for the fourth time in succession.

Henry has now been selected every year since the award's 2001 inception and was the only ever-present named in the 2004 team chosen by more than 1.2 million votes cast on UEFA's official website and revealed on Wednesday.

There are three players from Portugal -- midfielder Maniche and defender Ricardo Carvalho from Porto's Champions League-winning side and Manchester United winger Cristiano Ronaldo.

Portugal's Jose Mourinho, who guided Porto to the European title before moving to Chelsea, is chosen as coach for the second successive year.

Henry is joined in attack by European Player of the Year Andriy Shevchenko. His AC Milan defensive colleague Alessandro Nesta is selected for the third year running, while Juventus pair Gianluigi Buffon and Pavel Nedved are honoured for the second year in a row.

Among six newcomers to the team are long-serving Brazil and Milan full back Cafu, Arsenal left back Ashley Cole, and Barcelona and Brazil playmaker Ronaldinho, who scooped over half of the votes in the attacking midfield player category.

Despite their success in winning Euro 2004, there were no Greek players in the team.

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

Team of the year as voted for by 1.2million users of UEFA.com announced on Wednesday:

Gianluigi Buffon (Juventus/ITA); Cafu (AC Milan/BRA); Ricardo Carvalho (Chelsea/POR); Alessandro Nesta (AC Milan/ITA); Ashley Cole (Arsenal/ENG); Cristiano Ronaldo (Manchester United/POR); Maniche (FC Porto/POR); Ronaldinho (Barcelona/BRA); Pavel Nedved (Juventus/CZE); Thierry Henry (Arsenal/FRA); Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan/UKR); Coach: Jose Mourinho (Chelsea/POR)

# Wright-Phillips' chance

## Football

AFP, London

Shaun Wright-Phillips, the terrier snapping at David Beckham's heels in the England squad, will be given his chance to impress in next month's friendly against Holland, head coach Sven-Goran Eriksson has confirmed.

But that does not necessarily mean that Beckham's place on the right of midfield is under threat from the Manchester City wide man, according to the Swede.

Eriksson is facing mounting pressure to drop Beckham from his line-up in favour of Wright-Phillips, who has already scored 10 goals this season and has been consistently outstanding for City.

But the coach revealed that he had been thinking about how he could accommodate both men in the same line-up, either by moving his captain Beckham into central midfield or by trying Wright-Phillips on the left flank.

"David now for one and a half years has played central midfield for Real Madrid so of course it's possible," Eriksson said.

"He could do that maybe for the national team as well. That depends on the way we want to play.

"It's not his best position but I'm sure Shaun Wright-Phillips could also play on the left. I'm quite sure about that.

"He's played second striker sometimes and he's clever so I'm sure he can play to the left but probably his best position is to the right."

When fit, Beckham has been an ever present in England line-ups throughout Eriksson's four-year reign.

But his lacklustre performances at Euro 2004 and indifferent form for Real Madrid this season have presented Eriksson with a real dilemma about whether the world's most marketable footballer is really the best man to lead England into next year's World Cup finals in Germany.

A poll carried out by London's Evening Standard this week indi-

cated that a large majority (61 per cent) of England fans believe Beckham should lose the captaincy.

And despite Eriksson's comments about the possibility of playing Beckham in central midfield, the reality is that something would have to happen to Frank Lampard or Steven Gerrard for a vacancy to arise in that position.

Eriksson is also not short of suitable candidates to succeed Beckham as captain - Gerrard and Rio Ferdinand notably.

For now however he insists that is not a question that arises, although he does admit that Wright-Phillips deserves the chance he will be given against Marco van Basten's Dutch squad.

"We'll see if he starts or if he comes on in the second half, I don't know that yet," Eriksson said.

"He's doing better and better and he deserves to be in the squad and

maybe I'll decide to play him as well, I don't know.

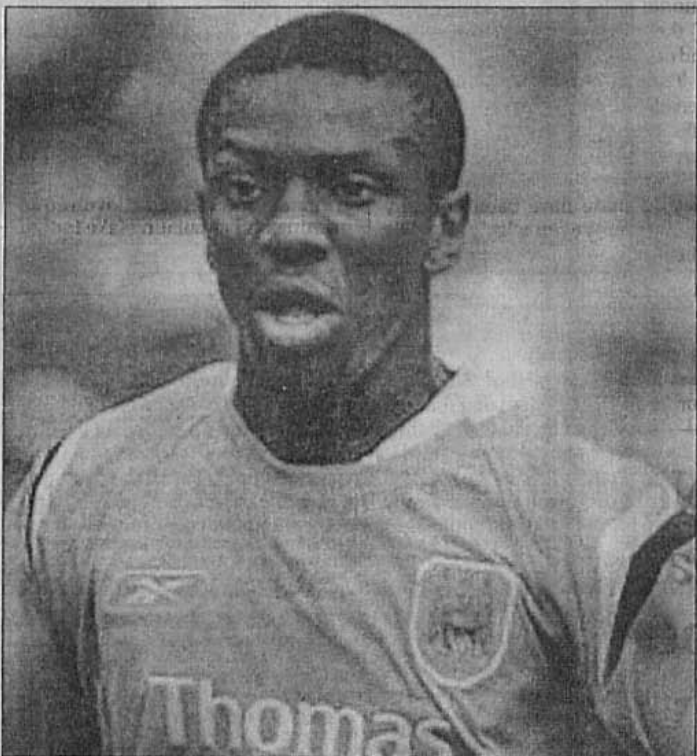
"He's very consistent and he's very tough. He's tackled but he always gets up again.

"I think that is important in international football and to be consistent in the Premier League is very, very good for a young player."

The friendly against Holland will be Eriksson's only get together with his players before World Cup qualifiers against Northern Ireland and Azerbaijan at the end of March.

As well as giving Wright-Phillips his fourth cap, Eriksson is also expected to include Middlesbrough's left-sided midfielder Stewart Downing, 20, in his squad.

Downing is seen by some as the answer to Eriksson's prayers for a naturally left-footed Englishman to emerge to fill the position that has given him most problems in his time in charge.



SHAUN WRIGHT-PHILLIPS

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## Corrigendum No-01 (One)

Tender Package No. : 13 (Thirteen) EE RHD/HRD/2004-2005.  
Invitation for : Re-construction of flexible pavement, carpeting & seal coat at 3rd km, 11th km & 13th km (p) of Chunarughat-Shatajuri-Natunbazar Road under Road Division, Habigonj, during the year 2004-2005.

This is to notify for all concerned that as per Clause No. 10.1 of section 1 of standard tender documents PW2 the following amendment has been made into the tender document.

Sl. No.	Description	As stated	Corrected
1.	18. Eligibility of tenderer. (Section 2. Tender Data Sheet ITT Clause 12.3 (a))	<p><b>C) General construction experience:</b> Minimum value of similar type of construction work in a single contract in the last 5 years preceding the state of submission of the tender amounting to Tk 25.00 Lac.</p> <p>In case of the experience in Roads and Highways Department the attested copy of the requisite certificate for experience as stated above shall be from concerned Executive Engineer/Project Manager/Project Director of Roads and Highways Department and shall be submitted along with the tender. In case of the experience in an organisation other than Roads and Highways Department in Bangladesh the above mentioned certificate shall be from the concerned Executive Engineer/Project Manager/Project Director and the same certificate shall also be examined and countersigned by the Executive Engineer, RHD where the work has been constructed. The original or attested copy of the above certificate is acceptable.</p> <p>If the experience as sought above is from outside Bangladesh, the experience certificate of the tenderer shall have to be authenticated by his/her Embassy/High Commission office.</p>	<p><b>C) General construction experience:</b> Minimum value of similar type of construction work in a single contract in the last 5 years preceding the state of submission of the tender amounting to Tk 25.00 Lac.</p> <p>In case of the experience in Roads and Highways Department the attested copy of the requisite certificate for experience as stated above shall be from concerned Executive Engineer/Project Manager/Project Director of Roads and Highways Department and shall be submitted along with the tender. In case of the experience in an organisation other than Roads and Highways Department in Bangladesh the above mentioned certificate shall be from the concerned Executive Engineer/Project Manager/Project Director and the same certificate shall also be examined and countersigned by the Executive Engineer, RHD where the work has been constructed. The original or attested copy of the above certificate is acceptable.</p> <p>If the experience as sought above is from outside Bangladesh, the experience certificate of the tenderer shall have to be authenticated by his/her Embassy/High Commission office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For the owner of a firm having Diploma Engg. Degree with 10 years work experience, no construction experience is required.</li><li>• For the owner of a firm having BSc. Engg. (Civil) Degree with 5 years work experience, no construction experience is required.</li></ul>

This will be a part and parcel of tender document. All other terms and conditions of tender issued as per this office Memo No. 2308 dated 15-12-2004, will remain unchanged.

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