



Spanish tennis star Rafael Nadal signs autographs for fans at the Open Seat Godo tennis tournament in Barcelona on Monday.

## Madrid interested in Diego

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Spanish giants Real Madrid are tracking in-form Werder Bremen playmaker Diego, according to Marca on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old Brazilian has been in stunning form for his club this season, having moved from Porto in the close season, scoring 12 times including a 50-yard effort against Aachen last week.

Madrid are looking at Diego as a replacement for now departed and retired French star Zinedine Zidane, said Marca.

If Diego does join, he would team up with former Santos teammate Robinho, now in his second season at Real.

The pair formed a dynamic and fresh-faced partnership at Santos, helping the team win the Brazilian title in 2002 and 2004 and reach the Copa Libertadores final in 2003.

Marca said that it would be difficult for Real to tempt Werder into parting with their playmaker. Bremen sit second in the German league and are in the UEFA Cup semifinals.

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Nadal had little time for celebration after lifting his third consecutive Monte Carlo Masters title at the weekend over Roger Federer.

While the Swiss will spend this week in closed-door training with coach Tony Roche, Nadal has a trophy at home to defend.

As it now stands, the bull-like youngster will play the full clay season -- Barca and Masters Series events in Rome and Hamburg in the run-up to Roland Garros, where he has won the last two editions.

The Spaniard feels he has timed his season almost perfectly.

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