

Kaka hints at Real move

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Milan star Kaka has refused to rule out a move to Real Madrid.

The playmaker has been consistently linked with a transfer to the Bernabau with Real making little secret of their interest in the Brazilian.

Milan, the current UEFA Champions League champions, spent most of the close season turning down Real's advances for Kaka.

However, reports have now suggested that Real are prepared to renew their approach for the 25-year-old.

Real president Ramon Calderon, is thought to be lining up a fresh bid for Kaka in the January transfer window as the La Liga champions bid to defend their title.

Milan club president Silvio Berlusconi, however, has said that the Serie A giants would do their best to prevent their star asset from leaving.

Kaka, though, has not ruled out a move to Italy in the wake of the fresh speculation.

"I have a contract with Milan until 2011, I am not in a hurry to renew it and neither are Milan," Kaka told Italian media.

Florentino Perez (Calderon) must talk with Berlusconi. If they find an agreement OK, otherwise I stay here."

Kaka has also hinted that his Brazilian compatriot and current Barcelona ace Ronaldinho could be interested in a move to Milan.

"Everytime we meet up with the national team, Ronaldinho asks me about Milan, the team and the club," added Kaka.

I don't know if he can come. Certainly he has feelings for us."

Pfister named Cameroon coach

AFP, Yaounde

Germany's Otto Pfister has been named coach of the Cameroon football team, the country's sports ministry said on Friday.

The 69-year-old Pfister, who led Togo at the 2006 World Cup finals, takes over from Jules Nyong'o who had been interim coach for several months since the departure of previous boss Arie Haan of the Netherlands.

Fergie lauds Anderson

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Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson reckons Brazilian teenager Anderson has already gone some way to justifying his hefty transfer fee. United may eventually pay Porto 17 million pounds for Anderson and although the 19-year-old initially struggled to adapt to the Premier League Ferguson has been impressed by what he has seen.

"The thing that has impressed us all is his knowledge," said Ferguson.

"I noticed him the other night directing players who were much older than him."

"That is a nice sight to see from a young lad of 19, considering his English is not perfect."

"He missed the pre-season because of the Copa America, so it took him some time to get his fitness levels up. But he is there now."

"We knew there would be a time when we had to see what he is capable of. Maybe, because of the injuries, that time has come a bit earlier than we might have expected. But he has taken to the job very well."

Bojinov set for Jan return

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Manchester City striker Valeri Bojinov could be back in action by January, the club's fitness coach said on Friday. Bojinov ruptured cruciate knee ligaments during the Manchester derby win over United in August, a desperate piece of ill fortune for the 21-year-old, eager to make an impression at his new club following a summer move from Fiorentina.

The Bulgaria international was forced to return to Italy for surgery but is now back at City's Carrington training complex to continue his rehabilitation work.

Blues boss Sven-Goran Eriksson is refusing to set a timescale on Bojinov's recovery, preferring instead to ensure the forward - once the youngest foreign player ever to appear in Serie A - is fully fit before he faces the demands of Premier League life once more.

However, according to City fitness coach Stefano Marrone, City fans could be in for a very welcome post-Christmas present.

"Players need targets for motivation, so anything around January would be great," Marrone told the club's website.



TIME OUT: AC Milan midfielders Kaka (L) and Massimo Ambrosini play a football video game in Milan on Friday.

Totti doubt for Milan clash

AFP, Rome

Injured Roma captain and striker Francesco Totti is in doubt for the Serie A match against AC Milan this weekend, coach Luciano Spalletti said Friday.

"It will be difficult for Totti to take the field against Milan on Sunday, and there is also some doubt about (Rodrigo) Taddei," Spalletti told Italian agency ANSA.

Totti picked up an ankle knock in Roma's 2-1 Champions League win over Sporting Lisbon in midweek, which followed their 4-4 draw against Napoli in the Serie A last Saturday.

That result left Roma in fourth, and Spalletti believes Milan, despite sitting in 11th place, are a formidable challenge.

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