



Chelsea star striker Didier Drogba (C) is congratulated by teammates Salomon Kalou (L) and Frank Lampard after scoring the third goal during their Premiership match against Manchester City at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

## Real shelfe Kaka plans

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid conceded defeat on Sunday in their attempt to lure AC Milan's Brazilian star Kaka to the Bernabeu stadium.

Real Madrid president Ramon Calderon has made the brilliant playmaker one of his prime targets and Kaka's possible arrival in Spain has been the subject of frenzied debate in the local media over the past few months.

But the Spanish champions' sporting director Pedja Mijatovic put an end to all the speculation on Sunday, telling Marca: "(Real Madrid) can't afford itself to waste too much time on something that is extremely difficult to obtain."

He added: "We've spoken a lot about this player over the past year and a half."

"Everybody likes him, but we know his situation and where he is playing, we'll move on to something else."

AC Milan president Silvio Berlusconi this month said "there has never been any possibility" that the Italian Serie A giants would sell their prize asset.

According to Berlusconi, Kaka, the highest earning footballer in Italy, "has never wanted to leave and I believe that he will never do so. Kaka is the symbol of Milan."

The 25-year-old is the favourite in most quarters for December's European Footballer of the Year award.

Ramos wants  
star duo

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Juanito Ramos wants Sevilla wing-back Alves and striker Fredi Kanoute to follow him to Tottenham.

The Spaniard, 35, resigned as Sevilla boss on Friday night and was named as Spurs' head coach on Saturday in the wake of Martin Jol's dismissal.

The accusation comes 24 hours after Ramos quit Sevilla and was appointed as the successor to Martin Jol who was sacked by Tottenham on Friday.

And he is already looking to bolster a squad with European ambitions but currently struggling at the wrong end of the Premier League table.

Alves is one of the hottest properties in Europe and was the subject of a bid from Chelsea in the summer while Kanoute left Spurs to join Sevilla two years ago and has fired them to successive UEFA Cup final victories.

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