

Catalans eye Real upset

AFP, Madrid

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Having already slain the apparently invincible Barcelona, giant killers Espanyol now turn their attention to Real Madrid who have reduced the gap at the top of the table to seven points with a nine match winning run in the league.

Last weekend then bottom of the table Espanyol were given little or no chance before facing Barca but an astute tactical performance pressing the home side's defence and closing down the midfield, combined with the tiredness of their opponents led them to inflicting only Barca's second defeat of the season.

Espanyol forward Luis Garcia believes that the visit of Real - who enter the match on a low after being beaten 1-0 by Liverpool at home in their Champions League clash on Wednesday - has come at the perfect time.

"They are exactly who we want to face at the moment, we know that Real Madrid are on a good run but we have to think of our own situation and we have to take the game to them thinking about what we achieved at the Nou Camp," he said.

Barcelona president Joan Laporta has issued a message of support for Pep Guardiola's team ahead of the visit to misfiring Atletico Madrid.

"We still have a seven point lead which is considerable but it is not enough to give us the league title. It does mean though we can deal with our present problems with calmness," he said after the team could only manage a draw with Lyon in their Champions League clash.

Sevilla coach Manolo Jimenez has appointed Argentine Federico Fazio as the man to mark Athletic Bilbao's in-form striker Fernando Llorente, who made his debut for the Spain national team against England recently.

Sevilla consolidated their position in the top-four with a key win over Atletico Madrid last weekend.

Valencia midfielder Ruben Baraja blames too much pressure on the team for their recent run of one win in four matches.

"We have left the Champions League places for the first time and people say we are going downhill, they don't realise there is still a long way to go in the league. The problem is that at the start of the season the expectation was too high," he said ahead of their match with Valladolid.

Villarreal appear to have bounced back from a dip in form - though they will be disappointed by the 1-1 Champions League home draw with Greek side Panathinaikos earlier this week - and will now look to inflict further suffering on Real Betis who were on the receiving end of 6-1 thrashing by Real Madrid.

"Now we are more relaxed

and we are in a good mood to face what is ahead of us," said Villarreal midfielder Santi Cazorla.

Malaga are beginning to believe that a place in Europe next season can be more than just a dream as they go into the Andalusian derby against Recreativo Huelva on the back of a convincing victory over Valladolid.

Deportivo la Coruna are also in the hunt for a top-six finish but they will find plenty of resistance from bottom side Numancia who are battling for their lives and the club has appealed for a big crowd on Sunday to back the team.

Mallorca will look to escape the relegation zone with victory over fellow strugglers Sporting Gijon and continue their good run which has seen them put together back-to-back wins.

Osasuna, level with Mallorca on 24 points but with a superior goal difference, travel to Racing Santander.

Almeria and Getafe have suffered from a lack of consistency in recent weeks and they face each other with one eye looking over the shoulders as they sit with the relegation battle looming below them.

FIXTURES

Saturday
Athletic Bilbao v Sevilla, Espanyol v Real Madrid

Sunday
Malaga v Recreativo Huelva, Almeria v Getafe, Numancia v Deportivo la Coruna, Sporting Gijon v Mallorca, Racing Santander v Osasuna, Atletico Madrid v Barcelona, Valencia v Valladolid, Betis v Villarreal



LOOK ALIKE: Bayern Munich striker Luca Toni (L) plays table football on the world's largest table against comedian Matze Knop (R) in Munich on Friday.

Maradona film a hit

INTERNET, undated

The long awaited documentary "Maradona" by award winning Serbian director Emir Kusturica delighted the crowds at Belgrade's International Film Festival, in a country that mostly shares the anti-Western sentiments with the famous footballer.

The "hand of God" England versus Argentina match dominates the documentary, which premiered on Tuesday night in a packed Belgrade cinema, and serves as a platform to the "anti-imperialist" political views of both Maradona and Kusturica.

The viewers were mostly amused and entertained by the documentary, but some complained at the lack of more biographic data.

"It was fun, I especially liked the Church of Maradona part in the movie," said Vladimir after the premier of the documentary. One of his friends however complained that it lacked any biographical weight.

"Its like a sweetened biopic without the embarrassing moments such as his ties with the mafia or his heroin addiction. I expected more, but it was fun nevertheless. I especially liked the cartoon moments in the movie," said Nikola Mijalkovski.

As Kusturica, a two time Palme D'or winner, himself pointed out earlier that the movie is a documentary about Maradona as the director sees him and not a detailed autobiography.

The most poignant moment in the documentary, for the Belgrade audience, was the Church of Maradona and its teachings that revolve around the footballer and to be baptised one has to score "a hand of God" goal.

Another highlight of the movie were the cartoon parts with Maradona out-playing British and US officials like Margaret Thatcher, Tony Blair, Queen Elizabeth or George Bush and scoring the "goal of the century."

UEFA Cup last 16 draw

AFP, Paris

Draw for the last 16 of the UEFA Cup following the conclusion of the round of 32 on Thursday:

Werder Bremen (GER) v Saint-Etienne (FRA), CSKA Moscow (RUS) v Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR), Udinese (ITA) v Zenit Saint-Petersburg (RUS), Paris SG (FRA) v Sporting Braga (POR), Dynamo Kiev (UKR) v Metalist Kharkov (UKR), Manchester City (ENG) v Aalborg (DEN), Marseille (FRA) v Ajax Amsterdam (NED), SV Hamburg (GER) v Galatasaray (TUR)

* First legs on March 12, second legs on March 19

Toni wants passion

AFP, Berlin



Luca Toni insists Bayern Munich must use the same passion they showed in their Champions League hammering of Sporting Lisbon in midweek to get their Bundesliga campaign back on track in Bremen on Sunday.

The Italian World Cup-winning striker scored twice in Lisbon as Bayern routed the home side 5-0 in the round of 16, first-leg tie and are virtually guaranteed a Champions League quarterfinal berth.

But Bayern's progress in Europe is a far cry from their Bundesliga form where they have lost three of their last four games and are down to fourth in the table - four points behind leaders Hamburg.

"We showed the real Bayern Munich in Lisbon," said Toni.

"We've shown what we're capable of. The decisive factor was the whole team playing with passion and resolve, because we want to get out of a difficult situation together."

"Now we need to start winning again in the Bundesliga."

Werder Bremen host Bayern on Sunday, but few Munich fans will need reminding of the outcome the last time the two sides met.

Bremen shocked the defending champions 5-2 at Munich's Allianz Arena last September.

Since then Bremen have dropped down the table to 11th, but with Brazilian midfielder Diego back after a four-match suspension, Werder will test Bayern.

Bremen, last year's league runners-up, will be buoyed by having knocked AC Milan out of the UEFA Cup on Thursday.

Bayern have injury doubts over defender Massimo Oddo

and Lucio who both picked up knocks in Lisbon.

League leaders Hamburg host VfL Wolfsburg on Sunday and are yet to be beaten at home.

Both sides have just two days recovery between their UEFA Cup matches against NEC Nijmegen and Paris St Germain respectively.

Despite being probed for a delayed doping test, Hoffenheim pair Andreas Ibertsberger and Christoph Janker are in the squad to face Borussia Dortmund.

After drawing 3-3 with Stuttgart last Saturday, Hoffenheim dropped to second in the table and failed to win their last three games after their fairytale rise from the second division to the summit of the Bundesliga.

Former league leaders Hertha Berlin have a golden chance to get back to the top when they host bottom side Borussia Moenchengladbach at the Olympic Stadium in the German capital with striker Marko Pantelic still out with a knee injury.

Bruno Labbadia, boss of fifth-placed Bayer Leverkusen, is considering handing a debut to 19-year-old forward Tony Kroos at Hanover on Saturday after the teenager joined from Bayern Munich last month.

FIXTURES

Saturday
Eintracht Frankfurt v Schalke 04, Hannover 96 v Bayer Leverkusen, VfL Bochum v Energie Cottbus, Hertha Berlin v Borussia M'gladbach, Borussia Dortmund v Hoffenheim

Sunday
Werder Bremen v Bayern Munich, Hamburg v VfL Wolfsburg, Karlsruhe v VfB Stuttgart

Camoranesi blow for Juve

AFP, Rome

Italy midfielder Mauro Camoranesi is set for a prolonged period on the sidelines after breaking a rib during Juventus's 1-0 Champions League defeat at Chelsea.

The midfielder left the Stamford Bridge pitch during Wednesday's game and has now been ruled out for several weeks, according to Juve's official website.

It continues a frustrating campaign for the Argentina-born Italy international who has struggled with injuries in recent seasons.

Fred leaves Lyon

AFP, Lyon

Brazilian international striker Fred has terminated his contract with French champions Lyon, who last weekend suspended him from club duties, the club announced on Thursday.

Fred's contract had been due to expire on June 30 this year, but he will now be able to leave the club with immediate effect.

"Lyon announce that Fred has taken the decision to terminate his contract during his time off in Brazil," the seven-time champions revealed in a statement on their website.

"The termination of his contract with Lyon takes effect this evening and allows him to sign for a Brazilian club."

Fred is expected to join Brazilian first division side Fluminense, who announced two weeks ago that they had reached an agreement with the player.

The 25-year-old signed from Brazilian team Cruzeiro for around 15million euros in August 2005 and has been frozen out at Stade Gerland this season after becoming disillusioned with his lack of playing time.

He has played nine games for Brazil, scoring five goals.

Rafael out for a month

AFP, Manchester

Manchester United defender Rafael da Silva will be out of action for a month after suffering an ankle injury, manager Sir Alex Ferguson revealed on Friday.

Rafael was already certain to miss Sunday's League Cup final against Tottenham at Wembley and Ferguson admitted the Brazilian teenager won't be back in action until April.

Meanwhile, Ferguson confirmed that youngsters Darron Gibson and Danny Welbeck will start Sunday's showpiece occasion after impressing for United en route to the final.

Inter face Roma test

AFP, Milan



After the Italian teams' poor showing in European competition in midweek it's back to the domestic grindstone as Inter Milan look to maintain their nine-point lead in Serie A.

The Champions League did not prove a happy hunting ground for Italy's three remaining representatives as they failed to score a goal between them.

Roma lost 1-0 to Arsenal and Juventus went down by the same score against Chelsea. Only Inter staged off defeat in a 0-0 draw against Manchester United which could easily have ended in a heavy loss.

Now Inter need to quickly forget Tuesday's game in which they were largely dominated and readapt to their position as kings of Italy.

They host Roma in the plum tie of the weekend and they will be keen to reassert their domestic authority.

Despite being out of the title race, Roma do at least have qualification for next season's Champions League to play for and they currently trail fourth-placed Fiorentina by just a single point.

And Inter's Argentina midfielder Esteban Cambiasso is under no illusions that the champions still face a tough task to hold onto their lead.

"Juve and AC Milan will be there or thereabouts right up until the end but the standings are very telling, we've got the title in our hands," he said.

But having dominated Serie A for the last three years, Cambiasso denied there was a mental block for his team when it comes to the Champions League.

They have been far from their best in that competition, losing to Werder Bremen and Panathinaikos in the group stages before finishing as runners-up to the Greeks this season.

"You have to play in a different way in the Champions League, we have no psychological problem," he insisted.

"But we need more of the ball and we need to create

more scoring opportunities (in Europe)."

Cambiasso himself has seen his role within the team change since Jose Mourinho took over from Roberto Mancini as coach.

Mourinho has used the 28-year-old at the base of his midfield diamond formation and that means the former Real Madrid player has had to learn to adapt.

"I get forward into the opposition area a lot less now," he added. "In previous years I played a lot further forward and (captain Javier) Zanetti was the one who watched my back."

Inter have already beaten Roma three times this season. They won the Italian Supercup on penalties, knocked Roma out of the Italian Cup 2-1 at the San Siro in January and thrashed Luciano Spalletti's team 4-0 in Rome back in October.

However, were Inter to slip up Juventus could be poised to close the gap as they host hapless Napoli, who have not won in eight matches.

Napoli were among the early pacesetters in Serie A but have fallen dramatically by the wayside and are struggling to stay in contention with those chasing European football next term.

FIXTURES

Saturday
Juventus v Napoli, Lazio v Bologna

Sunday
Atalanta v Chievo, Cagliari v Torino, Inter Milan v AS Roma, Palermo v Catania, Reggina v Fiorentina, Sampdoria v AC Milan, Siena v Genoa, Udinese v Lecce

Becks frustrated

Football

AFP, Milan

David Beckham admitted on Friday he has become frustrated over the protracted transfer saga surrounding his proposed move from Los Angeles Galaxy to AC Milan.

Beckham's mood was not helped by Milan's departure from the UEFA Cup on Thursday night as once again they blew a lead before crashing out of Europe's second-tier competition to Werder Bremen.

Milan were 2-0 up at half-time but the Germans fought back to draw 2-2 and qualify for the next round on the away goals rule after a 1-1 draw in the first leg.

But it is the uncertainty surrounding his proposed permanent move to Milan that has left the on-loan Galaxy player feeling blue.

Asked if he was frustrated, Beckham simply replied: "Of course. There's a lot going on and a lot being said and every day there's someone asking me questions."

"It is being said every day but so far I've been able to concentrate on the football."

However, Beckham admitted that he felt in the dark over the transfer and said he knew of no new developments.

Last week Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani said the Italian giants would not be increasing their reported three million dollars bid for the 33-year-old former England captain.

That was a bid that Galaxy described as "ridiculous", claiming it would not even come close to covering the amount they would lose should Beckham leave Major

League Soccer.

Galliani had said that Milan would be prepared to wait until October or November when Beckham could invoke a get-out clause and leave Los Angeles for free.

At the moment he is due to return to Galaxy on March 9 but that is not something he wants to consider.

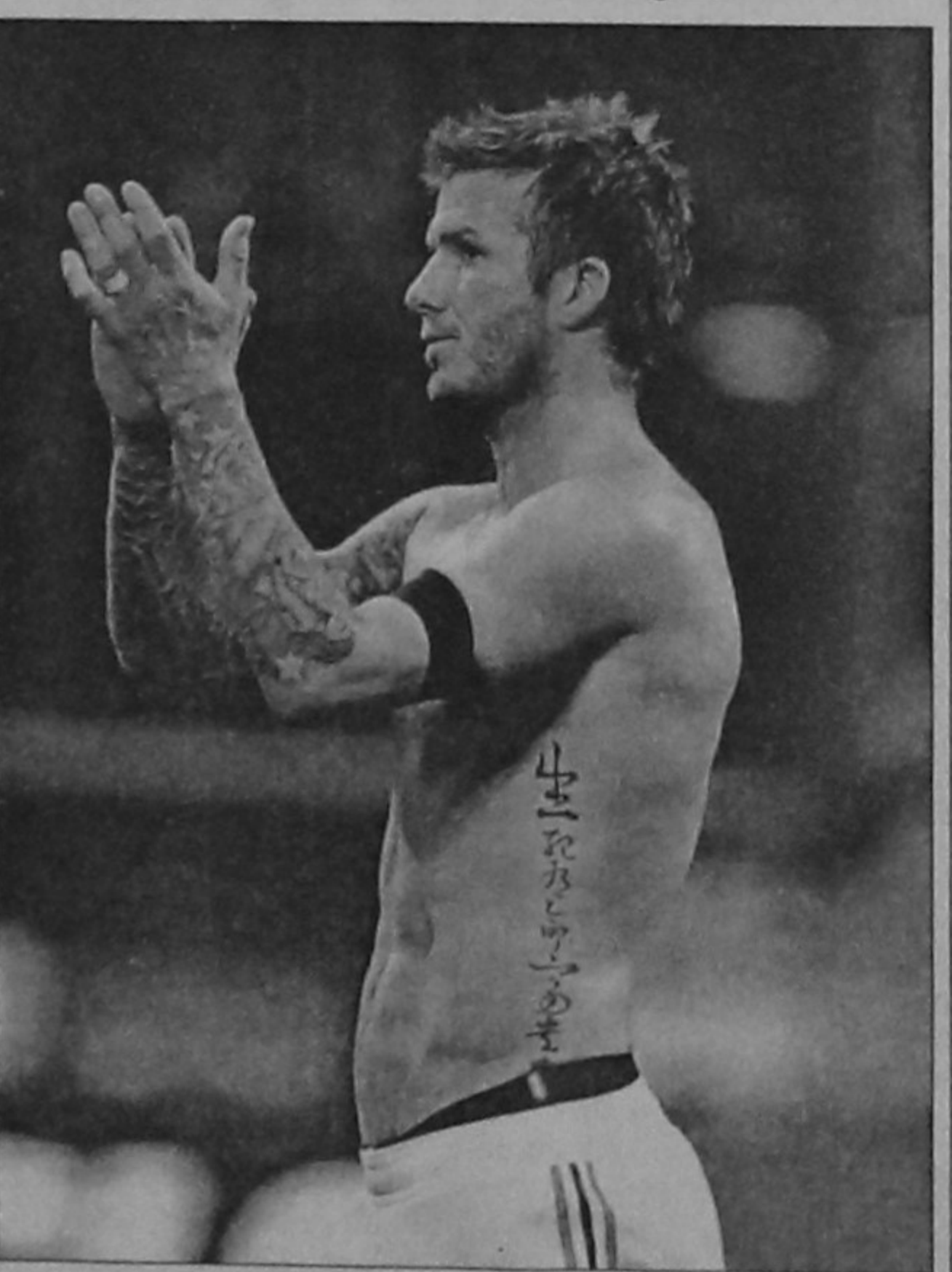
"You're better off asking someone else about that because it doesn't change me wanting to play at this club and I'm sure it doesn't change other people's desire for me to stay and play for this club

either, so we'll just have to wait and see," he said.


"At the moment its all just being discussed and negotiated."

Last week the former Manchester United and Real Madrid star had said he thought something would happen this week while insisting that he is determined to remain in the Italian fashion capital.

"I want to stay at Milan, I've not heard anything from Galaxy but when it's like that you could say it could be good news," he said after the 1-0 win over Cagliari.



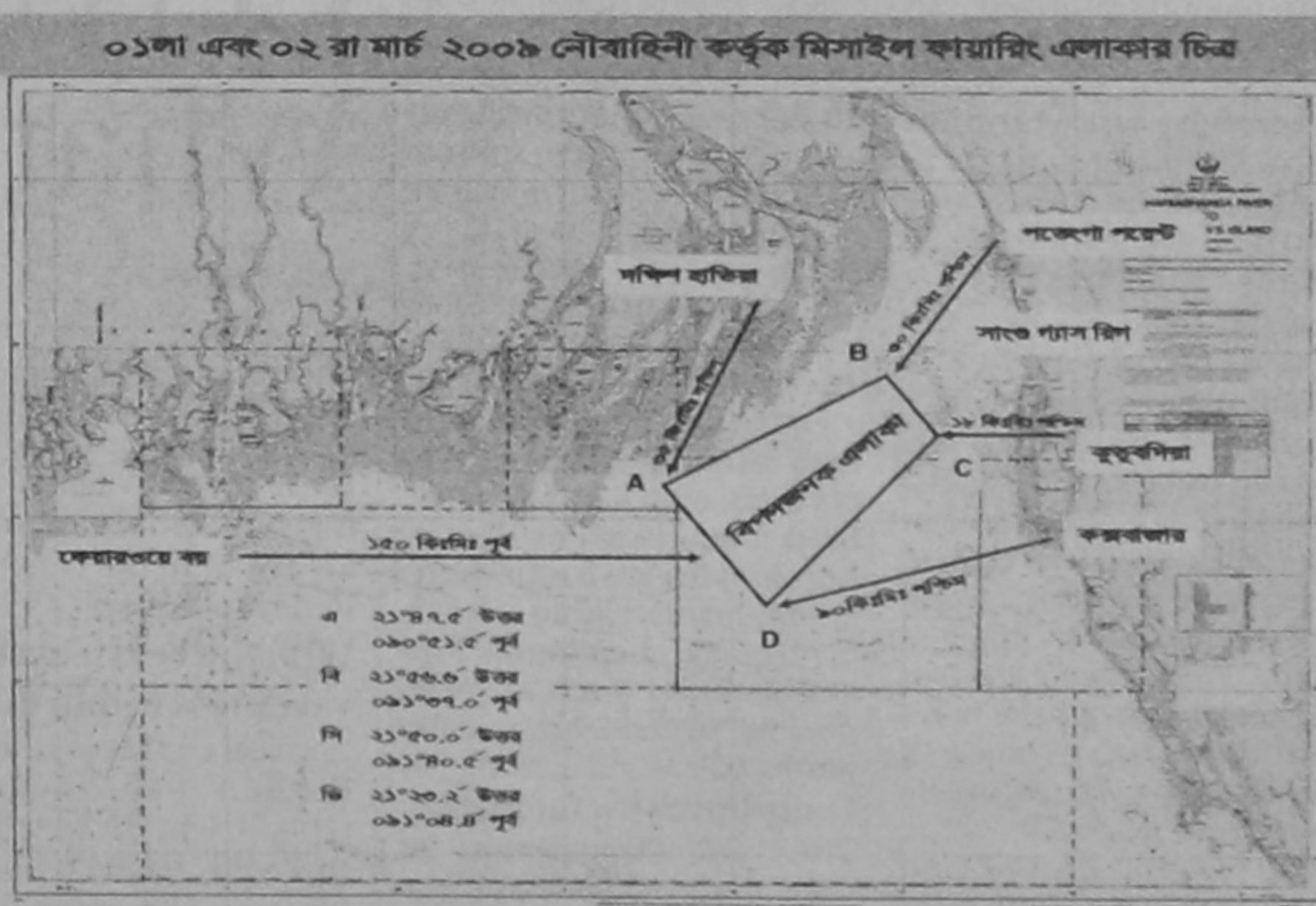
Milan midfielder David Beckham leaves the pitch at the end of their UEFA Cup match against Werder Bremen at San Siro on Thursday.



নৌ বাহিনী সদর দপ্তর
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