

The poorest person in the world is a person without a dream. -Wiles Marvic

Man City clinch Barry signing

Manchester City have completed the signing of Gareth Barry from Aston Villa in a £12 million deal.



Barry has penned a five-year contract at Etihad after agreeing personal terms and passing a medical.

The England international's future at Villa has been the subject of speculation for some time, with Liverpool failing to sign him last summer in a much-publicised tug-of-war with Middlesbrough.

Barry's contract at Villa was due to expire next season.

and although Villa officials have a new deal, he has opted to make the move to Manchester City.

The 28-year-old becomes City's first signing of the summer and his arrival is a major boost for City boss Mark Hughes as he looks to build a side capable of breaking into the top five.



Nigeria bounce back to beat France

Nigeria claimed a morale-boosting win over France in a friendly match in St Etienne yesterday.

The Belgium-based striker Joseph Akpala put the Super Eagles in front after 32 minutes.

He followed-up an Ikchakuwu Uche shot which came back off the post.

The result is likely to relieve some of the pressure on coach Shauki Amodu, who was the focus of protests during last week's draw with Iceland.

It was a strong French line-up, with Franck Ribery, Patrick Vieira and Nicolas Anelka all in the starting eleven.

Nigeria were missing several of their top stars, but the Super Eagles' performance was much-improved.

Nigeria will play Kenya in Abuja at the weekend in a 2010 World and Nations Cup qualifier before travelling to take on Tunisia two weeks later.

Onyewu To Sue Over Racial Slur

U.S. International and Standard Liege defender Ogochi Onyewu is in the process of suing Anderlecht player Jelle Van Damme for racial abuse that allegedly happened during the Belgian Jupiler play-offs last month.

Van Damme, 25, is being accused of calling Onyewu a "dirty monkey" during their play-off final in May. The defender has denied the charges and said that he is not a racist.

Jean-Louis Dupont recently issued a complaint with a Belgian court.

"He was convinced it was his duty to lodge the complaint," Dupont said. "It is not a

question whether Van Damme is racist. The issue is that these slurs are still used on the pitch, and are being used because they know it hurts."

Onyewu is currently training with the U.S. squad ahead of their matches against Costa Rica and Honduras and was not yet available for comment on the allegations or the lawsuit.

Since joining Liege in 2004, Onyewu has made 174 appearances for the Belgian club, scoring 13 goals in the process. He's also a stalwart in the USMNT, having appeared 40 times, netting on five occasions.



Real's Kaka bid confirmed

Spanish radio station Cadena Sur is reporting Kaka has signed for Real Madrid in a €150 million (£50 million) deal, although his spokesman has insisted that while an approach has been made no agreement has yet been struck.

Kaka's father and agent, Doozer Letic, reportedly revealed that a deal was agreed following talks between newly-installed Real president Florentino Perez and AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani and Letic.

However, Kaka's spokesman Diego Kozuch said "Kaka will have to read and decide whether or not to make the transfer."

"What I can say for certain is that the Spaniards and Milan have not reached any agreement."

Earlier on Tuesday the Brazilian returned his desire to stay at the San Siro, amid reports Chelsea had discussed with Milan officials his possible transfer, when coaching Carlo Ancelotti's search to Stamford Bridge.

It is Madrid though who have stolen ahead of their English counterparts in their efforts to land a player widely regarded to be one of the world's finest.

Kaka told Gazzetta dello Sport on Tuesday: "I say it for the last time. I don't want to leave Milan."

However, his declaration to the press was a mere formality to quell speculation over his departure to ease the club's considerable debt.

Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi indicated prior to the reports breaking in Spain that his club could lose their talisman.

"I do not know if we can keep Kaka at Milan because they (Madrid) have offered him so much money," he told Italian news agency Ansa.

"You can't keep someone against his will. I have not spoken with Leonardo or Galliani yet."