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# Arsenal Plotting Swoop For Chelsea's Salomon Kalou

Arsene Wenger is seeking to brink Salomon Kalou across London to join Arsenal.

Having lost Emmanuel Adebayor, the Ashburton Grove outfit are in the market for a striker, but will not pay over the odds for anyone.

However, according to the News of the World, the Gunners believe they can snare Kalou for a price of around £7 million. The Ivorian's contract expires next summer, so Chelsea might be keen to cash in on him now.

Carlo Ancelotti has previously stated that he wants Kalou to remain at Stamford Bridge, but the fact that he has not yet been offered a new

contract suggests that all offers will be considered. He currently earns £45,000 per week, and Arsenal are ready to improve that to around £70,000.

A 'Chelsea insider' was quoted as saying, "Salomon is flattered by Arsenal's interest, but at the moment he is fully committed to Chelsea."



# Rooney sets goals target

Manchester United star Wayne Rooney is aiming to beat his 20-goal return from last season

A Galaxy ace David Beckham has labelled his hostile reception from a small section of his own fans since his MLS return as a 'disgrace'.

The England international angered supporters in America last January when he quit the league to join Italian giants AC Milan on loan.

Beckham is now back across the Atlantic following the loan switch and has received a frosty reception from some, including LA Galaxy team-mate Landon Donovan.

However, Beckham was pleased with the reception he was given in LA's 1-1 draw against Kansas City Wizards, stating the criticism has not taken its toll.

### Great

"It's been great," said the 34-year-old of his reception. "The fans have been great. The reaction from Kansas City fans was really good.

"It was only from a small section of our own fans, which was disappointing and a disgrace to be honest, but at the end of the day it's not something I've never had before."

Despite the largely positive reception from fans in Kansas City, Beckham was heckled by a spectator wearing an England shirt who verbally abused his family.

Beckham also clashed with a fan during his first home game for the Galaxy, actions that landed him with a £600 fine.

### Second confrontation

The veteran midfielder eventually shook hands with the fan, but has questioned his nationality even though he was wearing an England shirt.

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what he was s... disgrace," he cont... "I've had it all b... I've not heard that... "For an English... he's not an English



# African legends on show in Lagos

A selection of African football greats took on Nigeria's Super Eagles veterans of the 1994 and 1998 World Cups at the Teslim Balogun stadium in Lagos on Saturday.

The game was part of a promotional campaign in the build-up to the 2010 World Cup, to be hosted by South Africa.

The match ended 2-1 in favour of Nigeria, with goals from Garba Lawal and Jonathan Akpoborie, while Guinea's Aboubacar Titi Camara scored for the African legends.

Some of the other African greats on parade included Nii Odartey Lamptey, Sammy Osei Kuffour and Anthony Baffoe of Ghana, and

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# Spurs edge close