

what they're saying

"A few of the new guys might get hit in the back of the head with balls because they didn't see the pass coming, but everyone will adapt fairly quickly."

— D.C. United president Kevin Payne on how long it will take his team's new players to click with star Marco Etcheverry, who will miss Spring Training to play on loan for Bolivian team Oriente Petrolero in the Libertadores Cup.

"When I finish my working day, I don't like soccer. I don't like soccer like someone who's mad about it. It's a job, and I'm a professional, but I don't follow what's happening in other countries."

— Argentine star Gabriel Batistuta admits in Spanish daily *Marca* that he is not a huge soccer fan.

"The fans should try coming on the field to show us how easy it is."

— French star Nicholas Anelka criticized Paris St. Germain fans for treating him with a lack of respect.