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Drogba to come for T20 football

CHELSEA fans will soon get to see Champions League hero Didier Drogba in India.

The ace striker from Ivory Coast will be attending the grand finale of Pepsi T20 Football, a grass-root tournament, to be played on June 17 in Delhi.

Drogba, who played a stellar role in Chelsea's win over Bayern Munich in the Champions League final on Saturday, will also coach the winning team.

The team will also face a few star Indian cricketers in a game of Pepsi T20 Football, a press release said.

The city-based knock-out tournament has seen the participation of more than 448 teams and is being conducted in Chennai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai, Lucknow, Ludhiana and Delhi simultaneously.

TO LEAVE CHELSEA

Drogba will be leaving European champions Chelsea when his contract expires in June, drawing curtains to an eight-year stint with the English club.

Drogba, 34, joined Chelsea from Olympique Marseille in 2004 and scored 157 goals in 341 appearances.

"It has been a very difficult decision for me to make and I am very proud of what we have achieved but the time is right for a new challenge for me," Drogba said.

Rumours are rife that Drogba may join Chinese club Shanghai Shenhua. The Chinese big-spenders already have French striker Nicolas Anelka in their ranks and former Argentina coach Sergio Batista is close to signing a contract with the club.



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