

Thanks to Aidas for link to this article. I guess I'm not the only one that thinks paying players to work for another company that profits from them isn't such a good idea:

LONDON (Reuters) – A stand-off between Europe's leading soccer clubs and the game's world governing body FIFA over compensation for the release of players for international tournaments such as the World Cup has come to a head.

The G-14 clubs, including European champions AC Milan, Real Madrid, Manchester United and Bayern Munich, made an official complaint last week to Switzerland's competition commission, which has opened a preliminary inquiry into FIFA's rules.

"This complaint concerns points of dispute between clubs and national teams, particularly concerning clubs making players available to national teams for free for competitions organised by FIFA," the competition commission said.

"The preliminary inquiry will aim to show if there are elements of illicit competitive restrictions under FIFA rules."

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