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▶ David Beckham speaks to the media yesterday during a press conference in Toronto.

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Becks back on local pitch

David Beckham, the former captain of England's national team, who will soon turn 36, will return to BMO Field tonight when his Los Angeles Galaxy play Toronto FC.

Harper vs. everyone

▶ PM pitches benefits of majority while fending off attacks relating to allegations of deception, dubious spending and secrecy

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper adopted a world-weary prime ministerial presence at the televised leaders debates last night to chide his political opponents to stop the "bickering."

"What we are asking — in an election we didn't want, in an election Canadians didn't want — we're asking Canadians to make the decision: Do you want to have this kind of bickering, do you want to have another election in two years? Or do you want a focus on the economy?" an unflappable Harper asked at the debate's midpoint.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff shot back: "There he goes again with this word 'bickering.' This is a debate, Mr. Harper. This is a democracy."

Harper was slapped from the opening exchange of the evening, when Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles



"I hope this time — and I'm being quite frank — I hope it is a majority. Otherwise ... we're going to be back into a fifth election in no time at all."

PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER

Duceppe thanked him for taking his first question of the campaign

from a citizen.

Harper has been running a classic front-runner's campaign, with only limited, tightly scripted interactions with the public.

And NDP Leader Jack Layton, another seasoned veteran of televised leaders' debates, landed blows literally left and right as he took on both Ignatieff and Harper in turns.

After ripping Ignatieff's Liberals for supporting Harper's minority government in a number of key votes, Layton turned to the podium on his right.

"In fact, Mr. Harper, if it hadn't been for him supporting you all this time, I'd have to be lending you my crutch so your government could've stayed in power," said Layton, who recently had hip surgery.

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