



Romanian players (from L to R) Bogdan Lobont, Adrian Mutu and Cosmin Contra jog together with teammates during their training session at Mogosoaia Centre in Bucharest on Thursday.

Steaua boss promises big bonus

Steaua Bucharest owner Gigi Becali has promised a 5.5-million-euro bonus for the Romanian squad should they win Euro 2008.

Romania look to upset

Piturca they have as astute and tactically sound handler as anyone would wish to have and he will have the resounding support of his players.

Messi prefers Olympics

Barcelona's star striker Lionel Messi said on Thursday he had decided to play in August's Beijing Olympics with Argentina's under-23 side.

Top coaches' big gamble

Domenech, Donadoni and Aragones clearly know their own mind -- yet a comparison of the illustrious missing with a roll-call of their replacements forments sentiments in their homelands ranging from curiosity to blank incomprehension.

Harry wins legal battle

Portsmouth boss Harry Redknapp has won his legal battle over a police raid on his home that may have scuppered his hopes of becoming the manager of England.

Celtic celebrate title

Celtic players were ecstatic after winning the Scottish Premier League title in dramatic fashion following their 1-0 win at Dundee United on Thursday.

Kaka to have operation

AC Milan's Brazilian playmaker Kaka, the 2007 FIFA World Player of the Year, will have an operation on his right knee on Friday, the Italian first division club said.

Henry thought about quitting after Euro

France striker Thierry Henry admitted Friday he has had thoughts about quitting after next month's Euro 2008.

Villarreal snap up Edmilson

Spanish league runners-up Villarreal have signed up Brazilian World Cup winner Edmilson, whose contract with Barcelona was at an end.

Owen out for England

Michael Owen is set to miss England's upcoming friendlies against the United States and Trinidad and Tobago.

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Mancini's last match?

Football

Roberto Mancini will take charge of Inter Milan in Saturday's Italian Cup final against AS Roma at Rome's Stadio Olimpico, possibly for the last time.

Ferguson slams Real

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Sir Alex Ferguson has launched a stinging attack on Real Madrid, accusing the Spanish champions of 'lacking morals' in their attempts to lure Cristiano Ronaldo to the Bernabeu.

A nervy two weeks wait

Football

A nervy two week countdown starts on Saturday as the 16 Euro 2008 finalists put the finishing touches to their squads ahead of the opening game between co-hosts Switzerland and the Czech Republic in Basel.

this title has an important place in our history. "In this victory there was everything that Inter represents: drama, intensity and the isolation that in the end made us feel like heroes."

thing. And Calderon makes that great statement 'slavery was abolished many, many years ago'. Did he tell Franco that? Jesus Christ, give me a break.

There is something a little different about this one, though, as for the first time since 1980 it is being played in a one-off match. For anyone who believes in omens: Roma won that time in the Stadio Olimpico.

Spanish capital. Ferguson, though, insists those expensive moves were brokered simply because, unlike in the case of Ronaldo, it was the United manager who decided the two players were surplus to requirements at Old Trafford, and not the result of pressure from Real.

member of Jakob 'Kobi' Kuhn's side to limp out after goalkeeper Fabio Coltorti was sent home suffering from post-viral fatigue and striker Blaise Kufo was diagnosed with a torn groin muscle.