

## Inter, Real reach deal on Jose

Inter Milan and Real Madrid have come to an agreement for the transfer of coach Jose Mourinho, Italian press reported on Friday although the Italian club insisted nothing was official.

Real president Florentino Perez was in Milan to try to unblock a 16 million euro stumbling block -- the severance fee in Mourinho's contract allowing him to quit his post at Inter two years early.

And according to various Italian media, when Perez left in the late afternoon to return to Madrid, it was because an agreement had been reached.

However, Inter press officer Luigi Crippa told AFP that nothing was official.

"When there is something official we will post it on our website," he said. "The newspapers can write what they want but as long as it's not on our site, it's not official."

None of the Italian media cite any official sources to support their claim.

Perez had already announced earlier this week that Real had reached agreement with Mourinho on his contract but said the Portuguese boss had to resolve the clause in his old deal.

Mourinho, according to the Italian press, believed he had a verbal agreement with Inter president Massimo Moratti that the clause would be waived if he won the Champions League.

However, Moratti told the Gazzetta dello Sport that wasn't true and said the clause would have to be met.

## Brazil, Spain likely to win

AFP, Zurich

If Swiss mathematician Roger Kaufmann's calculations are anything to go by, it looks like Spain and Brazil are most likely to meet each other at the finals of the World Cup.

According to the latest update on his website, the mathematician calculates that Brazil has 15.4 per cent chance of becoming world champion, slightly edging out Spain which has 15.2 per cent possibility of winning.

Inputting data such as the current world ranking of the team, the average number of goals scored at home and away, as well as upcoming matches, Kaufmann has generated the results using his "dynamic sport analysis" system.

However, as Kaufmann said on his website www.rogerkaufmann.ch, "such possibilities change with each single match played."

## Olsen names WC squad

AFP, Copenhagen

Denmark coach Morten Olsen on Friday unveiled a 23-man squad that will meet the Netherlands, Cameroon and Japan in group E of the World Cup, the Danish football federation announced.

Olsen had named a provisional squad of 30 and reduced that to 26 ahead of a friendly with Senegal which the former European champions won 2-0 on Thursday.

Palermo defender Simon Kjær gets the nod despite suffering a knee injury in the friendly against Senegal. Kjær will undergo medical scans in the coming days to determine the seriousness of his injury.

## SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Thomas Soerensen (Stoke City/ENG), Stefan Andersen (Broendby), Jesper Christiansen (FC Copenhagen).

**Defenders:** Daniel Agger (Liverpool/ENG), Simon Kjær (Palermo/ITA), Per Kroeldrup (Fiorentina/ITA), Lars Jacobsen (Blackburn/ENG), Simon Busk Poulsen (AZ Alkmaar/NED), William Kvist Joergensen (FC Copenhagen), Patrick Mtiliga (Malaga/ESP).

**Midfielders:** Daniel Jensen (Werder Bremen/GER), Christian Poulsen (Juventus/ITA), Christian Eriksen (Ajax/NED), Jakob Poulsen (AGF), Martin Joergensen (AGF), Mikkel Beckmann (Randers), Thomas Enevoldsen (FC Groningen/NED), Thomas Kahlenberg (Wolfsburg/GER), Dennis Rommedahl (Ajax/NED), Jesper Groenkaer (FC Copenhagen).

**Strikers:** Jon Dahl Tomasson (Feyenoord/NED), Nicklas Bendtner (Arsenal/ENG), Soeren Larsen (Duisburg/GER).

## Loew's Hungary test

AFP, Budapest



Germany prepare for life without captain Michael Ballack when they face Hungary in Budapest on Saturday in their penultimate World Cup warm-up.

With Ballack out with an ankle injury, Bayern Munich defender Philipp Lahm will take over the captain's armband to captain the side in South Africa, but striker Miroslav Klose will lead Germany in Budapest.

The Bayern quartet of Lahm, Germany's vice-captain Bastian Schweinsteiger, goalkeeper Hans-Joerg Butt and midfielder Thomas Mueller are being rested by Joachim Loew for the Hungary game as the coach looks at different options.

Coached by former Dutch midfielder Erwin Koeman, the Hungarians are expected to give the Germans the same kind of test at the Ferenc Puskas Stadium as Group D opponents Serbia in South Africa.

With Ballack out and Klose leading the side, Loew has named Schalke 04 goalkeeper Manuel Neuer between the posts in Budapest in place of injured first-choice Rene Adler.

Bremen's Tim Wiese will be on the bench with Bayern's 35-year-old goalkeeper Butt part of the quartet kept back at the north Italian training camp to work on their fitness.

Neuer will be Germany's first-choice goalkeeper in South Africa and Loew is looking forward to assessing the form of several squad members in a game environment including Hamburg's Marcell Jansen after an ankle injury.

"We want to see some things we have been working on in training implemented in the Hungary game," said Loew.

"We will take this game very seriously. I also have the opportunity again to look at one or two things."

## Gerrard fit to train

AFP, London



England midfielder Steven Gerrard has eased fears over his fitness for the World Cup after suffering an injury scare in training.

Gerrard sustained a calf problem just seconds into an 11-a-side training match at England's Austrian camp on Thursday and spent the rest of the session receiving treatment on the sidelines.

He was only able to resume light jogging at the end of the session and received further treatment at the team's hotel, but the English Football Association confirmed on Friday that the Liverpool captain was due to take a full part in the day's training.

It remains to be seen if the 29-year-old will be risked in Sunday's friendly against Japan in Graz. Gerrard's Liverpool team-mate Glen Johnson also missed Thursday's session as a precaution due to a groin injury suffered in Monday's friendly win over Mexico.

However, there was better news for Capello over the fitness of midfielder Gareth Barry as the Italian revealed the Manchester City star has a good chance of being ready for the finals.

Barry has been sidelined since early May after sustaining ankle ligament damage playing for

"For example, I can see how Marcell copes again, whether he is able to play to his best again and prove his match fitness."

While Germany lost both midfielders Ballack and Christian Traesch with ankle injuries in recent weeks, Hungary have a few injury concerns of their own.

"The conditions for preparation could have been better," said Koeman.

"There have been a few injuries and this match is a big challenge for us, but it is essential to play the big teams like Germany or the Netherlands to get us ready for our Euro 2012 campaign."

While Hungary have failed to qualify for the World Cup, Germany start their campaign on June 13 against Australia and fly to the Republic on June 7 after their final warm-up game against Bosnia-Herzegovina next Thursday.

But there could be problems waiting for them in South Africa as soon as they get off the plane.

Germany spokesman Harald Stenger said on Thursday there are no plans to switch their World Cup base in Pretoria even though their reserved hotel has alleged problems between the owners and the local authorities over licences.

South African media report the Velmore Grande hotel near Pretoria, where the German team will be based from June 7 onwards, does not have the permits demanded by South African authorities.

"I can only say that this is an issue between FIFA, the agency Match, through which we booked the hotel, South African authorities and the hotel itself," said Stenger.

Team manager Oliver Bierhoff said the German Football Federation (DFB) was aware there are problems, but said it was confident the issue will be resolved.

"Sometimes things in South Africa are ready in the last minute. But we fully trust FIFA that we will move into our Velmore Grande base," said Bierhoff.



Germany striker Miroslav Klose (R) signs autographs at the team's training camp in Appiano on Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

## France will host Euro 2016

AFP, Geneva

France were named as hosts of Euro 2016 by UEFA president Michel Platini here on Friday.

The French bid beat off strong opposition from two other bidding countries - Italy and Turkey.

France's bid was supported by French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who had spoken out in its favour at the final round of bid presentations to UEFA delegates in Geneva earlier Friday.

France, hosts and winners of the 1998 World Cup, will follow Ukraine and Poland, the co-hosts of the next European championships in 2012.

## No tweeting for Spain

AFP, Madrid

Spanish players at the World Cup will have to give up social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook during the tournament as coaching staff consider them an unnecessary distraction.

"The coaching staff have told us that they prefer that we are isolated from everything," striker Juan Mata told a news conference on Thursday.

"I have to respect that, we must be focused on each match and on our rivals. I don't think it's a big deal."

Barcelona defender Carles Puyol has already said goodbye to his Twitter fans.

"Hello everyone, from today we cannot connect until we get back from the World Cup. I will tell you about it when we get back! Greetings!" he said in a tweet.

Coach Vicente Del Bosque said days before the players gathered for training that they should not use social networking sites in order to focus on the tournament, which takes place in South Africa from June 11 to July 11.

"They have asked us not to go into Facebook or Twitter from now until the end of the World Cup," midfielder Andres Iniesta said on Facebook.

"We'll meet again as soon as the tournament finishes for us, which I hope will be on July 11," he said, referring to the scheduled date of the final.

## Colombian team robbed

AFP, Johannesburg

Thieves stole around 2,000 dollars in cash from the hotel rooms of Colombia's World Cup squad in an embarrassment for organisers ahead of the showpiece tournament in South Africa, newspapers reported Friday.

Two employees of the five star Hyde Park Southern Hotel in Johannesburg who were already under investigation for unrelated offences have been charged with the crime, The Times newspaper said.

It occurred prior to the team's World Cup warm-up match against South Africa which they lost 2-1 on Thursday.

South Africa's high crime rate, including 50 murders a day, has become a major headache ahead of the World Cup which opens on June 11. Organisers have drafted in 44,000 additional security personnel to police the event.

But cases like the Hyde Park theft may be difficult to avoid, according to police.

## Dunga demands unity

AFP, Johannesburg



Brazil coach Dunga was upbeat as he faced the media for the first time since the five-time World Cup winners arrived in South Africa early on Thursday.

The 46-year-old 1994 World Cup-winning captain made more than 100 journalists wait an hour before emerging at the team base within Randpark golf club in a northern Johannesburg suburb.

Dunga acknowledged Brazil were here to win a record sixth World Cup title, but admitted that will hinge on his ability to successfully blend together a galaxy of stars.

"We have stars here but they must play together on the field because that is the most important thing. We have to play as a team or we will not progress," he warned.

"One of the things I have tried to do is refresh the love for the Brazil shirt and the aim to play for the national team. But now we know every-

thing we have done before will be measured by this competition.

"If we do not win it, everyone will say the same things they always say - that the players and the preparation were not good enough."

Having won the Confederations Cup in South Africa last June, Brazil are joint favourites with European champions Spain to win the June 11-July 11 tournament, the first World Cup staged by Africa.

With Argentine counterpart Diego Maradona stating on Wednesday he would run naked through Buenos Aires if they lift the trophy, Dunga was asked what he would do if Brazil go all the way.

"My only problem is to work and everything will come naturally," he said.

"We must respect the individuals in the group and create a good feeling in the camp as quickly as possible because that will help us on the pitch. When the players are free, they can decide to do what they like."

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3rd	One Toshiba 21" Colour TV	YOU	3rd	One Toshin Heat & Cool AC (1Ton)	YOU
4th	One Toshin 21" Colour TV	YOU	4th	One Toshin 24" LCD TV	YOU
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(See May 23 issue of the Star Sport for competition information and rules)

## QUIZ SCHEDULE

Round & Draw	Starts	Ends	Answers must reach by 12pm	Lucky Draw for prizes
1. Barisal	May 19	May 27	May 29	June 2
2. Chittagong	May 28	June 05	June 07	June 11
3. Rajshahi	June 06	June 14	June 15	June 16
4. Khulna	June 15	June 22	June 23	June 25
5. Sylhet	June 23	July 02	July 04	July 06
Bumper Round, Dhaka	July 03	July 11	July 13	July 16

## The Daily Star - RANGS TOSHIBA World Cup Quiz, Round 2 Ends June 05, 2010

Tick (✓) the correct answers

1. How many times did Holland make it to the final of the World Cup? 3  4  2

2. Who scored the first goal of the 2006 World Cup in Germany? Wanchope  Lahm  Frings

3. Who is the youngest player to have scored in the World Cup? Pele  Owen  Milla

4. Which player scored most goals in a World Cup match? Eusebio  Salenko  Batistuta

5. Who is this player? Baggio  Maldini  Rossi

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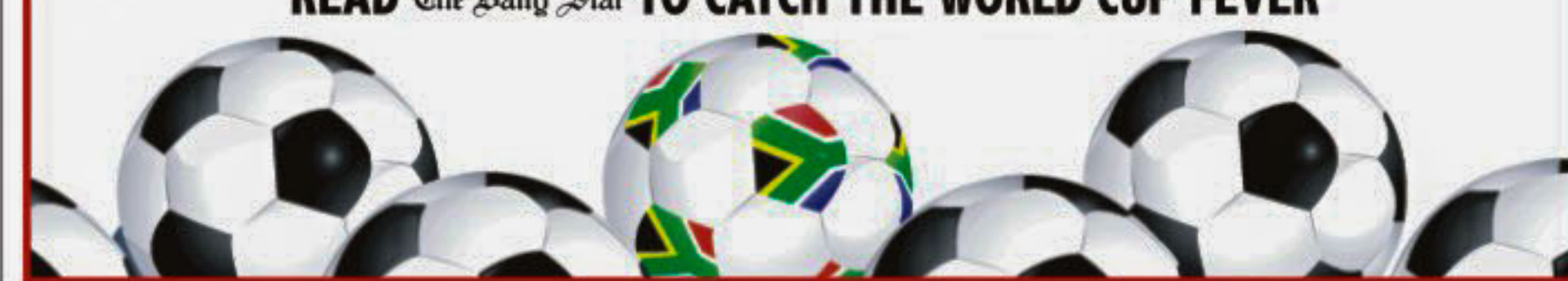
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Spain players Juan Manuel Mata (L) and Xavi (R) arrive with teammates at Innsbruck Airport ahead of their training camp in Austria on Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Buffon not confident

AFP, Rome



Italy and Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon on Thursday played down the world champions' chances of retaining their title in South Africa.

Italy claimed victory in the World Cup in Germany four years ago following a penalty shoot-out with France in the final.

But speaking from the nerazzurri's altitude training base in Sestriere, Buffon said a repeat would be a hard ask.

"We have less chance of retaining the World Cup than we had of winning it in 2006 because after winning, it becomes more difficult to repeat that," he said.

"But I have a lot of confidence because everyone, in particular the new-boys, is ready."

"Therefore we have the foundation necessary to make an impact at the World Cup, even if to win it you need many things to happen as well as luck."

"However, if we have to be knocked-out the important thing is to do so with our heads held high having shown Italian football in a good light."

Buffon comes into the World Cup on the back of a poor season with his club Juventus where he missed chunks of the season due to injury but was also part of a team that posted a club record 15 league defeats and conceded another record 56 goals.

However, he denied that his own powers are waning.

"If I'm given the conditions to demonstrate my qualities then I still believe that I'm the best goalkeeper in the world," he said.

"From the beginning of the season until November I had my best start to a season."

"But when you finish seventh in the league people say: of course at Juve there's no player who has performed."

"I could be the best in the world for 100 years but if we always finish 10th or 11th no-one would even know I existed."

Buffon also distanced himself from speculation linking him to a move to the Premier League with either Manchester United or Manchester City.

"I've given a lot to Juventus but it's true that I've received everything that a footballer would want, both on and off the pitch," he said.

"The fans love me and that means a lot to me. I have a very well defined situation with Juve, both on my part and theirs: we want to continue our relationship."

"We live in an era in which if a player wants to leave, he leaves. Without any problems."

"You can see that Juve have shown a great desire to keep me, and I have done likewise to stay, otherwise that would not have happened."

"Right now the only thing I'm interested in is to have new players with the Juventus mentality."

"Those who join need to sweat blood for the shirt."

"This last season shows that (Claudio Ranieri) (who was sacked at the end of the 2008/09 season) was not the problem."