

# Deschamps new France coach

Football

AFP, Paris

France's World Cup and Euro winning captain Didier Deschamps was named coach of the national side on Sunday, the French Football Federation (FFF) announced on its website.

The 43-year-old - who captained France to the 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000 trophies - replaces fellow World Cup and Euro winning team-mate Laurent Blanc, who turned down a new two year contract last weekend.

Blanc had guided the French to the Euro 2012 quarter-finals - the minimum requirement of the FFF - but dressing room discord and two outbursts by Samir Nasri had not helped Blanc's cause.

Deschamps immediately became the favourite and lent credence to the fact by quitting Marseille last Monday.

"Noel Le Graet, President of the FFF and Didier Deschamps reached agreement after the conclusion of their talks for him to be named France coach," read the statement.

Both men are to hold a joint press conference on Monday at the federation headquarters at 1530 GMT.

Frederic Thiriez, president of the French Professional League (LFP), welcomed the appointment unreservedly.

"Didier Deschamps is obviously the man of the moment," said Thiriez.

"The French team needs in this difficult context, a man of his stamp and experience.

"He can naturally count on the support without fail of the professional football world in France."

Deschamps contract is expected to be for two years - taking him up to the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil, with another two likely to be on the table should they qualify for them, while he is expected to be assisted by his faithful Marseille lieutenant Guy Stephan.

It was Stephan, who approached Deschamps on Le Graet's behalf when it became apparent that Blanc might not sign the new contract, as he knew the French football supremo from owning a house in the Brittany town of Guingamp where Le Graet had served two terms as Socialist mayor.

Deschamps' first task will be to prepare the squad for a high profile friendly with Copa America champions and World Cup semi-finalists Uruguay in Le Havre on August 15 while their first World Cup qualifier is against Finland on September 7.

However, with just one automatic qualifying spot up for grabs in the shape of group winners, France face a tough task to take that one as two-time European champions and World Cup holders Spain are in the same group.



Great Britain captain Ryan Giggs practises shooting during a training session ahead of the London Olympics near Ashby yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Angola appoint Ferrin

REUTERS, undated

Angola have appointed Uruguayan Gustavo Ferrin to coach the national soccer team for the next two years, state news agency Angop reported on Monday.

Ferrin, 53, has spent most of his coaching career in charge of national youth sides in Uruguay and Peru, Angop added.

He will be the permanent replacement for Lito Vidigal, whose tenure as Angola coach ended in April after the nation's poor performance in January's African Nations Cup.

Romeu Filemon, coach of Angolan club side Primeiro de Agosto, served as interim manager, leading the team to draws against Uganda and Liberia in their first two qualifiers for the 2014 World Cup.

Ferrin's first match in charge will be a friendly against Mozambique on August 15.



Chelsea and England defender John Terry arrives at Westminster Magistrates Court in London yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Terry on trial

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AFP, London

Chelsea and England defender John Terry racially abused rival footballer Anton Ferdinand in response to taunts about his alleged affair with a teammate's girlfriend, a court heard Monday.

Terry was charged with a racially aggravated public order offence following the emergence of video footage appearing to show him abusing the Queens Park Rangers defender Ferdinand during a Premier League match last October.

The 31-year-old Chelsea captain allegedly called Ferdinand -- the brother of Terry's England colleague Rio Ferdinand -- a "f\*\*\*\*\*g black c\*\*t", Westminster Magistrates' Court in London heard as the trial opened.

He also allegedly told Ferdinand, who is mixed race, to "f\*\*\* off" and called him a "f\*\*\*\*\*g k\*\*\*head" as the pair exchanged insults.

"When someone brings your colour into it, it takes it to another level and it's very hurtful," Ferdinand, 27, told the court as he gave evidence.

The QPR player said he did not initially believe that any racist terms had

been used.

After the match Ferdinand's girlfriend showed him a YouTube clip of the altercation which convinced him that racist language had been used, he told the court.

He added that if he had realised at the time what had been said, he "probably would have let the officials know what happened and dealt with it after the game."

If found guilty, Terry could be fined up to £2,500 (3,150 euros, \$3,850), although the damage to the player's lucrative commercial deals would likely be far greater.

Prosecutor Duncan Penny said Terry's words "demonstrated hostility based on Mr Ferdinand's membership or presumed membership of a racial group".

The insult was made "most probably in response to physical gestures being made by Mr Ferdinand which the defendant understood to refer to the well-publicised allegation of an extramarital affair with a teammate's girlfriend," Penny said.

Allegations emerged in 2010 that Terry, who is married, had an affair with Vanessa Perroncel, the former girlfriend of his England teammate Wayne Bridge, who was also formerly at Chelsea.

Terry maintains that he was only

sarcastically repeating words that Ferdinand wrongly thought he had said earlier, the court heard.

A few supporters outside shouted "Good luck, John!" to Terry as he arrived at court, wearing a grey suit and pink tie. He did not speak to reporters.

At an earlier hearing Terry's lawyers entered a not guilty plea on his behalf.

In a statement made to police last November, Terry said he was offended by the accusation that he had used racist language.

"Whilst footballers are used to industrial language, using racist terms is completely unacceptable whatever (the situation)," he told police.

"I have never been accused of something like that and I did not take his remark lightly at all, and took strong offence to his suggestion."

His trial was delayed until after the Euro 2012 championships after a judge heard that a number of other Chelsea players would be unable to appear as witnesses until the end of the football season.

Terry was stripped of the England captaincy by the English Football Association in February as a result of the racial abuse allegations. Fabio Capello resigned as England coach following that decision.

## Uruguay select Suarez

AFP, Montevideo

Liverpool striker Luis Suarez was one of three over-age players included in the 18-man Uruguay squad for the Olympic Games that was announced here on Monday.

Coach Oscar Washington Tabarez has also named prolific Napoli striker Edinson Cavani and Palermo's Egidio Arevalo Rios as players over the age of 23 in the squad that will compete in Group A alongside Great Britain, Senegal and the United Arab Emirates.

Other familiar faces include Liverpool defender Sebastian Coates, Ajax midfielder Nicolas Lodeiro and Palermo attacker Abel Hernandez.

Uruguay, who won last year's Copa America and finished fourth at the 2010 World Cup, will face the United Arab Emirates in their opening game on July 26.

Uruguay famously won football gold at the 1924 Summer Games in Paris and again four years later in Amsterdam.

### SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Martin Campana (Cerro Largo), Leandro Gelpi (Penarol)  
**Defenders:** Sebastian Coates (Liverpool/ENG), Diego Polenta (Genoa/ITA), Ramon Arias (Defensor Sporting), Alexis Rolin (Nacional), Emiliano Albin (Penarol).  
**Midfielders:** Egidio Arevalo Rios (Palermo/ITA), Nicolas Lodeiro (Ajax/NED), Matias Aguirregaray (Palermo/ITA), Gaston Ramirez (Bologna/ITA), Maximiliano Calzada (Nacional), Diego Rodriguez (Defensor Sporting).  
**Forwards:** Luis Suarez (Liverpool/ENG), Edinson Cavani (Napoli/ITA), Abel Hernandez (Palermo/ITA), Jonathan Urretaviscaya (Vitoria Guimaraes/POR), Tabare Viudez (Nacional).  
**Stand-by:** Alejandro Silva (Fenix), Marcelo Silva (Penarol), Federico Pintos

## Park joins QPR

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REUTERS, London

South Korean midfielder Park Ji-sung has joined Queens Park Rangers from Premier League rivals Manchester United on a two-year contract, the west London club said on Monday.

"This is a real coup for QPR," manager Mark Hughes, himself a former United player, told the club website (www.qpr.co.uk).

The club did not disclose the fee for the 31-year-old, who said he was looking forward to help take the club to a new level, but media reports said the agreement could be worth 5.0 million pounds (\$7.75 million).

Park, who made more than 200 appearances for United since joining from PSV Eindhoven in 2005, has a reputation as a big game player able to relentlessly break up opposition attacks and send his own team mates on the offensive.

He was the first Asian to compete in a Champions League final in 2009, and won four Premier League titles at United. The former captain of his country, he made 100 appearances for South Korea between 2000 and 2011.

"His record speaks for itself," said Hughes. "He has been a big player for Manchester United and played a big part in their success in recent years."

"He was always picked for the big matches because they could rely on him and we are going to reap all those qualities."

QPR's Malaysian chairman Tony Fernandes, whose AirAsia airline sees South Korea as a growing market, said he and Hughes had worked hard to make the deal happen. "I am the ultimate dreamer," he declared. "What started as a little idea is now a reality and it shows that people are beginning to buy into our story."

Park is the second United player to move to QPR this month following young defender Fabio Da Silva who has joined on a season long loan deal.

Fabio, who can play at fullback or in midfield, has played 53 times for United, but has rarely been a first-choice starter.

QPR are seeking to establish themselves in the Premier League after securing their safety on the last day of the season following their promotion in 2011.

Fernandes told Reuters at the weekend that QPR could sign three or four more players before the start of the Premier League season on top of those already announced.

## Kobayashi fined 25000 euros

AFP, Silverstone

Kamui Kobayashi was fined 25,000 euros by the FIA despite his apologising to his Sauber team after injuring three mechanics during a pit-stop in Sunday's British Grand Prix.

The 25-year-old Japanese driver did not brake early enough and wound up overshooting his allocated position, knocking down three mechanics with the right side of his car in the process.

Two of the mechanics were taken to the medical centre sporting cuts, bruises and a dislocated thumb, the third mechanic bruised his foot and was treated in the team's garage.

Kobayashi admitted he had not braked early enough and apologised to his team for the accident.

"The accident was my fault and I want to apologise to the team," he said.

"Of course I had to push hard for points, but without doubt I braked too late in the pitlane."

"The front wheels locked, I couldn't control the car, and this is how I overshoot the pit box. I am terribly sorry this happened, and I hope the three mechanics I hit get well soon."

Despite a strong showing out on the track, Kobayashi lost almost 20 seconds from the incident and wound up out of the points in 11th position.



Barcelona midfielder Andres Iniesta and Anna Ortiz wave after their wedding ceremony in Altafulla on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

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