



Brazil star Neymar scores the second goal from a penalty during their London Olympics warm up match against Great Britain at the Riverside Stadium in Middlesbrough on Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Barca post record profit

REUTERS, Madrid

Barcelona's failure to win La Liga helped them post a record 48.8 million euro (\$59.38 million) profit for the 2011-12 season, vice-president for economic affairs Javier Faus said on Friday.

After two consecutive years of financial losses, and three consecutive league titles, Barca were beaten to the top spot in Spain by Real Madrid in May but avoided having to pay out 12 million euros in win bonuses.

"If we had won La Liga the overall surplus would have been 36 million euros and it would still have been the best end-of-year figure in the history of the Club," Faus said.

The Catalans increased their income 21.5 million euros to 494.9 million, while cutting back on expenditure which fell to 441.1 million euros, 31.5 million less than the previous year, exceeding the budget forecasts.

## Bin Hammam wants to quit



AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Mohamed bin Hammam, the scandal-tainted former FIFA presidential candidate whose life ban was overturned by the Court of Arbitration for Sport this week, has said he wants to retire from football.

The 63-year-old, who was accused of offering cash bribes to buy FIFA delegate votes during campaigning to unseat long-standing president Sepp Blatter last year, said he wanted to quit due to "jealousy" within the sport.

"My wish now is just to quit actually and retire," the Qatari, who was this week suspended as the head of the Asian Football Confederation for 30 days over fresh corruption allegations, told the BBC.

"Frankly speaking, what is my wish? To quit. Really I served football that long, more than 42 years, and the last year really I have seen a very bad, very ugly face of the sport and of the football, you know, jealousy," he said.

"I wish to leave football."

Asian football officials could not be reached for comment, while Peter Velappan, who was AFC general secretary for 30 years and a bitter rival of bin Hammam, declined to comment.

Bin Hammam on Thursday won his appeal at the Lausanne-based Court of Arbitration for Sport against a life ban from all football-related activity over the bribery allegations.

But a three-member panel that considered the case stopped short of exonerating him.

Bin Hammam has denied any wrongdoing, saying cash hand-outs he made during the election were merely gifts, and describing the charges and his punishment by FIFA as politically motivated.

A one-time close associate of the powerful Blatter, the two became estranged following a falling-out.



## Capello gets down to work

AFP, Moscow

Italian Fabio Capello, appointed Russia's national football coach this week, on Saturday attended his first domestic game as coach, a Premier League clash between CSKA Moscow and Rostov.

Capello took his seat in the VIP stands at the CSKA-Rostov match outside Moscow, one of the first games of the new Russian domestic season which kicked off on Friday.

He will be able to make an early check on the form of Russia's top stars, with the CSKA line-up including midfielder Alan Dzagoev and goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev.

Capello takes over from Dutchman Dick Advocaat, who guided Russia to the Euro 2012 finals in Poland and Ukraine.

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## Napoli fell Bayern

AFP, Rome

Bayern Munich fell 3-2 to Napoli in the final match of the Bavarians' pre-season training camp on the banks of Lake Garda in Italy on Friday.

Napoli succeeded where they had twice failed in last season's Champions League group phase, having been held to a 1-1 draw at home before losing 3-2 in the return match in Munich.

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## Brazil outclass GB

APP, Middlesbrough

Brazil showed Team GB the standard required to win gold at the Olympics as the tournament favourites warmed up for the London Games with a 2-0 win at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium on Friday.

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## Bebe spares MU blushes



APP, Cape Town

Substitute Bebe scored two minutes into stoppage time to salvage a 1-1 draw for Manchester United at Ajax Cape Town on Saturday in the second match of a pre-season world tour.

The Portuguese tapped a low cross into the net after Ajax had snatched the lead four minutes from time at a chilly Cape Town Stadium through a looping Alcardo van Graan back-heel from a corner.

New £17 million (\$26 million) signing Shinji Kagawa from Japan made his first start for the Red Devils and showed many deft touches before squandering a good second-half scoring chance.

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Brazil midfielder Oscar has said that he will make up his mind about whether to sign for Premier League giants Chelsea after the Olympics.

The 20-year-old Internazionale playmaker has been the subject of intense speculation linking him with a move to Stamford Bridge all summer.

"I only had a meeting with the doctor, nothing else. I didn't sign any contract yet and I will wait until the end of the Olympic Games to decide my future," said Oscar.

"All Brazilian players have this dream. I have, like everybody the dream to play in Europe and the Premier League."

He insisted though that Olympics remain his primary focus for now.

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