

What to WATCH

(August 8, Thursday)
TEN Sports
Montreal Masters
Last 16
Live from 10:00pm
(August 9, Friday)
STAR Cricket
England v Australia
Fourth Test, Day 1

Live from 4:00pm
TEN Sports
Montreal Masters
Quarterfinals
Live from 10:00pm
(August 10, Saturday)
STAR Cricket
England v Australia
Fourth Test, Day 2

Live from 4:00pm
TEN Sports
IAAF World C'ships
Day 1
Live from 11:30pm
(August 11, Sunday)
STAR Cricket
England v Australia
Fourth Test, Day 3

Live from 4:00pm
TEN Sports
Montreal Masters
Semifinals
Live from 1:00am
IAAF World C'ships
Day 2
Live from 11:00pm
STAR Sports

FA Community Shield
Man United v Wigan
Live from 7:30pm
(August 12, Monday)
STAR Cricket
England v Australia
Fourth Test, Day 4
Live from 4:00pm

Neymar scores his first Barca goal

AFP, Bangkok



Brazilian wonderkid Neymar scored his first goal in Barcelona colours as the Catalan giants swatted aside Thailand 1-7 in a friendly in Bangkok on Wednesday.

Spain international Pedro notched a neat hat-trick, while Argentine Lionel Messi scored a brace -- including one from the penalty spot -- in a first half appearance that delighted the near 50,000-capacity crowd at Bangkok's Rajamangala stadium.

Second-half substitute Alexis Sanchez scored the visitor's seventh and final goal early in the second half as new manager Gerardo Martino's side cruised to a routine win over a plucky but callow Thai side.

Thailand's star striker Teerasil Dangda scored the hosts' consolation goal from the penalty spot in the last minute of the first-half following a bungled recovery tackle by young Cameroonian centre-half Frank Bagnack.

Barca are the fourth big name side to travel to Bangkok this summer hot on the heels of English Premier League giants Manchester United, Chelsea and Liverpool who have all toured the kingdom.

The Catalan side return to Asia three years after their last tour of the football-mad continent -- home to a massive fan base and huge potential sums in sponsorship.

The tour is also final chance for Martino to assess his players in official friendly

action before they start the defence of their La Liga crown on August 18.

All eyes were on Barca's flamboyant new signing Neymar, after reports he had been diagnosed with anaemia.

But the Blaugrana's 57 million euros (\$75.7 million, £49.5 million) signing showed no sign of illness in a lively 45 minutes, the highlight of which was his landmark goal from close range on 12 minutes, sparking the rout.

The Brazilian international, who joined the Catalans in June, also showed promising flashes of link-up play with Messi as Barca cruised to a 1-5 half-time lead.

Cesc Fabregas, the subject of a major transfer bid from Manchester United, was at the heart of Barca's best moves, his metronomic passing from the left side of the three-man midfield reminding spectators why the club are so keen to keep the playmaker.

The second half saw Barca's first choice midfield of Xavi, Andres Iniesta and Sergio Busquets replace Alex Song and highly-regarded youngster Sergi Roberto.

Fabregas pushed up into the front three as Messi and Neymar also made way.

Xavi immediately stepped up the tempo, bouncing the ball off Fabregas before he too withdrew with 20 minutes to play.

Pedro completed his hat-trick with a nicely taken first-time lob on 47 minutes, which Sanchez followed a minute later, tapping home another sweeping Barca move.



Barcelona star Neymar (C) is challenged by Thailand's Puttitan Wannasri (L) during their exhibition match at the Rajamangala Stadium in Bangkok yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

United far from best

AFP, Solna

Manchester United were far from their best on Tuesday as they drew 1-1 with Swedish outfit AIK in a friendly in Solna.

The Premier League champions are still 11 days away from the start of their title defence and were made to look mediocre at times by opponents who are flying high in their domestic league midway through their season.

Missing Wayne Rooney, who is at the centre of ongoing transfer speculation but was left out due to a shoulder injury, David Moyes' side needed two good saves from Anders Lindegaard to deny Kennedy Igboananike and keep them on level terms in the first half.

AIK did take the lead shortly after the restart at the Friends Arena thanks to a superb strike by Robin Quaison, but United had Angelo Henriquez to thank for netting the goal that earned them a draw midway through the second period.

The Chilean converted a Wilfried Zaha assist to score his first senior goal for the club.

United face FA Cup holders Wigan Athletic in the Community Shield on Sunday before travelling to Swansea City in their opening league game on August 17.

Suarez accuses Liverpool

AFP, London



Liverpool's Uruguayan striker Luis Suarez has accused the club of not honouring a clause in his contract which would let him leave Anfield, in comments published in Wednesday's Guardian.

Suarez repeated his desire to join a club in the Champions League and said that Liverpool had gone back on an agreement written into his contract, signed last August, which obliges them to sell to any club offering more than £40 million (\$60.7 million).

"Last year I had the opportunity to move to a big European club and I

stayed on the understanding that if we failed to qualify for the Champions League the following season I'd be allowed to go," he told the paper.

"Now all I want is for Liverpool to honour our agreement."

Arsenal are reported to have bid £40,000,001 for the controversial Uruguayan in a bid to trigger the release agreement.

Liverpool maintain the clause only obliges them to negotiate with clubs offering more than £40 million, but Suarez disagrees.

"I have the club's word and we have the written contract and we are happy to take this to the Premier League for them to decide the case but I do not want it to come to that," he told the

Guardian.

"I'm 26. I need to be playing in the Champions League. I waited one year and no one can say that I did not give everything possible with my teammates last season to get us there."

Suarez arrived at Liverpool in January 2011 after a £22.8m transfer from Ajax, but his time at Anfield has been marred by accusations of racism against Manchester United's Patrice Evra and a biting incident against Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic last season.

Manager Brendan Rodgers has urged Suarez to repay the support of the club and its fans by staying at Liverpool.

Inter edge Juventus

AFP, Miami



Inter Milan edged Italian rivals Juventus 9-8 on penalties Tuesday after playing to a 1-1 draw in a friendly at Sun Life stadium.

Second-half substitute goalkeeper Juan Pablo Carrizo blocked Mauricio Isla's penalty then converted an attempt of his own to lift Inter to the victory in the eight-club International Champions Cup friendly tournament.

Argentina's Ricardo Alvarez in the 28th minute for Inter and Chile's Arturo Vidal with a penalty in the 44th for Juventus accounted for the regular-time goals.

On target in the shoot-out for Inter were

Andrea Ranocchia, Alvarez, Mauro Icardi, Ishak Belfodil, Patrick Olsen, Marco Andreolli, Alvaro Pereira, Jonathan and Carrizo.

For Juventus, Claudio Marchisio, Carlos Tevez, Andrea Pirlo, Vidal, Angelo Ogbonna, Martin Caceres, Giorgio Chiellini and Paolo De Ceglie converted.

After the match ended 1-1, both Carrizo and counterpart Marco Storari made stops to begin the penalty shootout.

Juventus and Inter matched each other over the next eight rounds until Carrizo went to his right and thwarted Isla.

Carrizo turned around to take the shot for Inter, sending a blast high down the middle while Storari went right, giving Inter the win.

Ribery makes final three

REUTERS, Berne



Bayern Munich winger Franck Ribery joined Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi when the final three contenders for the 2012/13 UEFA Best Player in Europe award were named on Tuesday.

The Frenchman, who played a major role in Bayern's Champions League-winning season, is the first player from a club other than Barcelona and Real Madrid to make the final three since the award was established by European soccer's ruling body in 2011.

Argentina's Lionel Messi won the inaugural award followed by Spaniard Andres Iniesta, his Barcelona team mate, last year.

Messi and Real Madrid and Portugal forward Ronaldo have made the last three in each of the two previous years.

The winner will be decided by a jury of journalists from each of UEFA's member associations in a live poll on August 29 at the Champions League group stage draw in Monaco.

Cavani steps up training

AFP, Claire Fontaine

Record signing Edinson Cavani faces a race against time to be fit for the new season having only just started full training for the first time since joining Paris Saint-Germain.

Cavani joined the rest of his new teammates on Tuesday having previously undergone a specific individual programme.

It means the 26-year-old, known as the 'Mata-dor', could yet be fit to face Montpellier on Friday night in the French champions' first game of the new Ligue 1 season.

The 64-million-euro (\$85 million) signing was late back to pre-season training after taking part in June's Confederations Cup with Uruguay.

PSG coach Laurent Blanc said a decision will be made on the ex-Napoli striker's participation on Thursday.

"We're going to give ourselves another 24 hours to see if he'll be available to the group in Montpellier," Blanc said Wednesday.

"If he continues to progress as he is doing, (he could play) but he still needs more time to prepare because he started (training) later than the others and he also had a few worries concerning old injuries."

PSG are also sweating over the fitness of Brazil-born Italy midfielder Thiago Motta, who sat out training Wednesday due to a calf problem.

The 30-year-old missed large swathes of last season due to a series of injuries, including to his calf.

Carlo certain C'Ron will stay

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Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti is "certain" Cristiano Ronaldo will quash speculation over the possibility of returning to Manchester United by signing a contract extension at the Bernabeu.

Ronaldo, 28, is contracted with Madrid until June 2015 but has been linked with a move back to Old Trafford either this season or next.

Los Blancos have remained adamant that they will keep hold of the Portuguese winger despite the

rumours, but doubts were raised on Sunday when Ronaldo said "the situation still hasn't been resolved and I don't think now is the right time to talk about it".

Speaking at a press conference in Miami ahead of Madrid's International Champions Cup final against Chelsea, Ancelotti seemed confident Ronaldo's desire is to stay in Spain.

"The player wants to renew his contract and the club want him to renew it too, so I don't think it's going to be a problem," he was quoted as saying by Madrid-based newspaper AS.

"I think Cristiano and the club are

relaxed about the issue. I don't know when it will happen, but I am certain that Cristiano is going to renew his contract with Madrid."

Ancelotti refused to comment further on Madrid's links with Gareth Bale after angering Tottenham boss Andre Villas-Boas last week by declaring the Spanish side are "negotiating" to sign the Welsh winger.

"I won't speak about Bale, because I have already angered him (Villas-Boas) and I don't want to anger another coach," Ancelotti added. "I didn't say anything in particular and I prefer not to talk about this."

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