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Goetze at it again

REUTERS, Berlin

Germany midfielder Mario Goetze caused a stir ahead of their World Cup qualifier against Ireland on Friday after briefly donning his own sponsor's socks instead of those of the team's official supplier.

"There is the free choice for shoes here with us, so such actions should not happen," said Germany team manager Oliver Bierhoff. "It is annoying."

Adidas has sponsored the German national team for decades and Goetze has a personal deal with Nike.

The Bayern Munich midfielder told Bild newspaper he was not trying to advertise his sponsor but wore the socks before training on Thursday as part of his recovery from injury.

"These are compression socks which I have been wearing due to my injury, said the midfielder, who has only recently returned to action after hurting his ankle in August.

Goetze was fined by Bayern after appearing at his official presentation with a T-shirt sporting a large Nike logo. Adidas, which holds shares in the German treble winners, is the club's official kit supplier.

Alba out for another 6 weeks

AFP, Madrid

Barcelona left-back Jordi Alba has been ruled out for another six weeks after suffering a muscular injury on Thursday.

The Spanish international has been sidelined for the past three weeks due to a right hamstring problem and was thought to be nearing a return to action.

However, he will now miss Barca's first meeting with Real Madrid this season on October 26, as well as the two Champions League games against AC Milan.

"During training on Thursday, Jordi Alba suffered a muscular injury in the front part of his left leg," said a statement on the club's website.

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Rafa, Novak on course

AFP, Shanghai



Rafael Nadal survived a fierce assault from Stanislas Wawrinka to reach the Shanghai Masters semifinals Friday, staying on course for a potential title

match against Novak Djokovic, who recovered from a set down to also claim victory.

World number one Nadal was pushed to the limit by Wawrinka in a highly competitive first set but the relentless Spaniard came out on top in a gripping tie-break lasting more than 20 minutes.

It was one-way traffic in the second set as he prevailed 7-6 (12/10), 6-1.

Top seed Djokovic kept his side of the bargain under floodlights at the Qizhong Tennis Center, withstanding a feisty challenge from Frenchman Gael Monfils to win his quarter-final 6-7 (4/7), 6-2, 6-4.

Elsewhere in last-eight action, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Juan Martin del Potro breezed through their matches in straight sets as they hunt berths at next month's elite World Tour Finals

Nadal, who has won 10 titles -- including the French Open and US Open -- this year, fended off three set points for Wawrinka before taking his fourth opportunity to win the opener. A dispirited Wawrinka ran out of steam in the second set against never-saydie Nadal, who regained the number one

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Gerardo Martino's policy of alternately rest-

ing key Barcelona players will help prevent

the team suffering a similar slump to the one

that wrecked last season's Champions

League campaign, according to midfielder

Under Martino's predecessor as coach, Tito Vilanova,

Barca struggled past AC Milan and Paris St Germain into the

last four of Europe's elite club competition last term before

of physical intimidation and lethal finishing to inflict a 7-0

aggregate defeat on their Spanish rivals, by far Barca's worst

implemented a policy of resting some of his top performers

for La Liga games, including Fabregas and fellow Spain

interview with Spanish sports daily Marca published on Friday.

midfielders Xavi, Andres Iniesta and Sergio Busquets.

lacking in bite at the time when everything was decided.

Since taking over from the ailing Vilanova, Martino has

"What happened last year was a lesson," Fabregas said in an

"We were in a mess and really weak towards the end of

"From February on we were having to force things. We were

"Tata is calculating the playing time really well. That

will help on a physical level and in terms of competition

in the squad because nobody knows who will play or who

the season," added the former Arsenal captain, who is pre-

paring for Spain's World Cup qualifier at home to Belarus

The German side swept Barca aside with a combination

they were trounced by eventual winners Bayern Munich.

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Cesc Fabregas.

REUTERS, Madrid

reverse in Europe.

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ranking this week and is chasing a record sixth Masters title in a single season.

Earlier, Monfils and Djokovic swapped two service breaks each before the match settled into a more regular groove, going to a tie-break won by the Frenchman when the top seed went long with a backhand. But Monfils, cutting an imposing figure in his bright orange top with a shock of dark hair, let his intensity slip at the start of the second set and Djokovic immediately seized the initiative with a break.

A time violation against Monfils rattled the Frenchman, who became embroiled in an argument with the umpire and was soon flat on his back receiving treatment on his abdominal muscles as the set slipped away from him.

Monfils, who conquered Roger Federer in the previous round, re-discovered his mojo at the start of the decider, rattling Djokovic. But it was the Serb who made the crucial break, letting out a roar of triumph before going on to seal the match after an absorbing two hours and 22 minutes.

Earlier, Argentine sixth seed Del Potroeased into the semi-finals, firing 27 winners and making just eight unforced errors in a routine 6-3, 6-3 win against Nicolas Almagro, the Spanish 15th seed.

Seventh seed Tsonga was equally impressive, beating 50th-ranked Florian Mayer of Germany 6-2, 6-3 in just 64 minutes.

Grandkids sue Pele

AFP, Brasilia

Two teenage grandchildren of Brazil football legend Pele are suing him for child support, the Diario de Sao Paulo reported Thursday.

The two, aged 13 and 15, are the sons of Pele's daughter Sandra Regina, who died in 2006.

They are seeking support payment of \$6,000 for each to cover health insurance and education as well compensation of an

unspecified amount. The daily quoted their lawyer, Claudio Forssell, as saying that the teenagers "were abandoned intellectually, morally and materi-

ally" by their grandfather. "Pele always rejected them," according to the lawyer who said the teenagers had not met with their

grandfather since 2011. Pending a final ruling scheduled for next month, judges ordered Pele to pay each grandchild \$760.

Pele, now 72, is widely considered the greatest player of all time.

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Seoul yesterday on the eve of their international friendly against South Korea.

Brazil star Neymar practices freekicks during a training session at the World Cup Stadium in



since leaving Santos for Barcelona in June and could go on to become

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the best player in the world, according to compatriot Ronaldo.

"He has evolved and I am sure he will evolve even more," former Brazil and Barcelona striker Ronaldo told reporters in Rio de Janeiro on Thursday.

"If he keeps getting better he will be the best player in the world."

Ronaldo said Neymar could be firing on all cylinders by the time he returns to his home country for the 2014 World Cup.

"I am sure he'll be coming to Brazil an even better player," he added.

Ronaldo, whose sports marketing company has Neymar on its books, has good reason to talk up the 21-year-old

he needed to go to Europe to fulfil his

been criticised for diving, he has shown in his first few months in Spain that he can shine alongside the best in the world like Barca teammate Lionel Messi and Real Madrid and Portugal forward Cristiano Ronaldo.

"I am delighted with Neymar's start, he's playing well and scoring and creating goals," said the Brazilian Ronaldo who also had spells with Real, Inter Milan and AC Milan.

"He has Messi alongside him, who is out of this world. In every game he is brilliant and scores two or three goals," he added of the Argentine forward.

Asked whether he would like a foreigner to play in the Selecao, he replied: "I would love to have a Messi or (Portugal star) Cristiano Ronaldo

rejected in their country and then able to play with the national squad.

PHOTO:

REUTERS

"If Messi did not play for Argentina, I would love to have him (with us). I would prefer Messi to Diego (Maradona), even though Diego is also my friend," he added with a chuckle.

while said he saw no problem with Diego Costa, Atletico Madrid's Brazilian-born striker, playing for Spain in next year's World Cup. "Players who are not used in their

The Brazilian football great mean-

own country and have a second citizenship are used by other countries," he noted.

Costa recently indicated he would be keen to play for world champions

And Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said he was prepared to call on him if football's world governing body FIFA declares him eligible.









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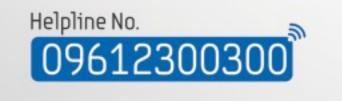


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