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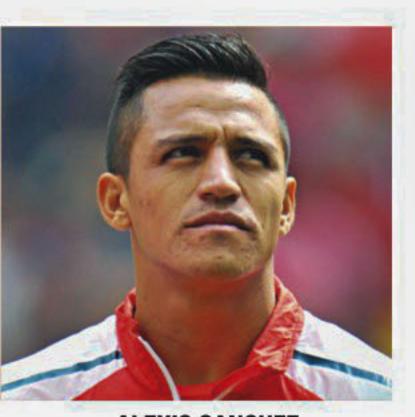


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The battle commences



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The world's most popular football league is back after a three months hiatus. The new season promises more excitement, thrills, drama, upsets and

surprises. Champions Manchester City will battle a resurgent Manchester United as well as Chelsea, Arsenal and Liverpool to hold onto their Premier League crown.

After a wretched 2013-14, United have a new manager at the helm in veteran Dutch tactician Louis van Gaal, who quickly won over the club's fans during a successful pre-season tour of the United States.

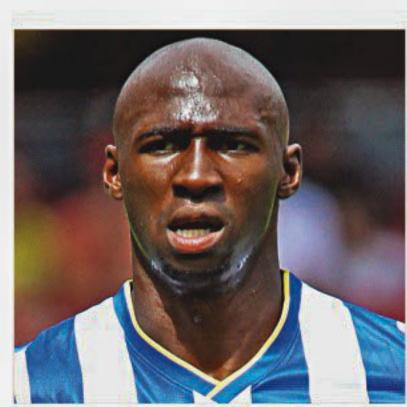
Last season's seventh-placed finish under David Moyes, their worst ever in the Premier League, was all the more galling as neighbours City clinched a second title in three seasons almost by default after Liverpool buckled and Chelsea shot themselves in the foot.

United have also invested heavily, signing Luke Shaw and Ander Herrera for a combined fee of around 60 million pounds, but Van Gaal is likely to prove their most important acquisition.

Buoyed by having guided the Netherlands to the World Cup semifinals, the 63-year-old Dutchman blew into the club like a whirlwind and his new 3-4-1-2 system yielded instant results on the tour of the US.

Ander Herrera from Spain is already being talked about as the new Paul Scholes and he can solve United's midfield woes.

The loss of top-scorer Luis Suarez (sold to Barcelona) was a bitter blow for Liverpool, but their squad now looks better equipped for the twin rigours of domestic and European football thanks to a £90 million



ELIAQUIM MANGALA



LOUIS VAN GAAL

splurge partly financed by the Uruguayan's sale.

2013-14 runners-up Liverpool raided Southampton for forwards Adam Lallana and Rickie Lambert and defender Dejan Lovren, as well as paying 20 million pounds for Benfica winger Lazar Markovic.

Champions City strengthened their ranks by signing six new players, with the 32-million-pound capture of French centre-back Eliaquim Mangala from Porto their biggest so far.

City manager Manuel Pellegrini has added extra quality to an already formidable ensemble with right back Bacary Sagna joining from Arsenal,

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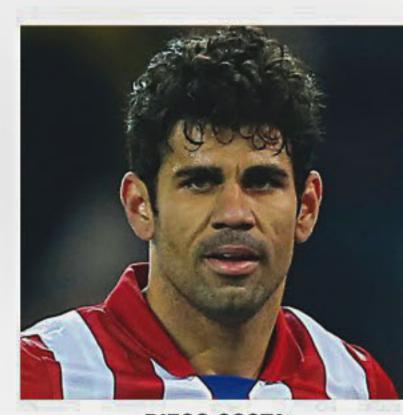
Saturday

(1400 GMT unless otherwise stated) Arsenal v Crystal Palace (1630 GMT), Leicester City v Everton, Manchester United v Swansea City (1145 GMT), Queens Park Rangers v Hull City, Stoke City v Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion v Sunderland, West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur

Sunday

Liverpool v Southampton (1230 GMT), Newcastle United v Manchester City (1500 GMT) Monday

(1900 GMT) Burnley v Chelsea



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keeper Willy Caballero from Malaga and former Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard arriving on a six-month loan from New York City FC.

Third-place finishers Chelsea look stronger with 32-million-pound striker Diego Costa and Filipe Luis signed from Spanish champions Atletico Madrid and former Arsenal hero Cesc Fabregas snapped up from Barcelona, not to mention veteran striker and club hero Didier Drogba back in navy blue adding quality and experience. Also goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois returns from his long-term loan at Atletico Madrid to challenge Petr Cech for the number one jersey.

Arsenal, meanwhile, will start the season with three World Cup-winners in their ranks and having pulled off another transfer coup with a 30million-pound swoop for Chile forward Alexis Sanchez.

Sanchez's arrival should give Arsenal greater cutting edge and last season's FA Cup success means that they must no longer bear the burden of a nine-year trophy drought.

The scrap for top-four places promises to be tastier than ever this season with Tottenham Hotspur, under new coach Mauricio Pochettino, and Roberto Martinez's Everton likely to be hovering on the fringes.

Outside the top eight, the rest of the clubs will be anxious to stay away from trouble.

For promoted Burnley, Leicester City and Queens Park Rangers, survival will be the target while the likes of Aston Villa, West Ham United, Southampton and Swansea City could all find themselves at the wrong end of the table.

A year on from the inauguration of goal-line technology, the Premier League will embrace another innovation with the introduction of the vanishing spray used by referees during the World Cup.

Access to Information (a2i) Programme

Prime Minister's Office



Date: 14/08/2014

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

For Selection of an Event Management Company for 'National Entrepreneur Conference'

Access to Information Programme-II has allocated a part of its budget toward the cost of Consultancy Services for arranging 'National Entrepreneur Conference' and it intends to apply these funds to payments under the contract for the provision of consultancy services for the project by an Event Management firm (National).

The services includes:

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- To arrange a National Level Conference.
- To provide meals during the event, liasion with an appropriate catering suupliers and manage all catering requirements.
- To provide administrative support during events: print invitation cards, distribute invitations, staffing of events, reception/registration desk; source and liaise with facilitator and
- To decorate the event venue: ensuring requested table deposition, providing informmation signs, information center etc.
- To rent the equipments necessary for event conduction.
- To provide additional necessary services as and when required. The experience, Resources and Deliverable Capacity required are:

At least 7 years of experience in the field of event management;

- Manage 5 national/international conference where thousands of people participated; Have experience of managing at least 1 event where President/PM/VVIP was present;.
- Adequate manpower, logistics and other resources to be assigned for services; Experience in implementing creative execution that involves participation of innovative
- activities & efficient communication planning is mandatory;
- Company must have aggregate turnover of at least Tk. 6 crores in the last three years;

Company must have liquid asset or credit facility of at Tk. 2 crores. Access to Information Programme-II now invites eligible Applicants to indicate the interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. This shall require substantiation through submission of brochures and other documents describing similar assignments, experience availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among applicant's staff, resources to carry out the assignment, financial

logistical capability, etc.

An applicant may associate with other consultants to fulfill their qualifications. A shortlist of consultants will be prepared upon evaluation of EoIs of the eligible applicants and "Request for Proposal" document will be issued in their favor. A Consultant will be selected using the Quality and Cost Based (QCBS) method. It is expected that the services will commence on 12/10/2014 and be completed within a period of 01 month after successfully completion of the event to be held on

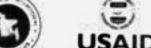
11/11/2014. Interested Applicants may obtain further information on the requirements including the criteria of

short listing by applying to the address below during normal office hours upto 30/08/2014. Expression of interest shall be submitted by 11:45 am (BST) on 31/08/2014 in sealed envelope delivered to Project Director, Access to Information Programme II and be clearly marked "Expressions of Interest for Selection of Event Management Firm for National Entrepreneur Conference"

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Bendtner AFP, Berlin Danish striker Nicklas

Wolves sign

Bendtner, released by Arsenal at the end of last season, has joined Wolfsburg, the Bundesliga club announced on Friday.

Bendtner, 26, played only nine games for Arsenal last season after returning to the Premier League club following extended loan spells with Birmingham City, Sunderland and Italian champions Juventus.

Capped 56 times by Denmark, Bendtner has scored 24 international goals since making his debut as an 18-year-old in 2006.

He becomes Wolfsburg's second major signing of the close season in the last week after the club secured the two-year loan signing of French international midfielder Josuha Guilavogui from Atletico Madrid.

Wolfsburg, German champions in 2009, kick off their season away to reigning champions Bayern Munich next week.

Italy appoint Conte

AFP, Rome



Former Juventus boss Antonio Conte was named the new coach of Italy on Thursday on a two-year contract, the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) announced.

The 45-year-old was widely expected to take over from Cesare Prandelli, who stepped down after Italy's first-round exit at

the World Cup finals in Brazil. FIGC president Carlo Tavecchio said Conte, who will earn two million euros (£1.6m, \$2.7m) a year, will be presented at a press conference on Tuesday in Rome.

Conte's first match in charge will be on September 4 when Italy face the Netherlands in a friendly.

Five days later, Italy begin their Euro 2016 qualifying Group H campaign in

Norway and the pressure will be on for a team whose failure in Brazil was the second successive World Cup at which they had failed to get out of the group stage.

With a contract running until July 31, 2016, Conte has a mission "to relaunch the national team and develop new players from across the federation's training centres," said a statement released by FICG.

The federation also said that the contract with Conte had been made possible with the financial support of sportswear giants

Conte can also boost his earnings with bonuses linked to the qualifying the team for the Euro 2016 finals as well as boosting

his team's world ranking. The national team currently stands at 14. Conte steered Juventus to a third consec-

utive title last season, the first time the club had achieved the feat since a five-season title run in the

> 1930s. He has since been succeeded in Turin by former

AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri. Conte's time in charge of Juve was not without its controversial moments as, in the summer of 2013, he was

caught up in a corruption

row after he was charged with

failing to report attempted

Aguero signs

Argentina striker Sergio

Aguero followed the lead of

Manchester City teammates

Vincent Kompany, David

new deal

REUTERS, London

match-fixing during his time with his previous club Siena. He protested his innocence but was

banned for 10 months, reduced on appeal to a four-month touchline ban, which saw him miss the first half of last season. Conte, who captained the club during his

playing career which stretched over more than 500 games and included five league titles, also led Juve to a record points haul of



PHOTO: AFP Barcelona forward Luis Suarez takes a shot during a training session at the Sports Centre Joan Gamper in Sant Joan Despi yesterday.

Silva, Samir Nasri and Aleksandar Kolarov by signing a new long-term deal with the club on Thursday.

The Premier League champions announced on their website that the 26year-old Aguero had agreed a five-year contract that will keep him at the Etihad Stadium until 2019.

"The reality seems to be that ever since I came here, during every close season, there have always been rumours suggesting that I might be returning to Spain," said the former Atletico Madrid forward.

"People hear this stuff flying around and they take it seriously but I can tell the fans and everyone at City to relax, I'm going to be here until I see out my contract.

"Each year I aim to better the previous one. Last season was incredible but I'm not just satisfied with two Premier League titles, I want more and I can achieve them here," said Aguero who also won the domestic crown in 2012.

"This club is special, the fans, the stadium, the staff, the atmosphere, everything. The overall vision for the future and where we are going are the reasons why I wanted to stay here, to win trophies and to keep making history."

Suarez begins training

AFP, Barcelona



All eyes were on Luis Suarez as he trained with his Barcelona teammates for the first time on Friday after getting the green light from the Court of

Arbitration for Sport, In a short statement on their website, the club said: "Luis Suarez was the

centre of attention this Friday morning at the first team training session at the Ciudad Deportiva Joan Gamper. "After the ruling on Thursday by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on the sanction imposed by FIFA on

the Uruguayan player, Luis Suarez is now able to train with his new teammates." Suarez took an active part in the

session with the main group under the watchful eye of coach Luis Enrique. On Thursday, the CAS upheld Suarez's four-month ban from playing

in competitive games as well as his nine-match international suspension, but it did allow him to train and play in unofficial matches.

And that means he could make his debut against Mexican club Leon in the Gamper Trophy, the traditional

Camp Nou.

There will be a temptation to give the 27-year-old a run-out against Leon as it will be Barcelona's final friendly before their first league game of the new season

against Elche next weekend.

Suarez has reportedly been training on his own in an unknown location in Catalonia since completing his 95 million euros (£75 million, \$127 million) move to the Camp Nou from Liverpool last month.

He will be available to play in propensity to bite opponents. competitive matches from Saturday, campaign against Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu, which has been scheduled for that weekend.

Suarez was banned for biting Italy's Giorgio Chiellini at the World Cup but despite the player being allowed to resume training, Uruguayan football officials are still "frustrated" with the handling of the controversy.

lawyer Daniel Cravo told Sky Sports News: "We are really frustrated -- we understand that the behaviour of Luis punished but we don't think that it was quarterfinal against Colombia.

curtain-raiser to the season at the the worst behaviour of a player in a World Cup.

> "There have been worse situations and the players were not sanctioned at this level but of course we respect CAS'

> decision. "We have to wait for the reasons and we are sorry for not having achieved what our client wanted from us. I don't want to criticise the decision because I don't know the grounds, that's some-

> thing we are interested in checking." Suarez has never explained his

He earned a 10-game ban for biting October 25, meaning his official debut Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic in 2013, could come in the first Clasico of the after being sidelined for seven matches with Dutch club Ajax in 2010 for the same offence against PSV Eindhoven's Otman Bakkal.

Suarez will be presented to the Barca fans on Monday before the Joan Gamper Trophy match and on Tuesday he will be presented to the media at a press conference.

In Friday's training session, as well Uruguayan Football Federation as Suarez, Brazilian Neymar completed the full session, even though he has not received the medical all clear after suffering a fractured Suarez in that match deserved to be vertebrae in the World Cup

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