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## Dunga rings changes

AFP, Rio De Janeiro

New Brazil coach Dunga announced the first squad of his second spell in charge of the Selecao on Tuesday, with only 10 of those who featured at the World Cup making the cut.

After the traumatic semi-final exit from the World Cup at the semifinal stage to Germany last month, Brazil parted company with Luiz Felipe Scolari and brought back Dunga, the coach of the team at the 2010 World Cup.

He named a squad of 22 players for the friendlies against Colombia in Miami on September 5 and Ecuador in New Jersey four days later.

Neymar, who suffered a fractured vertebrae in the World Cup quarterfinal defeat of Colombia but made his comeback for Barcelona this week, is in the squad.

## SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Jefferson (Botafogo), Rafael Cabral (Napoli/ITA)  
**Defenders:** Davi Luiz, Marquinhos (both Paris Saint-Germain/FRA), Gil (Corinthians), Miranda (Atletico Madrid/ESP), Maicon (Roma/ITA), Filipe Luis (Chelsea/ENG), Alex Sandro, Dani Alves (FC Porto/POR)  
**Midfielders:** Luiz Gustavo (Wolfsburg/GER), Elias (Corinthians), Fernandinho (Manchester City/ENG), Ramires (Chelsea/ENG), Everton Ribeiro (Cruzeiro), Oscar (Chelsea/ENG)  
**Forwards:** Hulk (Zenit/RUS), Ricardo Goulart (Cruzeiro), Willian (Chelsea/ENG), Neymar (Barcelona/ESP), Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool/ENG), Diego Tardelli (Atletico



Chelsea forward Andre Schurrle (2nd from R) celebrates his goal with teammate Cesc Fabregas during their Premier League encounter against Burnley at Turf Moor on Monday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Costa off the mark

AFP, Burnley

**Barclays Premier League**  
Diego Costa began to pay back his hefty transfer fee with a debut goal for Chelsea as they recovered from the shock of going behind to seal an emphatic 3-1 win over Burnley on Monday.

Spain striker Costa, bought from La Liga champions Atletico Madrid for £32 million (\$53 million), cancelled out Scott Arfield's opener for Burnley before Andre Schurrle and Branislav Ivanovic scored further goals before half-time to ease Jose Mourinho's side to an impressive victory in their Premier League opener at Turf Moor.

Having failed to bring a trophy to

Stamford Bridge last season for the first time in his two spells in charge, Blues boss Mourinho - and possibly club owner Roman Abramovich - will not tolerate such relative failure again.

The arrival of Costa therefore came as a serious show of intent and Chelsea's determination to dethrone reigning champions Manchester City was further underlined as they went top of the table after a dominant performance inspired by a masterful debut from Spain midfielder Cesc Fabregas.

While Chelsea's squad assembled over the years at a cost of around £190 million, Burnley's cost nearer £6 million, with only one member of their starting line recruited in pre-season for a fee in the shape of former Middlesbrough striker Lukas

Jutkiewicz. But despite that gulf, Burnley briefly looked like upsetting the odds when they took the lead in the 13th minute.

The opening began with a corner which was only cleared as far as Burnley defender Michael Duff and he headed the ball back to Matty Taylor.

Taylor's cross eluded the bodies waiting in the penalty area but not midfielder Arfield, who controlled the ball 20 yards out and sent a dipping volley beyond Belgian goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, selected ahead of Petr Cech, and into the roof of the net.

Burnley couldn't have dreamt of a better start, but the goal served only to wake up Chelsea and after Costa's equaliser four minutes later there was going to be only one winner.

## A Cesc masterclass

REUTERS, Burnley



Spanish midfielder Cesc Fabregas provided a swift demonstration of why Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho was so keen to bring him back to the Premier League as he orchestrated Monday's 3-1 season-opening win at Burnley in commanding fashion.

Fabregas spent seven seasons in England with Arsenal before making a move, three years ago, back to Barcelona, where he had been part of the youth system.

But with the midfielder never having quite established a prominent role for himself at the Nou Camp, Mourinho made his move in June with a reported 30 million pound (\$49.93 million) fee bringing Fabregas back to London.

It already looks like one of the best signings of the season.

At Turf Moor, Fabregas showed that he will be at the heart of Chelsea's title bid - dictating the tempo, providing pinpoint passes and linking up superbly with Eden Hazard and Andre Schurrle in support of new forward Diego Costa.

For a 30-minute spell in the opening half,

Chelsea responded to falling a goal down to Burnley by producing a display of passing and movement that provided early justification for their status as title favourites.

While Mourinho was impressed with Fabregas's contribution, he was far from surprised at the quality the 27-year-old brought.

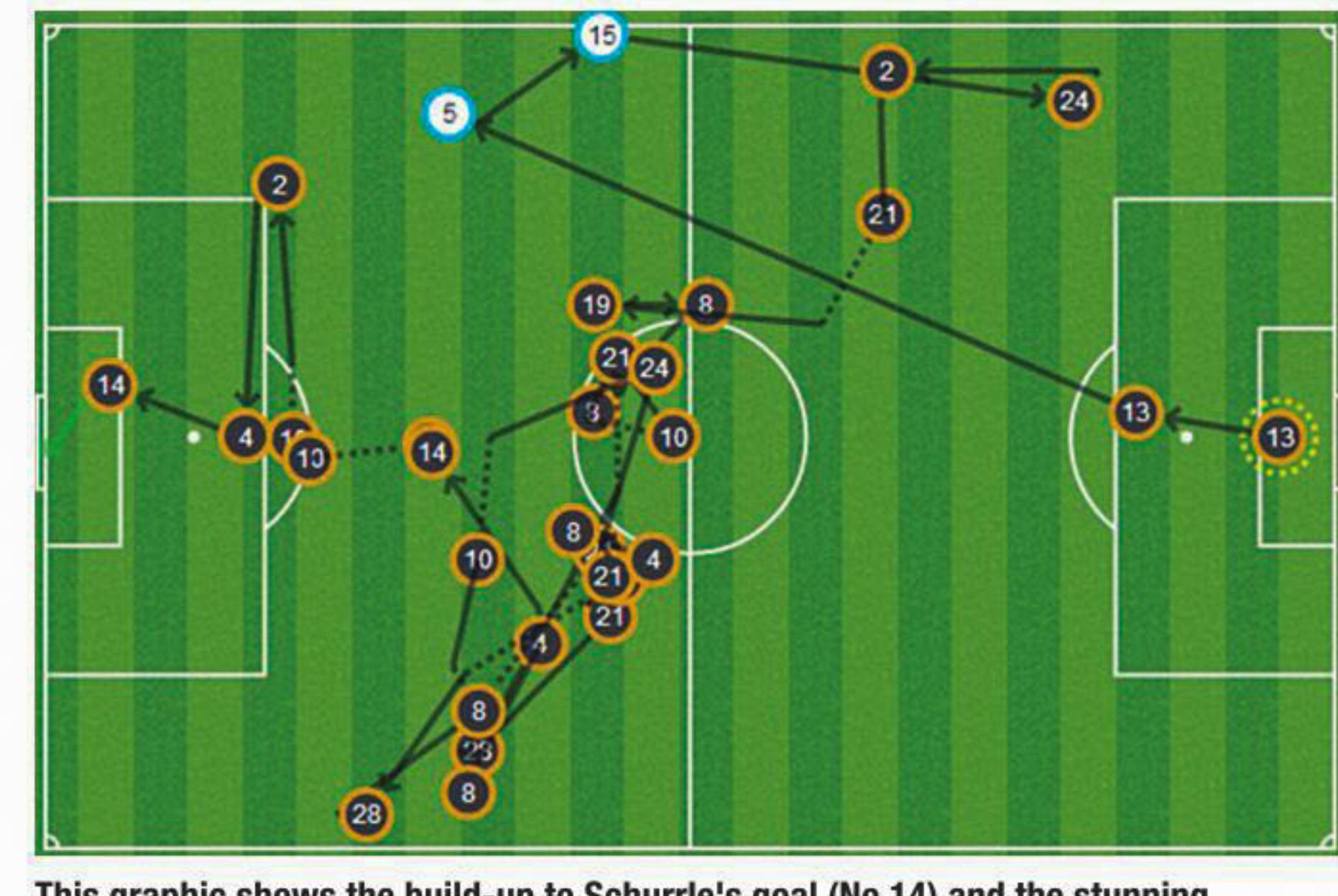
"When players are your first choice it is very difficult that you make a mistake and Fabregas was our first choice for that position," Mourinho told reporters.

"I know clearly the player that he is because we were so many years in the same league, in England and in Spain. I know him so, so well, so I knew exactly what he would bring to my team," the Portuguese added.

What may bring the best out of Fabregas is the role he has been handed at Chelsea - clearly the central midfield general, with a license to go forward but a responsibility to keep the entire unit ticking.

"In Barcelona, he was playing all over," Mourinho said.

"Number nine, fake number nine, number ten, winger, in so many positions but I know - and he knows better than me - what is his position. So he is giving exactly what we need, which is that stability and quick-thinking in midfield, the right decision, the right intensity."



This graphic shows the build-up to Schurrle's goal (No 14) and the stunning assist from Fabregas (No 4).

PHOTO: INTERNET

## Suarez makes Barca debut

AFP, Barcelona

Luis Suarez made his first appearance for Barcelona after his move from Liverpool for a reported 95 million euros (£75 million, \$127 million) as the Catalans hammered Mexican side Club Leon 6-0 in a friendly on Monday.

The Uruguayan striker, who won't be able to play in a competitive game for Barca until October after his appeal against four-month ban for biting Italian defender Giorgio Chiellini during the World Cup was rejected last week, replaced Rafinha Alcantara 14 minutes from time.

Barca were already leading 4-0 thanks to goals from Lionel Messi, Munir El Haddadi and a double from Neymar before Munir and Sandro rounded off the scoring.

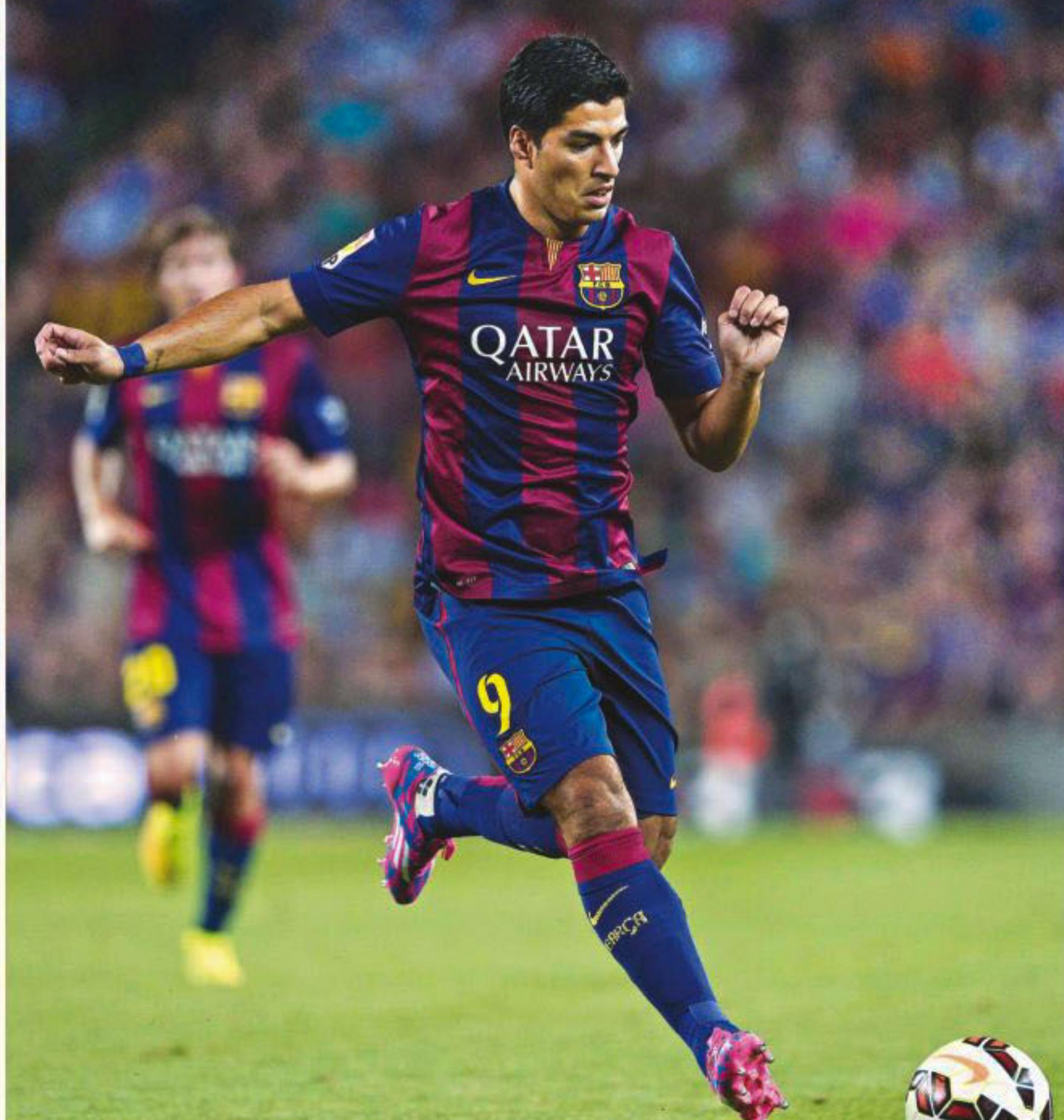
Suarez was warmly received by the home fans as he made his entrance. Earlier, Neymar and Messi made a telling impact in their first outings since the World Cup.

Messi headed the hosts in front inside three minutes from Neymar's deflected cross.

The Brazilian striker then doubled Barca's lead with a delightful chip from Andres Iniesta's through ball before grabbing his second of the night when he backheeled into an empty net two minutes before half-time.

Munir replaced Neymar at half-time and he tapped home the fourth goal when Dani Alves knocked Ivan Rakitic's ball over the top into the 19-year-old's path.

And moments after Suarez had made his entrance, Munir smashed home his second goal of the game with a powerful low finish before Sandro put the seal on a fine Barca performance in similar fashion a minute from time.



Barcelona forward Luis Suarez takes a shot during the 49th Joan Gamper Trophy match against Leon Club at the Nou Camp on Monday.

PHOTO: AFP

## 'I won't bite again'

REUTERS, Barcelona



Controversial striker Luis Suarez said he was "very depressed" after the World Cup biting incident that led to the Uruguayan international being initially banned from all soccer activities for four months.

Suarez can now train with new club Barcelona and play friendlies, following an appeal hearing last week, before making his competitive return at the end of October.

"I prefer not to look backwards," the former Liverpool forward said as he was presented to the media at the Nou Camp on Tuesday.

"I didn't want to do anything and I was very depressed," added Suarez referring to his state of mind following the biting incident involving Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini at the World Cup in Brazil.

"I decided that all I could do was accept reality and say sorry. I have apologised to people in Uruguay for what happened and I am now looking ahead."

The Uruguayan featured for the first time for Barca when he came on for the last 15 minutes of Monday's 6-0 friendly victory over Mexican side Leon.

Suarez, who was also banned for seven matches in 2010 after biting a PSV Eindhoven player while representing Ajax Amsterdam, has talked to specialists about

his behaviour and promised no repeat offences.

"I say to fans, don't worry, because I won't do that any more," he vowed. "I spoke to my psychologist and he said I had to face it and say sorry."

Suarez is set to play his first La Liga game in the 'Clasico' against Real Madrid the weekend of Oct. 25-26.

During Tuesday's presentation, vice-president Jordi Mestre disclosed that the transfer fee Barca had agreed with Liverpool was 65 million pounds (\$108.11 million).

"I hope the time goes quickly as I want to play again," said Suarez. "It is going to be difficult as I will have to wait some months but I have accepted this."

"My job is to train and be ready to return by the end of October. All I can do is prepare and be ready for the game against Real."

"It would be great to play but it is down to the coach," added Suarez.

"I have really found a great atmosphere in the dressing room... everyone has been very friendly and obviously the time passes quicker if you are with team mates and new people."

Brazil forward Neymar and former World Player of the Year Lionel Messi were involved in Monday's match.

"Neymar and Messi were fantastic to watch," said Suarez. "Everyone knows what I can offer and I will work hard to bring trophies back to Barca which is the reason I am here."

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