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Danny determined to prove worth

REUTERS, London

New Arsenal striker Danny Welbeck is determined to prove that he is worth the 16 million pound (\$26.36 million) the Premier League club spent on the transfer deadline day to sign him from Manchester United.

Several Arsenal fans have voiced doubts about the signing on social media, and Welbeck was one of the players singled out for criticism after England's dismal World Cup campaign in Brazil, but the 23-year-old was defiant.

"This is the next stage of my development - to come to Arsenal - to really show people what I can do as a footballer and hopefully get to the place where I want to be," he told the Arsenal website (www.arsenal.com).

"I've been at United ever since I was a little boy and I had a great time there. Coming to Arsenal is the right decision. I can't be any happier at the moment," he said.

Welbeck became surplus to requirements at Old Trafford as new manager Louis van Gaal brought in Colombian striker Radamel Falcao on loan from Monaco but the

England international said Arsenal would suit him.

"I believe the style of play the manager's got and the boys play and with the magnificent players in midfield slotting balls through, I can run on to the end of those balls and slot them away," he said.

"It's exciting times for me. It's great to be a part of this club and it's a team that I've always watched in the Premier League. I've envisaged myself playing in this team before. For it to finally happen is very exciting."

Welbeck's move was given enthusiastic backing by former United teammate Rio Ferdinand.

"Welbeck is a top signing for Arsenal. Good business done by them. If he gets that trust to be no.1 striker at AFC he will flourish & explode," the 35-year-old defender, who signed for Premier League club Queen's Park Rangers in July after 12 years at Old Trafford, said on Twitter.

Currently on international duty with England, who face Norway in a friendly on Wednesday, Welbeck will join up with his new team mates to prepare for the league match at home to Manchester City on September 13.

England striker Danny Welbeck gestures during a training session at Arsenal's training facility in London Colney on Monday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Cleverley joins Villa

AFP, London

England midfielder Tom Cleverley became the latest player to leave Manchester United as he joined Premier League rivals Aston Villa on a season-long loan on Tuesday.

However, the 25-year-old could go back to United in the next transfer window in January or even be bought outright by Villa if his term there is successful.

The deal was struck late on transfer deadline day on Monday and the clubs had been waiting for it to be passed by the Premier League's board.

Cleverley enjoyed successful loan spells at Watford and especially Wigan Athletic before gaining a regular first-team spot under Alex Ferguson in his final season in charge in 2012/13.

However, his fortunes have dipped in the past year, losing his place both in the United starting line-up and as a result the England squad.

Cleverley has played only one of United's four games this season in what has been a poor start to manager Louis van Gaal's reign.

Italy face Dutch test 'I start from zero'

AFP, Rome

Italy's bid to rebuild after a humiliating World Cup faces its first test on Thursday in the shape of a Dutch squad also embarking on a new era.

With new coach Antonio Conte having eschewed the services of Liverpool recruit Mario Balotelli, Italy will be at far from full strength for a friendly at Bari that will serve as a warm-up to tricky competitive encounters for both sides.

Italy face Norway in Oslo next week while the Dutch travel to the Czech Republic in their first Euro 2016 qualifiers.

The match against a Dutch side that reached the semi-finals in Brazil offers the Azzurri the opportunity to reclaim some pride after the morale-shredding ignominy of exiting the World Cup at the group stage.

Conte has vowed to lead the national squad back to what he regards as its rightful position at the top of the global game, despite bemoaning a lack of playing resources he blames on the number of foreign strikers playing in Serie A.

Balotelli is suspended for the trip to Norway and Conte has declined to elaborate further on whether that was the main reason for the striker not being included in his first squad.

The first black player to represent

Italy at a major tournament has been subjected to criticism in his home country over what was perceived as a poor attitude during the unsuccessful World Cup campaign.

Although Conte has refused to talk specifically about Balotelli, some of his comments about character being more important than playing ability have been interpreted as a sign he may regard Liverpool's new signing as more trouble than he is worth.

Other notable absences include injured playmaker Andrea Pirlo, who has hinted he could extend his international career into the Conte era, and defenders Giorgio Chiellini and Andrea Barzagli. Italian officials are hoping Chiellini will be fit in time to play in Oslo.

Inter Milan striker Pablo Osvaldo dropped out earlier this week due to a groin injury, forcing Conte to call up the quixotic Fabio Quagliarella, a player the coach rarely selected last season when they were both at Italian champions Juventus.

During his three-season, three-title reign at the Turin giants, Conte had to endure fierce abuse at most other Serie A stadiums. He is expecting a warmer reception in his new role but insists he will not be reining in the fiery touchline antics that have become part of the former international midfielder's brand.

"I like the players to feel my presence, the referees and the opposition too," he said this week. "I have always been like that. If you are born round it is difficult to become square."

Conte wants an Italy in his own image, saying this week that his ideal international should be "humble, proud and ... mean."

Holland are also under new management with the vastly experienced Guus Hiddink having taken over from Louis van Gaal following the latter's departure for Manchester United on the back of the Oranje's exhilarating run to the semifinals in Brazil.

"Succeeding Louis after a superb World Cup is an enormous challenge," Hiddink said. "But I have experience and that doesn't frighten me. I'm taking over a team in good health which knows what it is doing."

A combination of injury and illness means Hiddink, 67, will begin his second stint as national coach without big names Arjen Robben, Klaas Jan Huntelaar and Rafael van der Vaart.

Feyenoord playmaker Jordy Clasie and Aston Villa defender Ron Vlaar also miss out.

The friendly should be interesting for tactics aficionados with Conte's Italy set to switch to a 3-5-2 line-up while Hiddink's Holland are expected to abandon the same formation favoured by Van Gaal and return to a more traditional back four.

AFP, Rome

Fernando Torres is refusing to make any promises he might regret to the fans at his new club Serie A side AC Milan but he said on Tuesday he hopes they will see the clinical goalscorer of old.

The 30-year-old -- scorer of 38 goals in his 116 appearances for Spain -- has been given a chance to reinvigorate his career after an underwhelming spell at English Premier League side Chelsea, where he scored just 45 times in 172 appearances after his then British record £50 million (63m euros, \$82.9m) move in January 2011 from Liverpool.

"I believe it doesn't serve any purpose to make promises (to the fans), I hope that they will see the goalscorer that I always was," he said at his first press conference

since he sealed his two season loan.

"I promise that I will always give my maximum."

Torres, who scored the goal that secured Spain the Euro 2008 title with a 1-0 win over Germany and ushered in four years of dominance in world football, said there was a sense of irony about his career.

"Over the years I have won more with Chelsea (the 2012 Champions League and 2013 Europa League) but scored more often for Liverpool and Atletico Madrid.

"At Milan I start from zero."

Torres, who has been left out of the first Spain squad Vicente del Bosque selected after the World Cup disaster where the defence of their title ended in the group stage, said 41-year-old Milan coach Filippo Inzaghi, a top striker in his day for Milan (he played for them from 2011-12 scoring 73 times in 202 games), would get the best out of him.

Zico to coach FC Goa

AFP, New Delhi

Brazilian legend Zico has signed up to coach a team in the Indian Super League, joining other former stars in the new franchise-based venture to be played later this year.

Zico, 61, who played in three World Cups and has coached around the world, will manage the Goa franchise for the 10-week tournament that begins in October.

The tournament has been modelled along the lines of cricket's cash-rich Indian Premier League (IPL) and hopes to raise football's profile in the cricket-mad nation.

Zico, one of Brazil's great exponents of "the beautiful game" who played in World Cups from 1978 to 1986, signed the contract in Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday, a statement from Goa franchise said.

"FC Goa is proud to announce that the legendary Brazilian football player Zico has agreed to be the manager of their team that will play in the Indian Super League," the statement said.

It added that representatives of the club, owned by a group of football-loving Goa businessmen, will travel to Brazil soon to help Zico complete visa formalities.

Other former stars who have confirmed their participation as player or coach include Italian great Alessandro Del Piero, France and Juventus striker David Trezeguet, his compatriot Robert Pires, Spaniard Luis Garcia, and England goalkeeper David James.

The league is backed by India's Reliance Industries, controlled by the country's richest man Mukesh Ambani, sports management giant IMG and Rupert Murdoch's Star TV.

India, ranked a lowly 150th in the world, has been dubbed a "sleeping giant" by world governing body FIFA president Sepp Blatter.

But the English Premier League draws big TV audiences and team owners are hoping to replicate the success of the IPL, the domestic Twenty20 cricket tournament that attracts some of the game's biggest names.

Ibrahimovic doubtful

REUTERS, Stockholm

Sweden striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic may miss the international friendly against Baltic neighbours Estonia in Stockholm on Thursday due to a sore throat, coach Erik Hamren said.

"There's a little question mark over Zlatan, he was only allowed to train for 30 minutes today, he has a problem with his throat," Hamren told a news conference on Wednesday.

Having assembled a 23-man squad together in the Swedish capital, Hamren called on UEFA to lift restrictions on the number of substitutes coaches can use in friendly matches.

"The problem for me is that I want to see them all in play," said Hamren, who has included several new faces in his squad.

"We only have six substitutes, which some people think is a lot, but that means we also have six players that won't get any playing time."

Sweden, who missed out on the World Cup in Brazil after losing a two-legged playoff to Portugal, open their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign away to Austria next Tuesday.

Robin vows to fight for place

ESPNFC.COM

Robin van Persie has told Fox Sports NL that he does not need knee surgery and has vowed to fight for his place after the arrival of Radamel Falcao on Monday.

When United signed the Colombia striker on loan from Monaco, it was reported that the Dutchman was going to be sidelined.

But Van Persie, who has struggled with injuries at earlier points in his career, rubbished those theories: "I am impressed that people have the imagination to invent something like that."

"I do not know where it comes from and can say with my hand on my heart that I won't be in a hospital to have the operation."

Falcao cost Monaco 60 million euros 12 months ago and has scored 155 goals in his last 200 games for Porto, Atletico Madrid and the Ligue 1 club.

And his arrival has prompted questions if he, Van Persie and Wayne Rooney can all fit into the same side or if one of them will be dropped.

But Van Persie welcomed the arrival of the Colombia international, adding: "I welcome his arrival, he makes us better. At a top club you should always go for the best, which also fits my philosophy."

"Falcao must fight for his place, as I also have to. We must duke with Wayne Rooney and James Wilson to see who's playing."

Van Persie scored 48 goals in his first two seasons at United but is yet to get off the mark for the current campaign.

The 31-year-old captained United manager Louis van Gaal's Netherlands team who came third in the World Cup but was overlooked when Rooney was chosen to skipper the former Premier League champions.

DECCMA Fellowships at IWFM, BUET

The Institute of Water and Flood Management (IWFM) of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) announces availability of **3 PhD and 3 MSc Fellowships** to be awarded under a recently initiated 4.75 year project: "DEltas, vulnerability and Climate Change: Migration and Adaptation (DECCMA)".

The DECCMA project is being implemented under the Collaborative Adaptation Research Initiative in Africa and Asia (CARIAA) program funded by Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), with Lead Partner Institutes being University of Southampton- UK (Project Lead), IWFM, BUET (Bangladesh Lead), Jadavpur University (India Lead), University of Ghana (Ghana Lead) and National Authority for Remote Sensing & Space Sciences (NARSS) (Egypt Lead). The research in DECCMA project is aimed at climate change impact and adaptation issues in four deltas in two continents: the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) Delta of Bangladesh, the Mahanadi Delta of India, the Nile Delta of the Egypt and the Volta Delta of Ghana. The researchers in the DECCMA Project will work with the Governments and a wide range of stakeholders of the delta regions to understand the challenges resulting from physical effects of climate change and human interventions, alongside socio-economic pressures in delta regions, and identify with them the implications of different adaptation options to those challenges. The key research activities include vulnerability, hazard and climate change hotspot mapping, identifying and evaluating feasible and acceptable planned and autonomous adaptations, assessing migration as an adaptation in deltaic environments (in the context of other adaptation options) under a changing climate, and integrated assessment of economic, social and physical factors that will help predict how the four deltas may evolve over the next 50 to 100 years and provide Governments with the knowledge and tools to ensure that future policy/pathway can maximise planning services and programmes to the benefit of the region's population.

For further details, please visit IDRC website: (<http://www.idrc.ca/EN/Documents/CARIAA-ENG-4pp-A4-WEB.pdf>)

PhD and MSc Fellowship

Three full-time student fellowships will be provided for pursuing PhD (Tk. 50,000/- per month). Three full-time student fellowships will be provided for pursuing MSc (WRD) (Tk. 25,000/- per month).

Besides, a number of Research Fellowships are also available for full-time recruitment.

Admission Requirement

For admission in PhD, an applicant must have an **M.Sc. Engg./M.Engg. degree in Civil Engineering/ Water Resources Engineering/ Environmental Engineering/ Agricultural Engineering or M.Sc. degree in Water Resource Development** or its equivalent from any recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 2.75 out of 4.0.

For admission in M.Sc. (WRD), an applicant must have either a **four year Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering/ Water Resources Engineering/ Agricultural Engineering/ Urban and Regional Planning/ Environmental Science/ Environmental Science and Management/ Soil, Water and Environment/ Geography and Environment/ Geology/ Disaster Management** or its equivalent having a minimum GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 or P.G. Dip. (WRD) or its equivalent having a minimum GPA of 2.65 out of 4.0 from any recognized institution.

In addition, all other rules and regulations of BUET regarding admission will be applicable.

Deadlines for Application

To apply for admission and fellowship, an applicant must complete the online Application Form using the website <http://www.buet.ac.bd>, and submit the hardcopy of the completed Application Form together with the supporting documents to the BUET Registrar's office within the period **from 27 August to 10 September, 2014**. In addition, applicants are advised to submit a letter of application for fellowship at the Office of IWFM, BUET.

Selection Procedure

Candidates for MSc fellowship will be selected on the basis of two stage written examination/interviews, one for admission and one for fellowship. Candidates for PhD fellowship will go through a multi stage selection process before appearing at the final selection interview which will take place at IWFM, BUET. The schedule of examination/interviews will be announced within a week from the deadline for application and can be seen at the IWFM notice board, and IWFM website.

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