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### Ronaldinho wants titles and girls

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Ronaldinho was unveiled as a Queretaro player on Friday and though the move was a surprising one, his intentions are right in line with his reputation. The decorated party machine was very blunt about his aims at his first press conference.

Said the two-time FIFA World Player of the Year (via Mundo Deportivo):

"I've always lived in the same way and with every team I've been a champion. I hope to keep doing the same and continue winning titles and girls.

At 34 years old, it seems Ronaldinho has decided to be upfront about the lifestyle that has prompted many clubs and critics to question his commitment to the game.

### Jones out for a month

AFP, Manchester

Manchester United defender Phil Jones has been ruled out for up to a month with a hamstring injury, manager Louis van Gaal said Friday.

Jones limped off during the second half of England's 2-0 win in their Euro 2016 qualifier in Switzerland on Monday and he is now likely to be out of action for at least four weeks.

"Phil has a torn hamstring," van Gaal said. "He is maybe out for three weeks or a month."

If Jones is out for a month he will miss United's next four games and his place in the England squad for October's double-header against San Marino and Estonia will also be in

"Phil Jones was injured with the national team," van Gaal said. "And is now maybe out for three weeks to a month but that's difficult to say.



Chelsea striker Diego Costa is ecstatic after scoring his second goal against Swansea during their Premier League encounter at Stamford Bridge yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

# Villa stun Liverpool

AFP, London



Liverpool crashed to a surprise 1-0 loss at home to Aston Villa on Saturday, after Chelsea beat Swansea City 4-2 to move clear at the

Premier League summit.

Villa striker Gabriel Agbonlahor scored the only goal at Anfield in the ninth minute, hooking home from close range after Philippe Senderos's header was blocked by Javier Manquillo.

After debutant Adam Lallana and Mario Balotelli shot wide, Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers sent Raheem Sterling on, but the closest the hosts came to equalising was a shot from Philippe Coutinho that hit the post.

While Villa -- who have not lost at Anfield since December 2010 -- remain unbeaten this season, Liverpool have now lost twice, following last month's 3-1 loss at Manchester City, and trail Chelsea by six points.

Villa climbed to second, two points behind Chelsea, who came from behind to beat Swansea at Stamford Bridge thanks to a hat-trick by Diego Costa.

John Terry's own goal from Neil Taylor's left-wing cross gave previously unbeaten Swansea an 11th-minute lead, but Costa equalised on the stroke of half-time with a header from a right-wing corner.

#### **RESULTS**

Arsenal 2 (Wilshere 63, Sanchez 74) Manchester City 2 (Aguero 28, Demichelis 83)

Chelsea 4 (Costa 45, 56, 67, Remy 81) Swansea 2

(Terry 11-og, Shelvey 86)

Crystal Palace 0 Burnley 0 Liverpool 0 Aston Villa 1 (Agbonlahor 9)

Southampton 4 (Pelle 6, 19, Cork 54, Schneiderlin

90) Newcastle 0 Stoke 0 Leicester 1 (Ulloa 64)

Sunderland 2 (Johnson 4, Kane 82-og) Tottenham 2 (Chadli 2, Eriksen 48)

West Brom 0 Everton 2 (Lukaku 2, Mirallas 66)

He struck twice in 11 minutes to put Chelsea in control, polishing off a Cesc Fabregas cut-back and a mishit Ramires shot, and Loic Remy made it 4-1 with a debut goal before Jonjo Shelvey replied for Swansea.

Brazil-born Spain international Costa now has seven goals to his name and is the first player to score in his first four Premier League games since Coventry City's Micky Quinn in 1992.

Earlier, Martin Demichelis scored an 83rd-minute equaliser as champions Manchester City held Arsenal to a 2-2 draw in an entertaining encounter at the Emirates Stadium.

## 'It's not normal'

REUTERS, London



Stamford Bridge pitch to exultant cheers after a hattrick against Swansea City

on Saturday highlighted a breathless start to a Chelsea career for a team that has been designed around him.

Manager Jose Mourinho said he had built his side to accommodate the powerful Brazil-born Spanish striker but he also tried to calm expectations and take the pressure off his new recruit.

"If the team plays well he has to score goals," Mourinho told reporters after a 4-2 win opened a three-point gap for Chelsea at the top of the Premier League.

"But seven goals in four matches is maybe too much. You can not expect that he will score eight in 14 games.

"It's not normal," added Mourinho in answer to a crowd that chanted 'he scores when he wants' after Costa, returning from a hamstring injury picked up on international duty, completed his treble in the 67th minute before giving way to fellow new signing Loic Remy.

The manager said that since he arrived for

"certain type of striker".

Out went expensive flop Fernando Diego Costa left the Torres, Demba Ba and stop-gap Samuel Eto'o and in came Costa and France frontman Remy who scored Chelsea's fourth on his debut against Swansea.

"We did well waiting and waiting for the right man," Mourinho said of Costa.

Chelsea looked lacklustre in the opening half hour, their midfielders failing to find Costa and suffering against a disciplined, speedy and confident onslaught from Swansea who started the game as the only other unbeaten side in the league.

Swansea went ahead in the 11th minute when a panicked John Terry attempted to clear a Neil Taylor cross and managed only to push the ball into his own net.

"They had too much time, too much space," Mourinho said. "The second half was fantastic for us. We made changes and were too strong for them."

Mourinho took off the underperforming German Andre Schuerrle and added the indefatigable Brazilian Ramires at halftime, Chelsea upped the intensity and Swansea could not stay with them.

Costa had equalised just before the break his second spell at Chelsea last season he with a pinpoint header from a Fabregas had constructed a side that would need a corner, bursting Swansea's bubble.

#### Malouda signs for Metz

AFP, Paris

Former French international midfielder Florent Malouda has signed a oneyear contract, with an option for a second season, to play for Metz in the French first division.

Malouda has been without a club since leaving Turkish side Trabzonspor in August due to a disagreement with manager Vahid Halilhodzic.

The 34-year-old leftsided player started his career in 1997 with Chateauroux before joining Brittany side Guincamp.

His career took off when he signed for Lyon in 2003 and he then moved to Chelsea in 2007, staying six years at Stamford Bridge before transferring to Turkey.

He won 80 caps for France between 2004 and 2012.

## Kagawa scores on return

REUTERS, Berlin



Japan international Shinji Kagawa sparkled on his return to Borussia Dortmund, scoring one goal for the Ruhr Valley club and helping set up another in a 3-1 win over Freiburg on Saturday. Champions Bayern Munich beat VfB Stuttgart

2-0, with Frenchman Franck Ribery scoring on his season debut as they prepare for their Champions League match against Manchester City next week.

The 25-year-old Kagawa, who had spent two seasons a Manchester United after winning consecutive Bundesliga titles in 2011 and 2012 with Dortmund, was welcomed back with roaring applause and he instantly rewarded the fans.

First he set up Kevin Grosskreutz, whose cutback found Adrian Ramos for the lead. Dubbed the 'Lost son' by German media, the attacking

midfielder fired in from 12 metres in the 41st minute as hundreds of Japanese flags were unfurled in the stands.

Substitute Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang completed Dortmund's successful dress rehearsal for their Champions League group opener against Arsenal next week, with a scintillating 50-metre sprint and a superb chip for their of the afternoon in the 78th.

Freiburg scored a late consolation goal with Oliver Sorg. Dortmund have six points from three games, one behind spending more than they Bayern who never hit top form against Stuttgart.

### Negredo exit blamed on fair play

AFP, London

Manchester City manager Manuel Pellegrini said Friday being forced to comply with UEFA's financial fair play rules had led to the loan exit of striker Alvaro Negredo.

Negredo returned to Spain by joining Valencia on transfer deadline after impressing at Eastlands following his arrival from Sevilla last year.

However, City were under pressure to leave a frontline player out of their Champions League squad, reduced to 21 by European football governing body UEFA as a result of a failure to comply with financial fair play rules designed to stop clubs earn.

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