

## 'Want to start winning'

AFP, Milan  
Roberto Mancini said he hopes to get stuttering Inter Milan back to winning ways quickly after returning to the Serie A giants for a second spell as coach on a two-and-a-half-year deal on Saturday.

"I don't have a magic wand," Mancini told reporters in Milan.

"In football you don't have much time. So as of today, we have to start working hard and get back to winning as soon as possible."

Mancini has replaced Walter Mazzarri, who was sacked on Friday.

Having led the Nerazzurri to a club record of three consecutive league titles plus two Italian Cups and two Super Cups in his previous stint in charge, Mancini was welcomed back to the club with open arms.

Mancini, however, played down suggestions that he could on to be the club's new Alex Ferguson, the legendary Manchester United manager who spent 27 years at the Old Trafford helm.

"Ferguson stayed at United for 27 years. I don't think I'll be at Inter for the same time," smiled Mancini.

"I'm thinking of the present, not the future. We're thinking of getting back to winning."

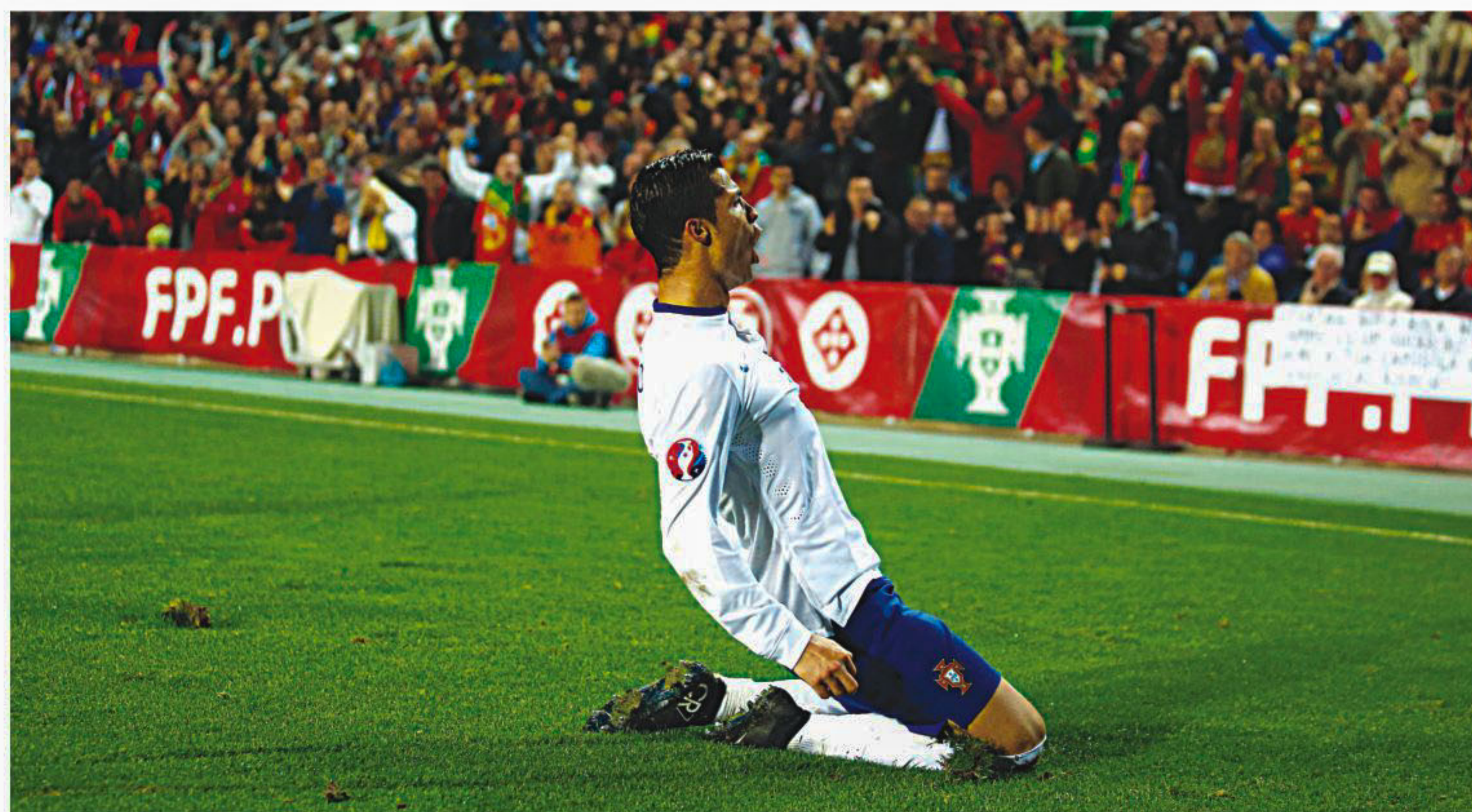
## Neuer out of Spain clash

AFP, Berlin  
Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer will miss Tuesday's away friendly for the world champions against Spain with discomfort in his right knee, the German Football Association (DFB) confirmed on Saturday.

"I'd have liked to have played against Spain with the best team, but we didn't want to take any risks with Manuel," said Germany head coach Joachim Loew.

Neuer was Germany's stand-in skipper in Friday's 4-0 win over Gibraltar in a Euro 2016 qualifier, which left the world champions third in their qualifying group, as Loew's first-choice captain Bastian Schweinsteiger recovers from a knee injury.

Loew will now use either Borussia Dortmund's Roman Weidenfeller or Hannover's Ron-Robert Zieler as goalkeeper against Spain and will be down to his third-choice captain against the European champions.



Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates his decisive goal against Armenia at the Estadio Algarve on Friday. The goal made Ronaldo the highest scorer in the history of European competitions.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# Ronaldo sets another record

AFP, Paris



World champions Germany claimed a 4-0 win over Gibraltar in Euro 2016 qualifying Friday while Cristiano Ronaldo became the tournament's all-time leading scorer, and Scotland edged Ireland 1-0 in a tense clash.

Real Madrid star Ronaldo scored in the 72nd minute as Portugal edged out Armenia 1-0, converting from close range after Ricardo Quaresma had a shot saved.

It was Ronaldo's 23rd goal in 37 European Championship games, to take the outright goal-scoring lead having been locked on 22 goals

with Jon Dahl Tomasson of Denmark and Turkey's Hakan Suker.

Portugal are second in the group, one point behind Denmark who came from a goal down to beat Serbia 3-1 in Belgrade in a game played behind closed doors.

The Faroe Islands, ranked at 187 in the world, stunned former champions Greece 1-0 in Piraeus with Joan Edmundsson scoring in the 61st minute.

Hungary beat Finland 1-0 in Budapest in the group's other game.

In Nuremberg, Thomas Mueller scored twice with Mario Goetze adding a third for Germany before Gibraltar defender Yogan Santos put through his own goal.

The win lifted Joachim Loew's World Cup winners into third spot in Group D.

Poland have a three-point lead over Ireland, Germany and Scotland as they maintained their undefeated start with a convincing 4-0 over Georgia in Tbilisi.

After hitting the woodwork twice in the opening half, Poland breezed home after the break with goals from Kamil Glik, Grzegorz Krychowiak, Sebastian Mila and Arkadiusz Milik.

In Glasgow, Scotland boosted their qualification chances as Shaun Maloney's superb strike in the second-half handed them a 1-0 win over the Republic of Ireland. It was Scotland's first competitive goal

against the Republic of Ireland since 1961.

In Group F Northern Ireland lost their 100 percent record when they were went down to a 2-0 defeat to Romania in Bucharest with Paul Papp scoring both goals.

### RESULTS

- Georgia 0 Poland 4 (Glik 51, Krychowiak 71, Mila 73, Milik 90+2)
- Germany 4 (Mueller 12, 29, Goetze 38, Santos 67-og) Gibraltar 0
- Scotland 1 (Maloney 75) Republic of Ireland 0
- Hungary 1 (Gera 84) Finland 0
- Romania 2 (Papp 74, 79) Northern Ireland 0
- Greece 0 Faroe Islands 1 (Edmundsson 61)
- Portugal 1 (Ronaldo 72) Armenia 0

## UEFA 'may leave FIFA'

THE GUARDIAN



The president of the German Football League has warned that Uefa's 54 member nations could take the ultimate step of quitting Fifa if Michael Garcia's report into World Cup bidding is not published in full.

"The result was a breakdown in communication, and it has shaken the foundations of Fifa in a way I've never experienced before," said Rauball.

"As a solution, two things must happen. Not only must the decision of the ethics committee be published, but Mr Garcia's bill of indictment too, so it becomes clear what the charges were and how they were judged," he told the German website kicker.de.

"Additionally, the areas that were not evaluated [in the report] and whether that was justified [should be published]. It must be made public. That is the only way Fifa can deal with the complete loss of credibility. If

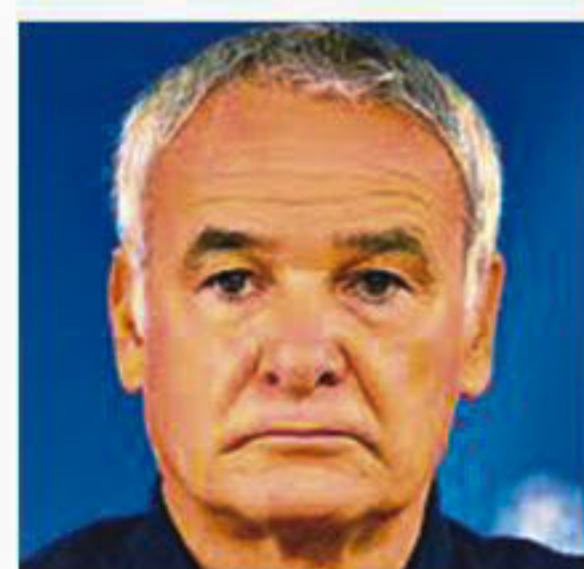
this doesn't happen and the crisis is not resolved in a credible manner, you have to entertain the question of whether you are still in good hands with Fifa," Rauball added.

"One option that would have to bear serious consideration is certainly that Uefa leaves Fifa."

Rauball's intervention comes against the backdrop of Uefa's calls for the Fifa president, Sepp Blatter, to stand down, as he promised to do at the end of his current four-year term. Before the Brazil World Cup, a series of speakers at Uefa's congress stood up to call for Blatter to make his current term his last, while the FA chairman, Greg Dyke, denounced Blatter for claiming corruption allegations in the media were motivated by racism.

"The only people that come out well in that summary report by Eckert is Fifa. [It says] they got their decisions right in respect to Qatar and Russia, and there's even a sentence and a reference in there that Sepp Blatter ran a wonderful process," Bonita Mersiades, one of two whistleblowers, said.

## Ranieri sacked



AFP, Athens

Claudio Ranieri on Saturday was sacked as coach of Greece, the day after his side lost 1-0 at home to minnows the Faroes Islands in a Euro 2016 qualifier.

A statement from the Greek Football Federation said that the Italian would remain at the helm for the friendly match against Serbia on Tuesday and would then leave for home.

The humiliating loss to the Faroes left former European champions Greece bottom of group F and facing an uphill struggle to qualify for the Euro 2016 finals in France.

Ranieri only took over as Greece head coach in July, taking over from Portugal's Fernando Santos who had just taken the team for the first time in their history to the last 16 of the World Cup finals in Brazil.

## Colombia labour for win, France held

AFP, Paris



Colombia, skipped by their youngest ever captain James Rodriguez, came from behind to beat the United States 2-1 in an international friendly Friday in London as France salvaged a 1-1 draw against Albania in Rennes.

The South Americans rallied with two second half goals at Craven Cottage after captain Jozy Altidor had put the United States ahead in the tenth minute when he converted from the penalty spot.

The Colombians were without injured Manchester United striker Radamel Falcao with Aston Villa's Carlos Sanchez playing alongside 2014 World Cup Golden Boot winner Rodriguez, 23, in midfield.

Carlos Bacca equalised on the hour mark, with Teofilo Gutierrez heading in the winner three minutes from time, to leave Colombia riding a three-match winning streak before their trip to Slovenia on Tuesday.

Coach Jose Pekerman hailed the World Cup quarter-finalists' battling form.

Jurgen Klinsmann's Americans head into their final game of the year against Ireland in Dublin on Tuesday winless after

three games, but the German was pleased with their performance against the world number three team.

In Rennes, Antoine Griezmann saved the day for France after a Mergim Mavraj header five minutes before the break had seen Didier Deschamps' side trailing in Brittany against the 48th-ranked Albanians.

The damage could have been worse with both Ermir Lenjani (52) and Elseid Hysaj (67) missing the chance to put the visitors further ahead.

France were without injured midfielder Blaise Matuidi, while Deschamps' new strike partnership of Alexandre Lacazette and Karim Benzema failed to spark.

Lacazette lacked the form which has seen him become the Ligue 1 top scorer with Lyon while Real Madrid star Benzema missed a golden opportunity to head home after 32nd minutes.

Griezmann came on after 57 minutes and the Atletico Madrid forward found the net after 73 minutes to avoid a second defeat of the year going back to the World Cup quarter-final loss to Germany.

Deschamps' side next meet the Sweden of PSG star Zlatan Ibrahimovic in Marseille next Tuesday.

## Women suffer heavy defeat

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh national women's football team suffered a 1-5 defeat against two-time defending champions

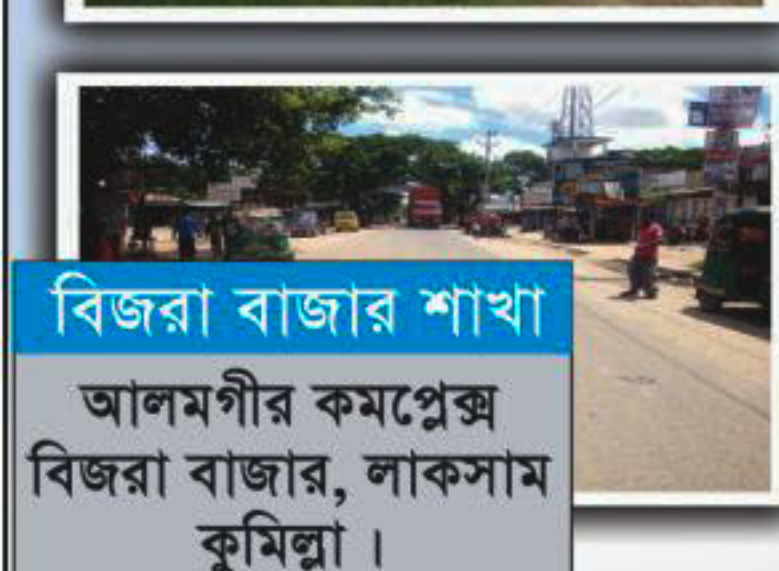
India in their second match of the 3rd SAFF Women's Championship at the Jinnah Football Stadium in Islamabad yesterday.

The girls in red and green, who started the campaign with a 6-1 win

over Afghanistan on Thursday, kept their mighty neighbours at bay till stoppage time of the first half before Uma Pati Devi broke the deadlock. Manda Rani Devi, Bala Devi and Indumati added three more in the second half before Sabina Khatun reduced the margin in the 84th minute. However, Bala Devi scored again in the 86th minute to confirm the semifinal berth for the favourites.

With three points from two

matches, Bangladesh lie in second position in Group A, ahead of Maldives on goal difference. The Maldivians also have three points from two matches as they won their second match against Afghanistan 1-0 yesterday after suffering a 1-8 defeat against India in their opening fixture. Bangladesh will square off against Maldives on Monday in their last match of the group, needing only a draw to qualify for the semifinals.



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