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TERRY HEALS HIS WOUND

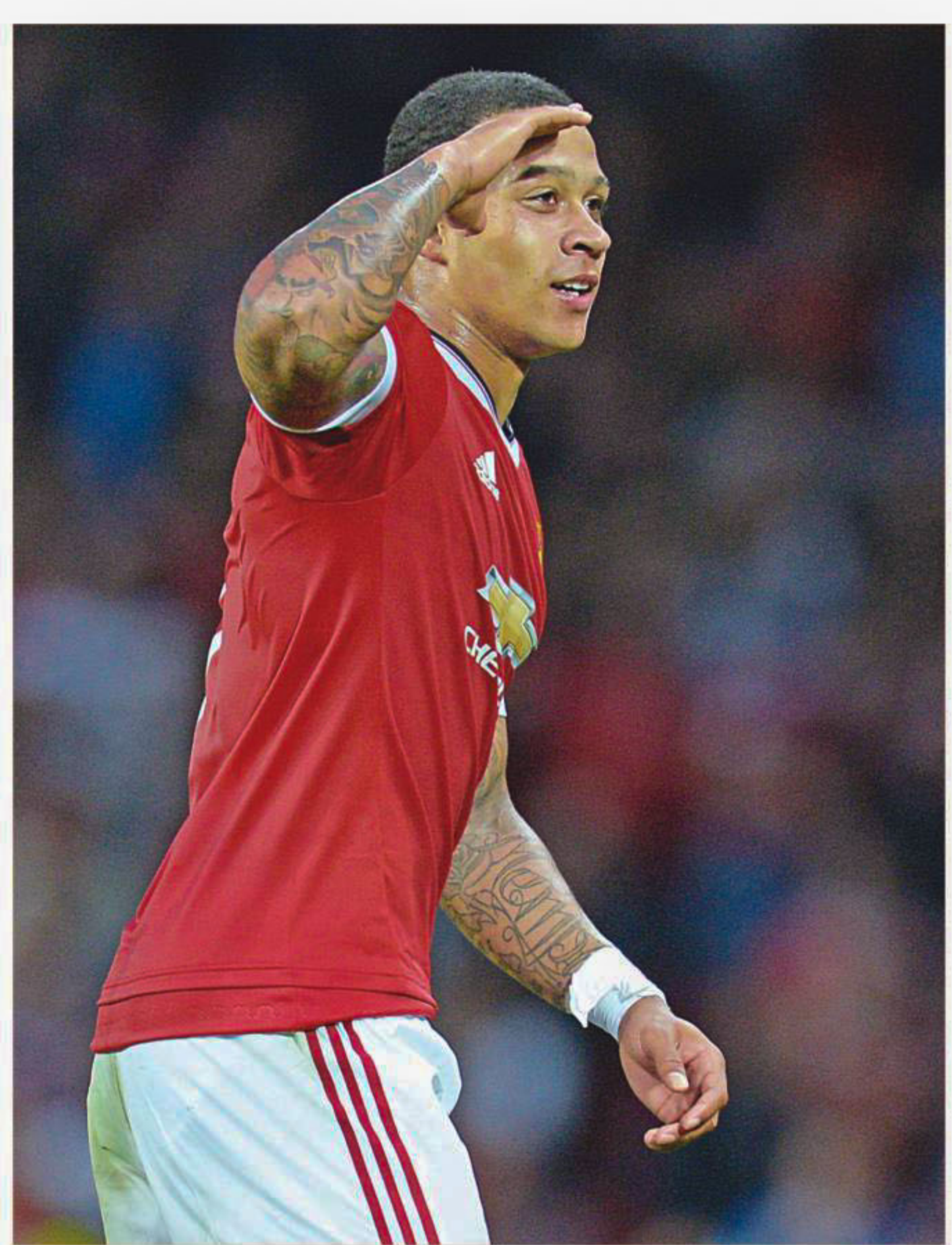
After his team's defeat to Manchester City last weekend, Chelsea skipper John Terry took to Instagram to show off his beautiful Ferrari 275 GTB. Terry's new purchase is reportedly valued at £1.5 million, and is one of the world's most historically famous exotic sports cars. The Ferrari 275 GTB was produced between 1964 and 1966, featuring a 3.3 liter V12 engine, putting down between 280 and 300 HP. Naturally, a man who bleeds blue could only have such a car in the same color as his team's



Bigger test awaits U-16s

SPORTS REPORTER

Having clinched the SAFF U-16 Championship on Tuesday, the Bangladesh under-16 national team will have no time to relax as they have a bigger challenge awaiting them next month. The Bangladesh colts, who returned to Dhaka late last night, lodged at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) dormitory where they will spend two nights before setting up camp at a premier league club tent for the 2016 AFC U-16 Championship Qualifiers (Group D), which will be held in Dhaka from September 16 to September 20. All the matches of these qualifiers, which will feature Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and hosts Bangladesh, will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. The qualifying campaign has been split into 11 groups, with champions of each group and four best runners-up teams finding berth alongside hosts India for the final round of the 2016 AFC U-16 Championship. The final round of the competition will also act as the qualifying platform for the 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup in India.



Manchester United winger Memphis Depay celebrates his second goal against Club Brugge during their UEFA Champions League play-off at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

Advantage Man Utd, Lazio

AFP, Paris

A superb double by Memphis Depay took Manchester United a step nearer a return to the Champions League group stages as they ran out 3-1 winners over Belgian outfit Club Brugge on Tuesday in their play-off first leg clash. While United -- who missed out on Champions League action last year -- will take a comfortable looking two-goal lead to Belgium, Sporting Lisbon will have a slender one-goal advantage to bring with them to Moscow, although their 2-1 win over CSKA ended the Russian side's nine-game unbeaten streak in Champions League qualifying games. United were hit by an early setback with an own goal by Michael Carrick, who beat Sergio Romero -- preferred once again to David de Gea -- to put the visitors 1-0 ahead. However, they drew level on the quarter-hour mark thanks to a sublime piece of individual skill from Depay, who lofted the ball over a Brugge defender, ran onto the ball and fired it into the net. The Dutch star -- a £25 million (\$39.1 million, 35.2 million euros) signing from PSV Eindhoven in the close season -- bettered that shortly before half-time, cutting in from the left and curling a superb effort past Sebastien Bruzzese. United huffed and puffed to get what could be a crucial third goal and finally managed it in the dying seconds, after Brugge had been reduced to 10 men, as Marouane

Fellaini, who played under Brugge coach Michel Preud'homme at Standard Liege from 2006-08, scored. United manager Louis van Gaal, who won the Champions League with a sublimely talented young Ajax side in 1995, said Fellaini's goal made a huge difference to the complexion of the tie. "It (Fellaini's goal) makes a difference because 2-1 is a very difficult result," said Van Gaal. "I am very happy for Memphis because a player needs that. I said it was a matter of time and hopefully he shall continue," added the 64-year-old Dutchman. For former Belgian international goalkeeper Preud'homme Fellaini's goal was a bitter twist. "This last goal was very bad for the confidence," said Preud'homme. "It's a pity we let this one in," added the 56-year-old, who guided Brugge to the Belgian Cup trophy last season. Sporting Lisbon got an early goal at home to Russian side CSKA Moscow as Costa Rican international Brian Ruiz set up Teofilo Gutierrez and the 30-year-old Colombian marksman rifled the ball past experienced goalkeeper

Igor Akinfeev. CSKA had entered the match having yet to drop a point in five games in their domestic league but they looked anything but unbeatable in Lisbon as they were initially outplayed by the hosts. However, they inched back into the match and should have been level but for Seydou Doumbia seeing his 27th minute penalty saved by Rui Patricio. Despite this disappointment, the Ivorian striker made no mistake five minutes from the half-time break, seizing on Roman Eremenko's perceptiveness through ball to beat Patricio this time round. The hosts, though, regained the lead eight minutes from time as Algerian international Islam Slimani finished off a delightful 1-2 with Andre Carrillo giving Akinfeev no chance. A superb goal by substitute Keita Balde gave Lazio a 1-0 home win over Bayer Leverkusen. The match had begun with a minute's silence in honour of former German Football Federation president Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder, who died on Monday. The German side had the upper hand in the second half but were hit on the counter-attack by a razor sharp Lazio move which resulted in Keita -- who had replaced German veteran Miroslav Klose at half-time -- outstripping his marker and planting the ball into the far corner of the net with 13 minutes remaining. Astana's chances of becoming the first Kazakh side to reach the group stage has a positive hue about it as they secured a 1-0 win at home to APOEL Nicosia, Baurzhan Dzholchiyev

RESULTS	
Astana (KAZ) 1 (Dzholchiev 14) APOEL (CYP) 0	BATE Borisov (BLR) 1 (Gordeychuk 75) Partizan Belgrade (SRB) 0
Sporting Lisbon (POR) 2 (Gutierrez 12, Slimani 82)	CSKA Moscow (RUS) 1 (Dombia 40)
Manchester United (ENG) 3 (Depay 13, 43, Fellaini 90+4) Club Brugge (BEL) 1 (Carrick 8-og)	

De Kruif irked by league deferral

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh national team's preparation for the upcoming World Cup and Asian Cup qualifiers against Australia and Jordan has been shrunk to only three days after the last fixture of the Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League was shifted deferred for a second time. The preparation camp was scheduled to get underway tomorrow, as the one remaining league match between Sheikh Jamal DC and Abahani was slated for today after being shifted from August 13 deadline earlier. However, the two clubs have now allegedly got into a negotiation, and asked for a postponement of the match to Saturday which has been accepted without hesitation by the league committee. This situation has seemingly irked the national team's head coach, Lodewijk de Kruif, who returned from Netherlands on Monday. "We need to finalise the programme for our preparation, which is not being done yet. I have heard from the BFF that it

SAILOR NAT'L U-15 C'SHIP Final round from Aug 23

SPORTS REPORTER

The final round of the Sailor Under-15 National Football Championship featuring eight zonal champions -- Dhaka, Narayanganj, Thakurgaon, Jessore, Sylhet, Barisal, Feni and Natore -- begins in the capital on Sunday. The nationwide competition, based on which the SAFF Championship winning team was picked, will be held simultaneously at the Bangabandhu National Stadium and the Abahani ground. The draw for the final round, which will conclude on September 2, was held at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) House yesterday in presence of BFF high-ups, representatives of sponsors Epyllion Group and a couple of national team players.

Pique punished Denies insulting linesman

AFP, Madrid

Barcelona defender Gerard Pique will miss the first four matches of the new La Liga season for abusing match officials in the European champions' Spanish Super Cup defeat to Athletic Bilbao. Pique was shown a straight red card in the second leg of the tie on Monday, which ended 1-1, for taking his protests towards the linesman too far as Barca failed to overcome a 4-0 first leg deficit. The length of the ban was confirmed by Spanish football's disciplinary committee on Wednesday. Pique will now miss Barca's daunting rematch away to Athletic Bilbao on Sunday and the trip to Atletico Madrid on September 12, as well as home games against Malaga and Levante. According to the referee's report, Pique seriously insulted the linesman using abusive language. However, despite apologising for his actions, Pique insisted he did not use the

language alleged by the referee. "I want to apologise because the attitude with which I protested to the linesman wasn't correct," he wrote on his official Twitter account. "It was a game of great tension in which we were playing for a lot. However, at no moment did I use any type of insult towards him." Barcelona had appealed against the red card on Tuesday. "In the arguments presented we wanted to make clear that the player did not address the assistant referee in the terms written afterwards by the referee Velasco Carballo in the referee's report," the said in a statement. Barca midfielder Ivan Rakitic also defended his teammate's actions, claiming the referee had been too quick to produce the red card. "The ban worries me because Pique is an important player. A sending-off like that also worries me because he spoke without any bad intent, it was the nerves," the Croatian said on Tuesday. "If this merits a sending-off there will be many in every game."

Benzema's diamond ball

AGENCIES, Madrid

Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema has made an elaborate purchase, report TMZ. The 27-year-old French international, who continues to be linked to Arsenal this summer, has reportedly spent \$250,000 on a life size diamond-encrusted football. TMZ got the scoop after so-called "celebrity jewelers" Dave Bling and Will D. Boss of DWS Jewelry and Co., provided the tabloid with a picture and quotes. The 1,250 carat ball, has 72,000 coloured diamonds, while Dave Bling told TMZ: "It's a definite conversation starter when company

New office bearers for BD Boys Club

SPORTS REPORTER

Moinul Haq Manzu and Mizanur Rahman Bhuiyan have been made the president and the general secretary respectively of the Bangladesh Boys Club, said a press release yesterday. The decision was unanimously adopted at a meeting of its executive committee, which also handed responsibility to the new president and general secretary to amend the club's constitution and form a full committee in shortest period of time possible.

Marcelo stunner gifts Benitez 1st home win

AFP, Madrid

Rafael Benitez got off to a winning start on his home debut as Real Madrid boss as Marcelo's brilliant individual effort handed the Spanish giants a 2-1 win over Galatasaray. Nacho's first-half opener for the hosts had been cancelled out by former Madrid midfielder Wesley Sneijder early in the second period. However, Madrid weren't to be denied victory in the friendly held to celebrate the Santiago Bernabeu trophy thanks to Marcelo's strike eight minutes from time. "The first day is always very exciting, but I was concentrating more on the game as is the job of a coach," said Benitez. "I saw plenty of positives and if we play like that I will be happy, but we still have plenty of margin to improve which is positive."

that clipped the bar before Bulut passed up a great chance to equalise when he blazed over from barely three yards out. Gareth Bale endured another largely frustrating night as he too failed to find the target with an effort from distance and was met with boos from sections of the home support. And even Cristiano Ronaldo's eye for goal was awry as the World Player of the Year spooned a glorious opportunity over from Jese Rodriguez's fine cut-back with the last action of the first-half. Madrid were made to pay for that miss early in the second period when Sneijder levelled against his former side with a fine left-footed strike into the far corner. Navas saved Benitez the embarrassment of going behind on his home debut with a stunning save from Sabri Sarioglu moments later. Both sides then made a raft of substitutions, but there was one moment of real quality left to decide the game as Marcelo skipped past three Galatasaray defenders before prodding the ball home at the near post. Meanwhile Croatian international midfielder Mateo Kovacic has joined Real Madrid from Inter Milan on a six-year deal, the Spanish giants confirmed on Tuesday. "Real Madrid and Inter Milan have agreed the transfer of Mateo Kovacic, who will be tied to the club for the next six seasons," Madrid said in a statement. According to reports in the Spanish media the 10-time European champions



Real Madrid's latest signing Croatian midfielder Mateo Kovacic kicks the ball during his official presentation at the Bernabeu yesterday.

Butt, Asif to be freed by month-end

AFP, Dubai

The International Cricket Council (ICC) Wednesday confirmed that the sanctions against Pakistan's Mohammad Asif and Salman Butt for spot-fixing will expire at midnight on September 1, 2015. The duo along with paceman Mohammad Amir was banned in 2011 over a spot-fixing case which shook the cricket world when it was revealed by the now defunct British tabloid News of the World in August 2010. The trio along with their agent Mazhar Majeed arranged deliberate no-balls during the Lord's Test against England in 2010 in return for money in a deal with an undercover reporter of the tabloid. The ICC said both Butt and Asif have completed their rehabilitation. "Both are eligible to play in domestic and interna