

STAR SPORTS 1

England v Sri Lanka
Second Test, Day 2
Live from 4:00pm

NETO SPORTS

French Open
Day 7
Live from 3:00pm

TEN 1

Champions League Final
Real Madrid v Atletico
Live from 12:45am (Sunday)

DPL

Time: 9:00pm
MSC v Cricket Coaching School
Venue: Fatullah

Prime Bank v Kalabagan

Venue: SBNS
Prime Dolshwar v Abahani
Venue: BKSP-3

DAY'S EVENT

MU anoint Mourinho

AFP, London

Manchester United on Friday anointed Jose Mourinho as their third new manager in less than three years in their bid to reinstate the club as a title-winning force in England and Europe. After three days of talks, Mourinho agreed a three-year contract on a bumper salary reportedly worth more than \$20 million (19.5 million euros) a year.

But the 53-year-old Portuguese supercoach, who has 22 honours to his name, said it was the "mystique" of United that drew him to the challenge of reviving one of the world's biggest football clubs.

The Red Devils need dragging out of the doldrums after first David Moyes and then Louis van Gaal failed to emulate the title-laden glory years under Alex Ferguson, who retired in 2013.

"To become Manchester United manager is a special honour in the game," Mourinho said in a club statement.

"It is a club known and admired throughout the world. There is a mystique and a romance about it which no other club can match."

"I have always felt an affinity with Old Trafford; it has hosted some important memories for me in my career and I have always enjoyed a rapport with the United fans."

"I'm looking forward to being their manager and enjoying their magnifi-



cent support in the coming years."

Mourinho seemed destined to manage United ever since his Porto side eliminated Ferguson's men en route to winning the 2004 Champions League.

He thought his time had come when Ferguson retired, but concerns over his volatile personality prompted United to turn to the more reserved Moyes instead.

But with that move proving a disaster and Van Gaal faring little better, United's powerbrokers sacked the Dutchman on Monday and decided at last to take a chance on Mourinho, despite his turbulent reputation.

"Jose is quite simply the best manager in the game today," said United's executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward.

"He has won trophies and inspired players in countries across Europe and, of course, he knows the Premier League very well, having won three titles here."

Mourinho has won league titles and cups in four countries with Porto, Chelsea, Inter Milan and Real Madrid. He won the Champions League for a second time with Inter in 2010.

Mourinho was sacked by Chelsea in December after a disastrous start to the season that saw the defending champions hovering near the relegation zone amid acrimony between the manager and his players and staff.

Before the new season begins, Mourinho will have to face the fall-out from his second spell at Stamford Bridge.

Former Blues doctor Eva Carneiro is claiming constructive dismissal in a case against Chelsea and has a separate personal legal action against Mourinho for alleged victimisation and discrimination.

The employment tribunal, which could take seven to 10 days, will be heard in public between June 6 and 24 unless a settlement is reached first.

The Red Devils' statement on Mourinho's appointment did not mention the future of club stalwart Ryan Giggs, who has spent nearly three decades at Old Trafford as a player and then a coach.

The 42-year-old was Van Gaal's deputy and had been seen as a potential successor to the Dutchman but was overlooked in favour of Mourinho.

The Portuguese is expected to take his long-term backroom staff with him to Old Trafford.

WHAT THEY SAID

Jose Mourinho is confirmed as the new manager of Manchester United. Great appointment for the club and Mourinho.

- Gary Lineker

Wow great news!!! Jose Mourinho is the new manager for @ManUtd #thespecialone.

- SA rugby player JP Pietersen

Jose.. Signed.. Sealed.. Delivered! #Mourinho announced @ManUtd manager!! My thoughts

- Rio Ferdinand

Happy #Mourinho has agreed personal terms with @ManUtd!!! Hopefully first signing will be #Zlatan ...

- Boris Becker

Next season will be electric in the dugouts. Mourinho, Klopp, Guardiola, Conte all fresh and keen....and Wenger of course.

- Gary Lineker

Congratulations to Jose Mourinho on his @ManUtd appointment. He'll always be the #TheFrozenOne to us.

- Mourinho's sponsors Jaguar



Defending champion Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland celebrates after his French Open third-round win over France's Jeremy Chardy at the Roland Garros in Paris yesterday

PHOTO: REUTERS

Ronaldo eyeing 11th crown

AFP, Milan



Cristiano Ronaldo insists personal goals will be put to one side as Real Madrid seek to embellish their incredible European record with victory over Atletico Madrid in the Champions League final on Saturday.

Ronaldo, a three-time world player of the year, has never scored a goal at the San Siro but has the chance to match and surpass his own record of scoring 17 Champions League goals in a season.

Yet two years after Real defender Sergio Ramos levelled at the death to inspire a stunning, extra-time comeback and secure a 10th triumph in Lisbon, the Portuguese superstar insists winning an 11th crown is far more important than who hits the net at the San Siro.

"It would be nice to equal or even pass the (scoring) record, but I am not obsessed with that because the most important thing is to win," Ronaldo said when asked about adding to his 16-goal tally in the competition this season.

Victory would see Real Madrid embellish their reputation as the most successful club in Europe having won the inaugural edition, the European Champions Clubs' Cup, in 1956 when Argentinian Hector Rial struck the winner in a 4-3 victory over fallen French giants Stade Reims in Paris.

Atletico's achievements may pale in comparison, but the threat from Diego Simeone's men, who have restricted Real to only one win in their past 10 meetings since

the 2014 final, is real.

Before winning two Europa League titles in 2010 and 2012, the 'Rojiblancos' last continental trophy was the now defunct European Cup Winners' Cup in 1962.

Yet only two years after Lisbon, Simeone's men are back having stunned Barcelona in the quarter-finals, and ended the hopes of the Catalan giants' former coach Pep Guardiola when they ousted his Bayern Munich side on away goals in the semi-finals.

Real fans may have the history, but Zinedine Zidane's men have beaten Atletico only once in

a massive threat from set pieces.

"We'll be ready and will look to play the game on our terms. Fingers crossed, that will be enough for us to do what we want, which is to win."

Whoever wins, says Ronaldo, will earn the local bragging rights: "We will see who is the best. I am positive. I think Real are better than Atletico, but we have to show it on the pitch."

Two years ago, Atletico were a whisker away from avenging their European Cup final defeat to Bayern Munich in 1974 (4-0) after Diego Godin gave Simeone's men a 36th minute opener.

Ramos's 93rd minute leveller, however, pushed the match into extra time and, with the fresh momentum, Gareth Bale, Marcelo and Ronaldo, from the spot, struck to compound Atletico's misery.

Now, it is Ronaldo, Bale and French striker Karim Benzema who could have their work cut out, while Ramos and Pepe, Zidane's preferred centre-back partnership, will be wary of a repeat of recent history.

Atletico have recorded 35 clean sheets in 56 games this season, including shutouts at home to Barcelona and Bayern Munich when they were dumped out of the competition.

They also managed a 1-0 win at Real's Santiago Bernabeu to inflict Zidane's only La Liga defeat in four months in charge when the sides last met in February.

Ronaldo, who suffered an injury scare in recent days, admitted: "Atletico always play the same way. We know there will be very few opportunities because they all play behind the ball."

"It is no coincidence that Barca and Bayern couldn't score many goals against them."

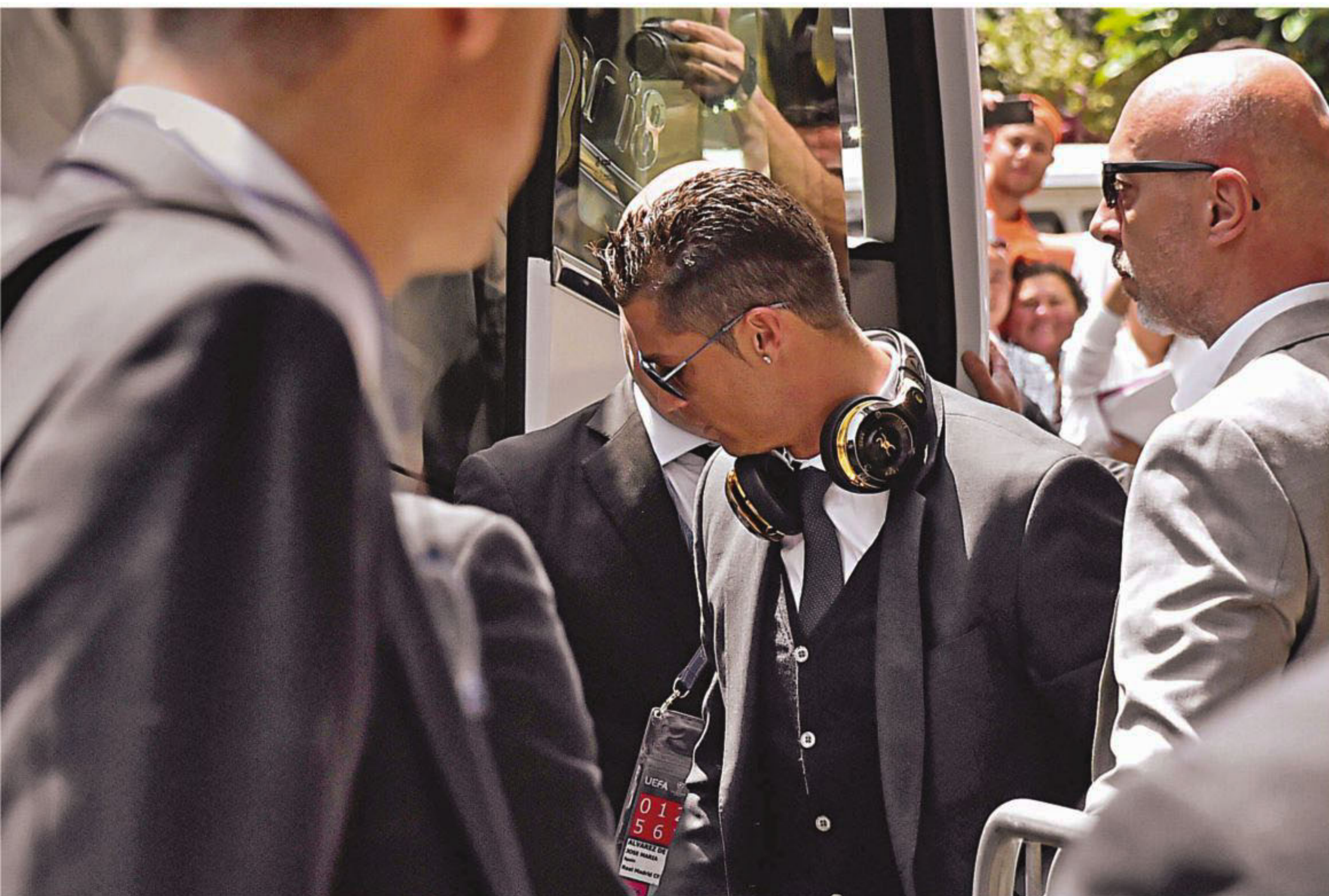
10 meetings since their 4-1 victory in Lisbon two years ago.

Unsurprisingly, Simeone is bullish ahead of a clash that Ronaldo says will settle which side rules the roost in the Spanish capital.

"We've already played two of the top three teams in the world and now we're facing the third in the final," Simeone told UEFA.com.

He believes the key to beating Real will be breaking down a solid defence and making sure his players remain vigilant at set-pieces.

"Madrid are different to Barcelona and Bayern; they're a much more direct team who are



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (C) arrives at the Radisson Hotel in Milan yesterday on the eve of their Champions League final against Atletico Madrid.

PHOTO: AFP

Injured Nadal pulls out

REUTERS, Paris

Nine-times French Open champion Rafael Nadal unexpectedly pulled out of the French Open on Friday because of a left wrist injury.

"I have a problem with my wrist... yesterday I played with an injection, I could play but yesterday night I started to feel more and more pain," the Spanish left-hander told reporters in a hurriedly arranged news conference at Roland Garros.

"Today I felt I could not move my wrist," added the dejected Spaniard, who showed no signs of the injury during his 6-3 6-0 6-3 second round win over Facundo Bagnis on Thursday.

This is the latest setback the 29-year-old Spaniard has suffered in an injury-plagued career.

Tendinitis in his knees prevented him from defending his Wimbledon title in 2009, while the 2008 Beijing Olympics gold medalist also missed the 2012 London Games because of injury.

Andy, Stan power thru'

AFP, Paris



Andy Murray cut down Croatian giant Ivo Karlovic to reach the French Open last-16 Friday as two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova became the fourth top 10 women's seed to be knocked out.

Murray, a three-time semi-finalist, had needed two five-set matches and three days of play to get to the last 32.

But on Friday the 29-year-old needed just a shade under two hours to beat 6ft 11in (2.11m) Karlovic 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3).

It was his seventh win in seven matches against the 37-year-old as Murray goes on to face John Isner of the United States.

Later yesterday, defending champion Stan Wawrinka reached the last 16 with a 6-4, 6-3, 7-5 win over France's Jeremy Chardy.

The third seed from Switzerland next goes up against Victor Troicki of Serbia for a place in the quarter-finals. He is seeking to become the eighth man in the Open era, since 1968, to successfully defend the title in Paris.

Canada's eighth seed Milos Raonic overcame a left hip injury to defeat Slovakian lucky loser Andrej Martin, the world number 133, and reach the last 16 for a second time.

Raonic won 7-6 (7/4), 6-2, 6-3 but only after requiring a medical timeout at the start of the third set to treat a hip injury.

The Canadian then needed to take a pain-killer before racing away to victory.

Raonic, a quarter-finalist in 2014, next faces 55th-ranked Albert Ramos-Vinolas after the Spaniard stunned American 23rd seed Jack Sock 6-7 (2/7), 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Spanish fourth seed and last year's Wimbledon runner-up Garbine Muguruza won the last nine games to knock out Belgium's Yanina Wickmayer 6-3, 6-0.

Rafa baffled by no shows

REUTERS, Paris



Rafael Nadal knows only too well what it's like to miss out on playing at the Olympics, hence he does not understand why so many of his fellow tennis professionals are turning their backs on the Rio Games in August.

When injury forced the 2008 Beijing gold medalist to withdraw from the 2012 London Games, he described it as "one of the saddest moments of my career".

As a result he finds it baffling that players such as American John Isner, Australian Bernard Tomic, rising Austrian Dominic Thiem, and fellow Spaniard Feliciano Lopez have chosen to be absent.

"The experience of competing in an Olympic Games is completely different than any other event. The Olympics is the most important event in the world of sport," the nine-times French Open champion said on Thursday.

"If you don't want to be in the most important event in the world of sport, then it is difficult to understand what's the motivation for the rest of the things."

Isner blamed his decision on a crammed tennis calendar, with the U.S. Open taking place shortly after the Rio Games and the Davis Cup quarter-finals just after Wimbledon.

But the lack of ranking points at this year's Olympics was also a major factor for the American.

World number one Novak Djokovic had some sympathy for players such as Isner and thought ranking points should have been awarded in Rio like they had been in London -- where up to 750 points were on offer.

But points or no points, Nadal thought those who choose to skip the Games will end up regretting their decisions.

Kaka replaces Douglas Costa

OMNISPORT

Kaka will replace the injured Douglas Costa in Brazil's 23-man squad for the upcoming Copa America Centenario, it was announced on Thursday.

Bayern Munich midfielder Costa, who played in the club's penalty shoot-out win against Borussia Dortmund in the DFB-Pokal final last week, was ruled out of the Copa America due to a left-thigh injury.

Brazil coach Dunga elected to replace him with Orlando City midfielder Kaka, who has contributed five assists and scored twice in seven appearances in the MLS this season.

Kaka made his Brazil debut under Luiz Felipe Scolari in 2002 at the age of 19, and has gone on to play 91 times for the national team.

Brazil are looking to win a ninth Copa America title at the special Centenario edition of the tournament, held in the United States next month.

Dunga and Co. begin with a clash against Ecuador on June 4.