

**NEO PRIME**  
French Open  
Day 13  
Live from 5:00pm

**SONY ESPN**  
Copa America  
USA v Colombia  
Live from 7:30am (Saturday)

**TEN 1 HD**  
West Indies v South Africa  
First ODI  
Live from 10:30pm

**Green Delta Premier Div Hockey**  
Azad SC v Mariners  
Time: 2:00pm

**Abahani v Sonali Bank**  
Time: 4:00pm  
Venue: Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium

### ZLATAN COULD BE KING

Rot-Weiss Oberhausen have offered a contract to Zlatan Ibrahimovic after his release from Paris Saint-Germain. And while the semi-professional German minnows, who compete in Regionalliga West, are unlikely to offer the star the pay packet he is used to, there are a number of perks in the offer. Zlatan will effectively be given the keys to the city, with the Ebertbad, a venue which houses concerts, theatre productions and other cultural activities, to be filled with water should the striker fancy a swim. More impressively, though, the city of Oberhausen have promised to implement a monarchy and name Ibrahimovic as the king. And as such is the power of the Sweden international, Ewo, the city's electricity supplier, will supply customers from Zlatan's house. Then, having had Ikea re-build their new stand, they would sell Sweden-Happen instead of Bratwurst, and the famous local beer 'KonigPilsener' will be re-branded as 'Ibrahimovic Pilsener'. —AGENCIES



### Alves on way out of Barca

AGENCIES, Barcelona

Barcelona's technical secretary Robert Fernandez has confirmed that Dani Alves will leave the club this summer.

While no official statement has been made regarding the Brazilian's destination, it was revealed on Monday that the full-back is set to join Juventus on a two-year deal.

And Fernandez told a press conference that the Brazil international has chosen to exercise his option to leave for free this summer after helping Barca to a Liga and Copa del Rey double.

### Generous Pele to auction memorabilia

REUTERS, London

Brazilian great Pele said he was putting more than 2,000 items up for auction, including his three World Cup medals and a one-of-a-kind Jules Rimet trophy, in order to raise funds for charity and his former club Santos.

The three-day auction, which opens on Tuesday in London, will feature memorabilia from the 75-year-old's illustrious career with Brazil, Santos and the New York Cosmos and could fetch up to \$1 million, auctioneers said.

"The idea is that half of the money goes to the children's hospital and the other charities and the rest of the memorabilia will go to Santos, for an exhibition. Santos, the team that made me be here."

### Man City sign Gundogan

REUTERS, London

German midfielder Ilkay Gundogan has joined Manchester City from Bundesliga side Borussia Dortmund on a four-year deal, the Premier League club announced yesterday.

The 25-year-old, who had a year remaining on his Dortmund contract, is the club's first signing since they confirmed Spanish coach Pep Guardiola would take over at the Etihad from Manuel Pellegrini prior to the start of next season.

# It's time for Copa America

## Another chance for Messi; Kaka pulls out

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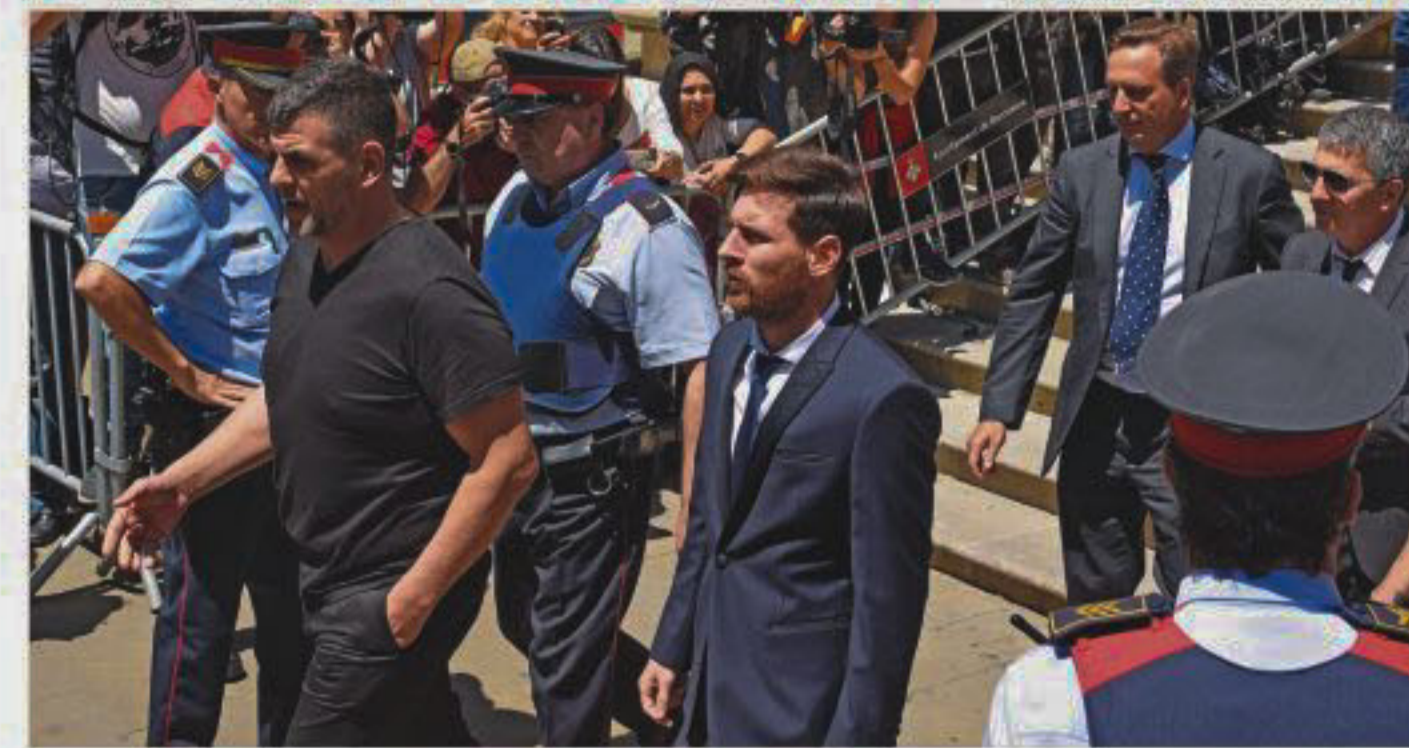
The Centenary Copa America gets underway on Friday in the United States with the host taking on Colombia in the opening match.

Argentina are hot favourites with the bookmakers after sending goalscoring trident Lionel Messi, Sergio Aguero and Gonzalo Higuain to the event.

There are absolutely no doubts about Messi's standing in the modern game, at club level at least.

The record-breaking five-time Ballon d'Or winner has collected 28 trophies during his time with Barcelona.

But there have always been criticisms, among Argentina supporters anyway, that the Rosario-born 28-year-old has not



(L) Argentina captain Lionel Messi leaves the courthouse in Barcelona where he took the stand at his tax fraud trial before jetting off to play for his country while veteran Brazil playmaker Kaka (R) will miss the Copa America due to a hamstring injury.

PHOTO: AFP



delivered on the international stage compared to two of the game's greatest ever players, Pele and Diego Maradona.

Separating Messi from Pele and Maradona is the fact that the latter two were victorious with their countries.

Compare that to Messi, who is a two-time Copa America runner-up and a 2014 World Cup finalist as pressure builds on the 107-cap veteran to end Argentina's 23-year wait for an international trophy of any sort with a 15th continental crown.

Wearing the captain's armband, Messi, though, might not get a better chance to stake his claim for immortality.

Brazil will be without captain and the country's fifth highest goalscorer Neymar after opted to compete at the Olympic Games

on home soil in August instead.

Brazil's troubled build-up to Copa America hit another snag Thursday when midfielder Luiz Gustavo became the sixth player to withdraw from the squad, citing "personal problems." It comes a day after veteran striker Kaka pulled out with a hamstring injury before Brazil open their campaign against Ecuador in California on Saturday. Wallace of the Brazilian side Gremio has replaced Luiz Gustavo.

Kaka, the 34-year-old Orlando City attacking midfielder, saw his dream dashed after suffering an injury at Brazil's Los Angeles training base.

The former FIFA World Player of the Year will be replaced by Sao Paulo's Paulo Henrique Ganso.

Defending champions Chile - who upstaged Argentina in last year's final - have struggled to reach their lofty heights since lifting the Copa trophy 12

months ago, with a disappointing friendly defeat to Jamaica.

Add to that the fact another one of Messi's clubmen, Suarez, is facing a race against time to be fit for the start of Uruguay's Copa campaign. The Barca forward was in tears as he hobbled from the field after suffering a hamstring injury in the team's Copa del Rey victory over Sevilla.

So after three near misses, the centenary tournament might just see Messi crowned the official king of football.

### FIXTURES

#### ARGENTINA'S MATCHES

June 7 v Chile

June 11 v Panama

June 15 v Bolivia

#### BRAZIL'S MATCHES

June 5 v Ecuador

June 9 v Haiti

June 13 v Peru



## EURO 2016 COUNTDOWN

7 DAYS TO GO

# Upsets and dominance

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The 1992 Euro saw the first major upset in the competition's history. After West Germany won the World Cup 1990, they were favourites for the title, especially since they were fielding the first-ever unified German team.

However, it was Denmark who eventually took the title home after a dramatic turn of events. The Danes had failed to qualify for the tournament, but in the face of the Balkan crisis, Yugoslavia had been expelled from the tournament and the Danish invited in their place in the last minute.

Their talismanic playmaker Michael Laudrup decided against taking part, further weakening an already docile side. However, with just two weeks of training before the tournament, the Danes shocked the world with their conquest of Europe.

Knocking out the much-vaunted French and Dutch sides, they took a 2-0 lead in the final against Germany, which they would not relinquish.

The 1996 Euros marked the first time that the Golden Goal rule was applied and it was when the Germans would capture a third European glory.

They knocked out hosts England on penalties in the semis and in the final, Patrik Berger put Czech Republic ahead from the spot. However, substitute Oliver Bierhoff headed an equaliser before scoring the first

golden goal in a major tournament's final four minutes into extra time.

In the next iteration of the tournament, 16 years on from Platini's brilliance, France would add the European crown to their 1998 World Cup glory, led by another influential midfielder -- Zinedine Zidane.



XAVI HERNANDEZ

The French advanced to the semi-finals with a 2-1 win over Spain, with Raul Gonzalez missing a last-minute penalty.

Against Portugal in the next round, it was an extra-time win for Les Blues, as Zidane converted a controversial penalty to seal the win before going on to end Italy's hopes of a first major

trophy since 1968 in the final as Sylvian Wiltord equalised in the dying embers of the match and an emphatic David Trezeguet volley sealed the win 13 minutes into extra time.

In the opening match of Euro 2004, France was a great deal of foreshadowing as Greece shocked hosts Portugal 2-1. The two teams would make their own fairytale runs to the final of the tournament, where Portugal would once again be defeated by a one-goal margin.

Portugal defeated England and Netherlands in the knockout phase, while Greece knocked out holders France and needed extra-time to see off the highly-fancied Czechs and in the final, it was Otto Rehhagel's Greek side that completed the job.

From there till the last Euros, it was the domination of Spain. Long-denounced as perennial chokers, the unexpected Spanish Inquisition and their tiki-taka -- embodied by Xavi -- had an iron grip on world football. Ending their 44-year wait for a trophy in the 2008 Euro, La Furia Roja went on to capture the 2010 World Cup before adding another European glory to their crown in 2012.

Their astonishing implosion at the 2014 World Cup aside, the Spanish team -- aided by their two European crowns, a host of stars and unique style of play championed by Xavi -- cemented their legacy as one of the best sides in football history.

# 'I knew nothing'

AFP, Barcelona



Argentina football star Lionel Messi said Thursday he trusted his father with his finances and "knew nothing" about how his wealth was managed as he took the stand at his tax fraud trial.

"I was playing football. I had no idea about anything," the five-time World Player of the Year told the Barcelona court hearing the case.

"I trusted my dad and my lawyers," the 28-year-old, who wore a black suit and tie, added on the third day of the trial.

Messi and his father Jorge Horacio Messi are accused of using a chain of fake companies in Belize and Uruguay to avoid paying taxes on 4.16 million euros (\$4.6 million) of Messi's income earned through the sale of his image rights from 2007-09.

The income related to Messi's image rights that was allegedly hidden and includes endorsement deals with Banco Sabadell, Danone, Adidas, Pepsi-Cola, Procter & Gamble and the Kuwait Food Company.

"All I knew was that we signed agreements with certain sponsors, for 'X' amount of money and that I had to do adverts, photos and those things but about the money and where it went I knew nothing,"

Messi told the court.

The Barcelona forward and his defence team have long argued that Messi's father handled the footballer's finances without reporting to him, and the striker was not aware of any wrongdoing.

Messi and his father made a voluntary payment of 5.0 million euros (\$5.6 million) -- equal to the amount of the alleged unpaid taxes plus interest -- in August 2013 after being formally investigated, which is expected to mitigate any sentence if they are found guilty.

Dozens of photographers and onlookers crowded behind metal barriers and a line of police that guarded the entrance of the court to catch a glimpse of the player for the hearing.

Most applauded but some jeered and criticised the player.

"If he cheated, he has to be sentenced no matter how much of an idol and Ballon d'Or winner he is. These are four million euros less to pay for hospitals, schools, firefighters, roads," Jose Seco de Herrero, 25, told AFP.

"Thief," yelled out one onlooker. "Go play in Panama," cried out another.

After his court appearance in Barcelona, Messi will jet off to the United States where Argentina take on Copa America defending champions Chile in their first game of the three-week tournament in California on Monday.

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