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Chelsea bring back Luiz

GOAL.COM

Chelsea have completed the signing of David Luiz from Paris Saint-Germain for £38m (€45m) with the transfer to be made official imminently.

The Brazil international returns to Stamford Bridge just two years after leaving Chelsea, who opened talks with their ex-player yesterday.

The 29-year-old has signed a contract and completed a medical according to sources close to Goal.com but details have yet to emerge over the length of the deal.

PSG have decided not to sign a replacement for Luiz despite only having three recognised centre-backs in Thiago Silva, Marquinhos and Presnel Kimpembe, with Serge Aurier capable of deputising.

Ronaldinho pays tribute to paralympians

AGENCIES, Rio de Janeiro

Brazil football great Ronaldinho has shown his musical talents by unveiling a music video that pays tribute to the world's Paralympic athletes.

Clips of the song entitled "I'm from the world, a winner" have already been seen more than a million times, barely a day after being posted on Instagram on Tuesday, reports Xinhua.

Ronaldinho, who is an official ambassador for the September 7-18 Paralympic Games here performed the song alongside Brazilian musicians Jhama and Pablo Luiz.

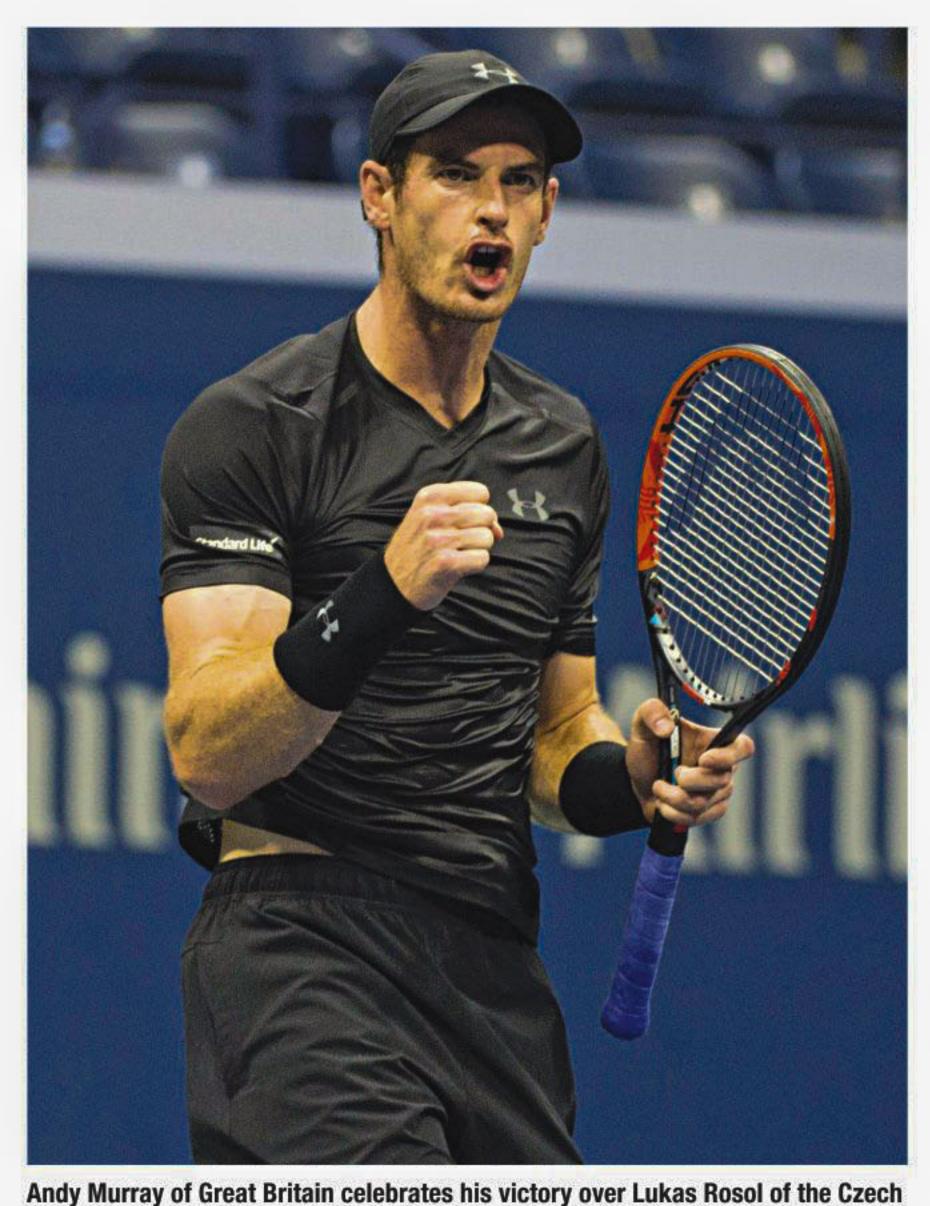
CL games to start earlier?

AGENCIES, Nyon

The Champions League is to get an overhaul in 2018-19, and it won't just affect the system of the competition -with four direct places for the four big leagues -- but also the start times of the games. According to German

magazine Sport Bild, as of the 2018-19 Champions League campaign the standard 12:45am (Bangladesh Standard Time) kick-off time will be abandoned, with new times of 11:00pm and 01:00am being adopted, emulating the current Europa League start times.

The idea behind the move is apparently to increase income through the marketing and the sale of TV rights for the competition, with fans being able to watch more games than is currently the case with just one slot on each match-day.



Republic during their US Open men's singles match at Flushing Meadows on Tuesday. PHOTO: AFP

Vinci, Kvitova move on

Murray, Djokovic, Serena through

AFP, New York



Roberta Vinci, the 2015 runner-up, and two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova

booked US Open third round spots Wednesday as Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal prepared for the latest tests of their battle-scarred seasons. Seventh seeded Italian Vinci, defeated

by compatriot Flavia Pennetta in last year's final, eased past Christina McHale of the United States 6-1, 6-3.

The 33-year-old, playing at Flushing Meadows for the 14th time, goes on to face either Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan or Germany's Carina Witthoeft.

Kvitova, the 14th seeded Czech who recorded her best performance in New York 12 months ago when she made the last-eight, beat Turkey's Cagla Buyukakcay 7-6 (7/2), 6-3.

Kvitova was in her trademark all-ornothing mood, mixing up 31 winners with 30 unforced errors against her 26year-old opponent who was the first Turkish woman to play in the main draw at the tournament.

Up next for Kvitova is Ukrainian 22nd seed Elina Svitolina who put out Lauren Davis of the United States 6-1, 4-6, 6-3. Defending champion and world num-

ber one Djokovic, who got walkover against Jiri Vesely of the Czech Republic. Earlier on Tuesday night, Wimbledon

champions Andy Murray and Serena Williams powered into the second round.

Williams, launching her latest bid to

rewrite the record books, started strong and didn't let up in 6-3, 6-3 victory over 29th-ranked Ekaterina Makarova. The US world number one appeared

untroubled by the balky right shoulder that has hindered her in recent weeks, delivering a dozen aces and 27 winners overall in the 63-minute contest. While Williams has struggled since

Wimbledon, Murray went from claiming a second title at the All England club to a successful defence of his Olympic gold in Rio.

Vying to become the fourth man in the Open Era to reach all four major finals in a calendar year, Murray, too, produced a dominant service performance in a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Czech Lukas Rosol.

Before the floodlights came up, Serena's elder sister Venus claimed a Grand Slam record of her own as her 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 victory over Ukraine's Kateryna Kozlova marked her 72nd appearance in the main draw of a major.

Fourth seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, trying to make it to the quarterfinals in New York for the first time, breezed past US qualifier Jessica Pegula 6-1, 6-1 and fifth-seeded Romanian Simona Halep also eased through with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Belgian Kirsten Flipkens.

Men's third seed Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland, a two-time semi-finalist, reached the second round with a 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 6-4 win over Spain's Verdasco.

Kei Nishikori, who became Asia's first men's Grand Slam finalist in New York in 2014, when he fell to Marin Cilic in the final, also advanced, downing German Benjamin Becker 6-1, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

AFP, London

Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero is in danger of missing the Manchester derby after he was charged with violent conduct by England's Football Association on Tuesday.

The charge relates to an incident during City's 3-1 home win over West Ham United last Sunday when Aguero appeared to swing his left elbow towards visiting defender Winston Reid.

He faces a three-game ban if found guilty, which would rule him out of City's trip to Manchester United on September 10, a home game with Bournemouth and a trip to Swansea City in the League Cup.

"Sergio Aguero has been charged for an alleged act of violent conduct which was not seen by the match officials but caught on video," the FA said in a statement on its website.

"The Manchester City forward was involved in an incident with West Ham United's Winston Reid in the 76th minute of the game on Sunday [28 August 2016]."

Match referee Andre Marriner did not punish Aguero at the time, but footage of the incident was reviewed by a panel of three former referees, all of whom deemed it a redcard offence.

Aguero, 28, has until 1800 local time (1700 GMT) on Wednesday to respond to the charge.

Aguero facing 3-match ban Brazil, Argentina start afresh

KEY MATCHES

Ecuador v Brazil (Friday 3:00am BST)

Argentina v Uruguay (Friday 5:00am BST)

AFP, Montevideo



Injury-hit Argentina resume their bid for a berth at the 2018 World Cup on Thursday as Brazil head into the latest round of

South American qualifiers hoping to build on their Olympic gold medal triumph.

In the five months since the last batch of games in South America's marathon qualifying campaign, both Brazil and Argentina have undergone massive upheaval, with each side parting company with their coaches.

Brazil kissed goodbye to 1994 World Cup-winning captain Dunga after a dismal campaign in the Copa America Centenario which saw the five-time world champions knocked out in the group stage. Argentina mean-

while split with Gerardo Martino following his team's Copa America final defeat to Chile in June, a loss which prompted a tearful

Lionel Messi to announce his retirement from international football.

Messi was subsequently coaxed into a uturn by new coach Edgardo Bauza, confirming in August that he would continue to be available. But the Barcelona superstar is uncertain

for Thursday's showdown with historical rivals Uruguay in Mendoza, with the 29-yearold struggling to overcome a groin injury. Messi has travelled to Argentina to join

the squad and was seen taking part in light drills in training on Tuesday. However at least two other key players --

Manchester City's Sergio Aguero and Paris Saint-Germain's Javier Pastore -- are both definitely out.

Aguero suffered a calf injury in Sunday's 3-1 win over West Ham while Pastore has a

torn right calf muscle.

Argentina, who face a trip to Venezuela next Tuesday after the Uruguay game, are currently third in the standings with 11 points after six of 18 games in the round-robin format.

Uruguay, who will have star striker Luis Suarez and defensive linchpin Diego Godin back in the same starting XI for the first time since the qualifiers kicked off last October, lead the standings on goal difference from Ecuador with 13 points.

While Bauza faces a difficult start to his reign against the in-form Uruguayans, Brazil have a potentially awkward trip to the thin air of Quito to face Ecuador.

Although the Brazilians have an impressive overall record against Ecuador -- winning 24 of 30 games since 1942 -- the Selecao have never won a World Cup quali-

fier in Quito, which is situated a dizzying 2,850 meters (9,350 feet) above sea level.

New Brazil coach Tite, appointed in June, has drawn heavily on Brazil's victorious Olympic

squad for Thursday's game against Ecuador, which is followed by a challenging date with Colombia in Manaus next week. Barcelona superstar Neymar, Gabriel

Jesus, Gabriel "Gabigol" Barbosa and four other members of the Olympic squad are in the 23 for two games. Former Corinthians boss Tite warned

Brazil -- who are outside the automatic qualification positions after winning just two of their first six games -- they could not afford to assume they would turn their campaign around. Brazil has never failed to qualify for a World Cup.

"We're not in the qualification zone," Tite said. "Of course there's a risk, if we don't accept to see the risk, we're fleeing reality.

"I'm here because we haven't got the results. But there has been quality in the work that's been done."



This week our spotlight is about breaking barriers and considering other vocational subjects to pursue a career. We also have an important article on Harriken, a state-of-the-art application that has made the task of discovering a restaurant fun and simple. Don't forget to grab your copy of the Star Weekend, tomorrow, Friday!



