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U.S. soccer cancels exhibition game in Egypt

The U.S. national soccer team canceled its Feb. 9 exhibition against Egypt in Cairo because of the political turmoil there.

The game against the Egyptian national team had been announced Dec. 13. In the last week, street protests aiming for the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak have caused disruption in Cairo and Alexandria.

"We were excited about the opportunity to play against Egypt, but due to the current situation all parties agreed it was best to cancel the match," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said Monday. "We appreciate the efforts of the Egyptian Football Association and the U.S. State Department as we worked through this situation." The U.S. State Department has recommended American citizens

avoid travel to Egypt "due to ongoing political and social unrest." On Sunday, the State Department authorized the voluntary departure of dependents and nonemergency employees, saying "U.S. citizens currently in Egypt should consider leaving as soon as they can safely do so."

The U.S., ranked 18th in the world, had planned to fly a top roster to the game, including Americans based with European clubs, to face 10th-ranked Egypt. The two nations met in the first round of the 2009 Confederations Cup, with the U.S. winning 3-0.

The next game for the U.S. team will be March 26 against Argentina at East Rutherford, N.J. The Americans play Paraguay three days later at Nashville, Tenn.

U.S. midfielder Bradley joins Aston Villa on loan

United States midfielder Michael Bradley has joined Premier League club Aston Villa on loan from Borussia Moenchengladbach until the end of the season.

Villa will then have the option to sign Bradley, the son of U.S. coach Bob Bradley, permanently. The 23-year-old Bradley will be available to play once he receives international clearance and a visa has been issued.

Bradley, who has played 50 times for his national team, is "proud and thrilled" to join the club and "can't wait to get going now."

He is the fourth Villa signing in January, after striker Darren Bent, midfielder Jean Makoun and on-loan right back Kyle Walker.

Manager Gerard Houllier says Bradley is "a very hard working midfielder who can score goals."

U.S. striker Findley completes move to England

American striker Robbie Findley has received international clearance to sign with second-tier English club Nottingham Forest on a free transfer. The 25-year-old Findley, who opted to leave Major League Soccer's Real Salt Lake last year at the end of his contract, has secured a visa that allows him to play in England.

The striker has signed a 2 1/2-year contract with Forest, which is in fifth

place in the League Championship standings.

Findley was a member of the U.S. World Cup squad in South Africa, starting three of the team's four matches.

Jose dreams of England return

Real Madrid manager Jose Mourinho could be on his way back to England sooner rather than later. The Portuguese, who is currently involved in a public spat with Madrid director general Jorge Valdano, has never hidden his desire to return to the Premier League, where he enjoyed success with Chelsea before leaving in 2007.

It's always important for me and my family to be happy and I love English football and my family love England," he is quoted as saying in the Sunday Mirror. "I have always maintained I will return one day but maybe it will come sooner than I expected." Mourinho joined Madrid last summer after leading Inter Milan to the treble, including a Champions League success he was unable to achieve at Chelsea.

The former Porto boss insists he was not surprised when the end came at Stamford Bridge.

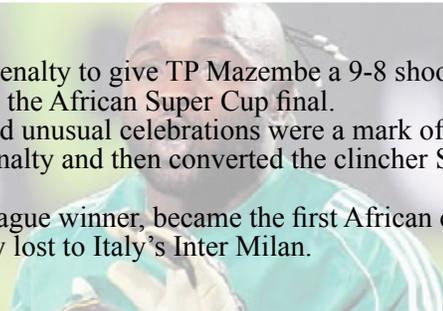
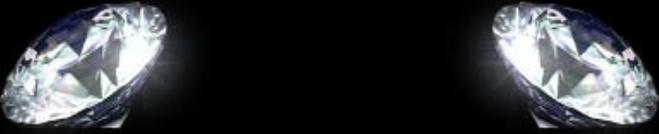
"I was never under any illusions," he said. "I understood the personality of Roman Abramovich and the culture of the people around him.

"And knew it was not a job for 10 years. My role was to give this man what he wanted - victory - knowing that, sooner or later, my time would finish, because there were too many things going on around me."



TP Mazembe wins shootout for African Super Cup

Goalkeeper Muteba Kidiaba scored the winning penalty to give TP Mazembe a 9-8 shootout victory over FUS Rabat after the teams played 90 scoreless minutes in the African Super Cup final. Kidiaba, whose dyed green hair, impressive stops and unusual celebrations were a mark of Mazembe's historic run to the final of the Club World Cup last year, saved a penalty and then converted the clincher Sunday to give Mazembe its second straight Super Cup title. Congo's Mazembe, the 2010 African Champions League winner, became the first African club to reach the final of FIFA's Club World Cup last year, where it eventually lost to Italy's Inter Milan.

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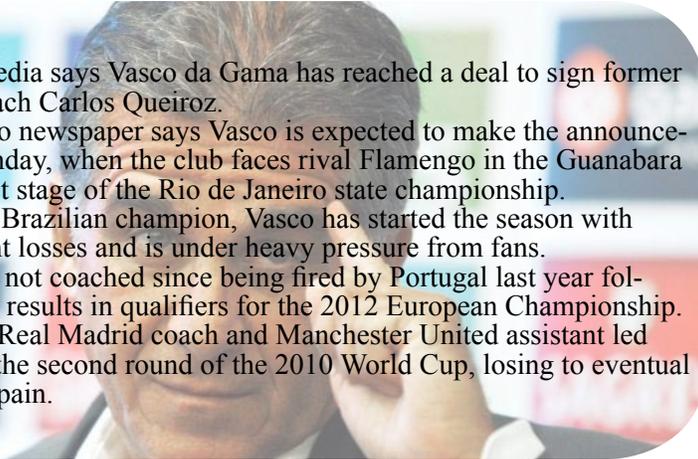
Brazilian media says Vasco da Gama has reached a deal to sign former Portugal coach Carlos Queiroz.

The O Globo newspaper says Vasco is expected to make the announcement on Sunday, when the club faces rival Flamengo in the Guanabara Cup, the first stage of the Rio de Janeiro state championship.

A four-time Brazilian champion, Vasco has started the season with three straight losses and is under heavy pressure from fans.

Queiroz has not coached since being fired by Portugal last year following poor results in qualifiers for the 2012 European Championship.

The former Real Madrid coach and Manchester United assistant led Portugal to the second round of the 2010 World Cup, losing to eventual champion Spain.



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Suarez:

Reds belong in top four

Luis Suarez says he is joining a club that belongs in the Champions League as he prepares to complete his £22.8 million move to Liverpool.

The Ajax striker is on the verge of a switch to Anfield having travelled to Liverpool on Saturday to undergo a medical and discuss terms after the Dutch club accepted the Premier League club's offer.

He will be the Reds' first major signing since the new owners took over in October, and despite Liverpool underachieving this season, Suarez insists he is on his way to a big club with big ambitions.

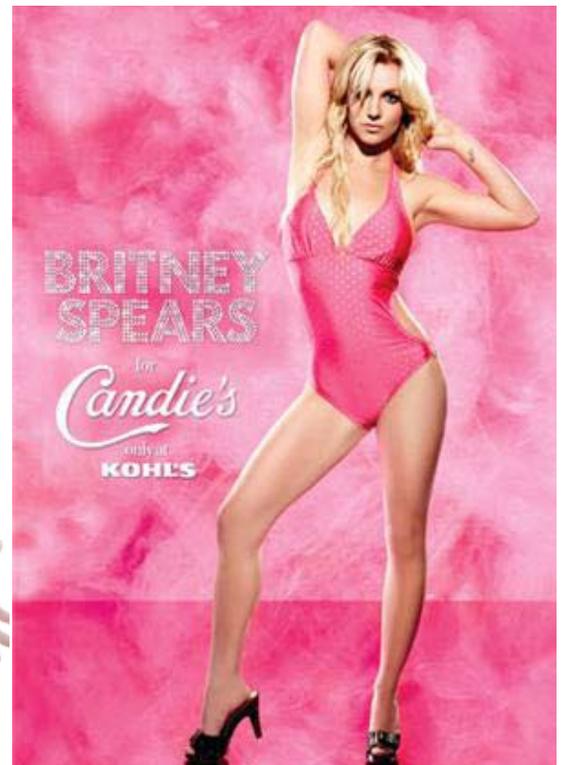
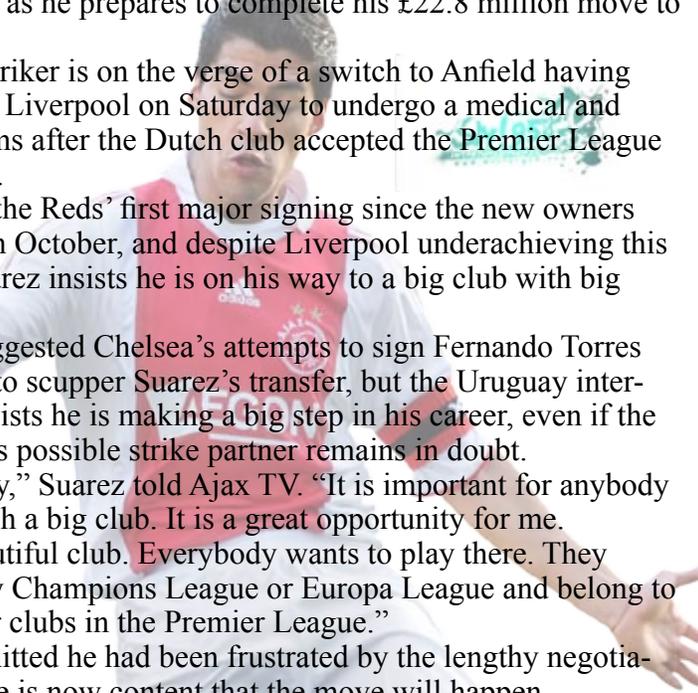
Reports suggested Chelsea's attempts to sign Fernando Torres threatened to scupper Suarez's transfer, but the Uruguay international insists he is making a big step in his career, even if the future of his possible strike partner remains in doubt.

"I am happy," Suarez told Ajax TV. "It is important for anybody to go to such a big club. It is a great opportunity for me.

"It is a beautiful club. Everybody wants to play there. They always play Champions League or Europa League and belong to the top four clubs in the Premier League."

Suarez admitted he had been frustrated by the lengthy negotiations, but he is now content that the move will happen.

"It has been difficult, a lot of negotiation," Suarez said. "Difficult for me as it concerns my future. But [Saturday] I heard that everything was agreed."



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America gives new coach Reinoso a winning start

Matias Vuoso and Angel Reyna scored second-half goals to give America a 2-0 win at league-leader Atlas in the fourth round of the Mexican Clausura championship on Saturday.

Vuoso opened the scoring in the 71st minute and Reyna made it 2-0 in the 84th as America gave new coach Carlos Reinoso a win in his first game in charge after replacing Manuel Lapuente this week.

America remains bottom of Group 2, but moved to four points to close the gap to Atlas atop the group.

In Pachuca, Droguett scored with a low shot to give Cruz Azul the lead in the 40th minute. Cruz Azul raced away after the break, with Julio Dominguez adding a second after Miguel Calero could only parry an Emanuel Villa free kick in the 62nd minute.

Substitute Castro curled in a shot from long range in the 75th and Villaluz completed the rout after stepping inside his marker in the box in the 87th.

The win put Cruz Azul atop Group 3, with Pachuca stuck on five points in Group 2.

In Saturday's other matches Carlos Esquivel scored the only goal of the game to give Toluca a 1-0 win at previously unbeaten Tigres, while Santos moved level with Tigres on points atop Group 1 after a 2-1 win at Chiapas thanks to first-half goals from Christian Benitez and Darwin Quintero. Omar Flores scored for Chiapas in the 72nd.

Elsewhere, Efrain Cortes scored the winning goal in the 59th minute in a 1-0 win for Queretaro at home against Necaxa, while an own goal from Yasser Corona in the 40th minute and a second from Christian Bermudez in the 88th gave Atlante a 2-0 home win against ten-man Puebla. Jose Gonzalez was sent off for Puebla in the 35th minute.

The 18 teams in the Mexican Primera Division are split into three groups, with the top two in each group making the end-of-season playoffs to decide the champion. The two clubs best-placed in the general table which have not qualified from their group also make the playoffs.

Atlas stays top of the general standings ahead of Sunday's fixtures when San Luis could take over if it wins at Morelia. UNAM Pumas hosts Monterrey in Sunday's other match.

Japan lifts Asian Cup with 1-0 win over Australia

Japan won the Asian Cup for a record fourth time when substitute striker Tadanari Lee struck in extra time for a 1-0 victory over Australia on Saturday.

Lee slammed home a left-foot volley in the 109th when he was left completely unmarked 10 meters (yards) from Australia's goal. Lee had all the time in the world to perfectly time his volley from a cross by defender Yuto Nagatoma and fire it past Australia goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer.

Lee then ran to the centre circle and fired a symbolic arrow into the night sky over the Khalifa stadium as a row of small fireworks exploded across the structure arch to celebrate the goal.

Australia was in its first final since switching from Oceania to Asia in 2006 and also lost to Japan in the quarterfinals on penalties four years ago. It will now have the chance to go for the title when it hosts the tournament in 2015.

Jonathan Wilson: Japan's fullbacks key Asian Cup final win. Both teams had their chances in regulation time but the Socceroos could have clinched it in the first extra period.

Harry Kewell pushed the ball to substitute Brett Emerton in the 102nd, but he drove his left-footed shot wide to waste the best chance any team had in extra time until Robbie Kruse's header was dug out by Japan goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima in the 104th.

Matt McKay had another effort sail high late in the first period of extra time.

The defeat meant no major trophy for Kewell and Tim Cahill, Australia's best known stars, who were both substituted and saw Japan's triumph from the bench.

Japan allowed Australia more chances in the first half, but Italian coach Alberto Zaccheroni's team had better opportunities when it started applying more pressure midway through the second half.

Lineups:

Australia: Mark Schwarzer; Lucas Neill, David Carney, Sasa Ognjenovski, Luke Wilkshire, Harry Kewell (Robbie Kruse, 103), Brett Holman (Brett Emerton, 65), Carl Valeri, Matt McKay, Mile Jedinak, Tim Cahill (Neil Kilkeny, 109).

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Daniel Straus comes with a streak of 10 victories at the Season 4 Bellator Featherweight Tournament

After an impressive decision win over Chad Hinton Bellator 23, Daniel Straus will entail a long succession of victories Featherweight Tournament Season 4 Bellator this March LIVE on MTV2. Straus is the fifth confirmed participant for the tournament, joining Eric Larkin, Kenny Foster, Georgi Karakhanyan and Zac George.

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, Straus (14-3) enters the tournament with an impressive streak of 10 wins, including victories over veterans WEC Darabedian Karen and Joe Pearson, and UFC veteran Gideon Ray. Even more impressive is the amount of fights that Straus has taken in such a short time, as the former lightweight has competed in 17 fights during the past two years. With only 11 fights in 2009, Straus knows the unique tournament format will be Bellator perfectly.



“I like to fight at least once a month, so this tournament format is perfect for me,” said Straus. “I’m not beaten or injured, I like to keep training and then get the next fight. I like to be as active as possible. I never like to stop. “

“Daniel was very impressive in Bellator 23 as light weight and has a streak of 10 fights including some very solid wins, I’m excited to see what you can do in the category of 145 pounds,” said President and CEO of Bellator, Bjorn Rebney.

While it’s not a secret that Straus will enter the tournament Featherweight Season 4 Bellator with his sights on the \$ 100,000 at the end and shot against the reigning World Featherweight Bellator, Joe Warren, the dynamic featherweight know you can not ignore what is in their path.

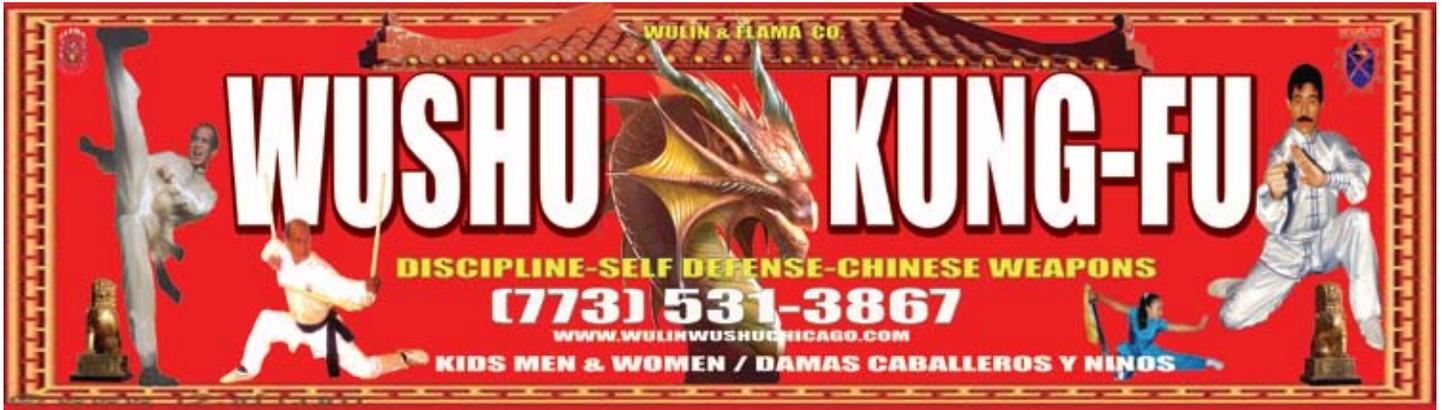
“Right now my mind is not thinking of Joe Warren. My concentration is in the first person I will fight and beat him, then the second type and hit him. My big test is not going to be Joe Warren, but get to Joe Warren.. “

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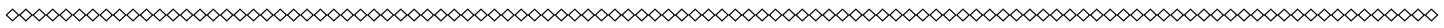


Galaxy signs midfielder Miguel Lopez

The Los Angeles Galaxy has signed midfielder Miguel Lopez on a loan from Argentina's Quilmes for the 2011 Major League Soccer season.

The 22-year-old Argentine helped Quilmes gain promotion to the first division last year. He played 21 games and was a teammate of Paolo Cardozo, selected by the Galaxy in the first round of this year's MLS draft.

In addition, the Galaxy said Friday that goalkeeper Donovan Ricketts received a U.S. green card and will no longer fill an international roster slot. Ricketts has spent two seasons with the Galaxy and played for Jamaica at the 1998 World Cup. He has made 76 international appearances



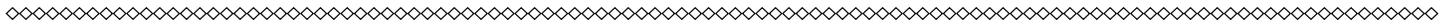
Cunningham signs with Columbus Crew



Forward Jeff Cunningham has signed a multiyear contract with the Columbus Crew, returning to the team for which he played his first seven seasons in Major League Soccer.

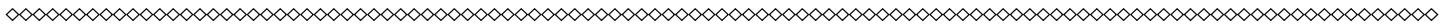
The 34-year-old has 132 MLS goals, second in league history and one behind Jaime Moreno's total. His 62 league goals for Columbus from 1998-04 are tied for first with Brian McBride. Cunningham's 2011 option was declined last month by Dallas. Cunningham led MLS with 17 goals in 2009.

A native of Jamaica, Cunningham is a naturalized American citizen who has one goal in 12 appearances for the U.S. national team. He scored in an exhibition against Denmark in November 2009.



Midfielder Tony Donatelli signs with Earthquakes

Midfielder Tony Donatelli has signed with Major League Soccer's San Jose Earthquakes. The 26-year-old had seven goals last season with the minor league Montreal Impact. After playing college soccer at Temple, he has been with Ocean City (2004-05), Vancouver (2006-08) and also played indoor soccer for Philadelphia (2006-8). He had three goals for Montreal in the 2008-09 CONCACAF Champions League. San Jose has lost several attacking players, including Arturo Alvarez, Eduardo, Geovanni and Cornell Glen.



US midfielder Ricardo Clark fractures cheekbone



Eintracht Frankfurt says American midfielder Ricardo Clark will be sidelined four weeks after fracturing his left cheekbone.

The Bundesliga club says that Clark will have an operation in Frankfurt next Monday.

He sustained the injury during a training session on Friday.

A member of last year's U.S. World Cup team, Clark has played as a central defender in recent weeks.



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Car dealer jailed for defrauding Carew

A debt-ridden car dealer who conned almost £250,000 out of Stoke striker after promising to supply him with luxury vehicles was jailed for 40 months today.

A judge in Birmingham Crown Court condemned Richard Esprit for using "the verbal equivalent of smoke and mirrors" to steal from Carew, who is currently on loan at the Britannia Stadium from Aston Villa.

Esprit, 44, was convicted of two counts of theft and two of fraud following a trial in December at which Carew gave evidence.

The trial heard that Esprit, of Ouseley Road, Wraysbury, near Staines, west London, befriended the footballer and offered to supply him with a bespoke Porsche Cayenne Gemballa and a Porsche 997.

But despite taking payments for the cars, Esprit failed to deliver the Gemballa, took back the 997 after problems with its paperwork and pocketed £46,000 from the sale of a BMW belonging to the Norwegian international, who is currently on loan at Stoke.

Passing sentence, Judge Rupert Mayo condemned Esprit for taking advantage of someone who regarded him as a friend.

The judge told the car dealer: "In March to June of

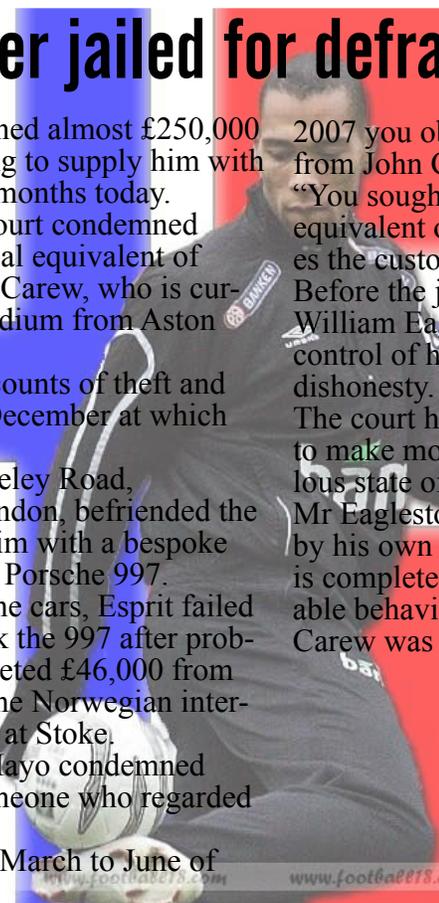
2007 you obtained nearly a quarter of a million pounds from John Carew by fraud.

"You sought to hide the raw truth with the verbal equivalent of smoke and mirrors. This case truly crosses the custody threshold."

Before the judge passed sentence, Esprit's counsel William Eaglestone submitted that his client had lost control of his relationship with Carew and lapsed into dishonesty.

The court heard Esprit used some of the stolen money to make mortgage payments, while ignoring the parlous state of his business.

Mr Eaglestone added: "Mr Esprit says he was blinded by his own stupidity in carrying on in this way. He is completely disgusted and appalled by his deplorable behaviour, particularly because, in his words, Mr Carew was such a good guy."



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Park calls time on Korea career

Park had been widely expected to call time on his international career following Korea's participation in the Asian Cup. Korea's involvement in the tournament ended on Friday after a 3-2 victory over Uzbekistan in the third-place play-off, with Park having been left out of the game. Speaking after the match, Cho revealed that energetic United wide-man Park, along with former Tottenham Hotspur full-back Lee Young-pyo, would be ending his career with the national team. "Two players from our team, Park Ji-sung and Lee Young-pyo, are retiring today from international football," said Cho.



"They've done a remarkable job for the prosperity of Korean football. "It would be better if I could retain both of them in the national team but other players have done an excellent job." Park won the last of his 100 caps in Tuesday's semi-final penalty shoot-out defeat to Japan. He made his debut in 2000 against Laos in an Asian Cup qualifier and lies eighth on Korea's all-time appearance list. Cho revealed that Park wanted to play against Uzbekistan but, following two consecutive games that went to extra time, he left him out to avoid picking up an injury that could impact his United career. "Park was desperate to play in today's match and he asked me to let him play but as he had played two extra-times in the previous two games, the team doctor advised not to play him to prevent any possible injury," he added. "I decided to save him for his future career at his club." Park has yet to officially confirm his retirement from the international arena and is planning to hold a press conference on Monday. He said: "I'm going to say when I'm back in Korea. I will have a press conference and will talk then. "My future? I will try to do my best at my club and just do what I can to help them win everything."

Ronaldinho Eager To Make Flamengo Debut

New Flamengo signing Ronaldinho admitted today that he's eager to pull on the red and black shirt for the first time, as the World Cup winning playmaker prepares for his debut in the Carioca in five days.

The former Barcelona and Milan star is expected to take the field on Wednesday evening against Novo Iguacu in the Rio State Championship, which will be his first match in local football since 2001. And speaking to Flamengo's official website, the number 10 affirmed that he was very excited to show his new fans what he could do on the pitch.

"I am very excited, counting the days until my debut. I know it will be difficult and that is why I am trying to prepare the best I can to start with a bang," the 30-year-old revealed on Friday.

Ronaldinho was embroiled in a messy transfer saga for much of January, as several Brazilian clubs fought for his signature before Fla came out on top. The player however affirmed that he was sure of having made the right choice in moving to Rio, and that he wanted to repay the directors and fans' faith on the field.

"I have adapted perfectly. I can only thank the Carioca public for their reception, be they fans of Vasco, Botafogo, Fluminense... Everyone has been treating me brilliantly. The Flamengo fans are incredible and there is so much history. Flamengo is Flamengo, right? They are distinct, of course, and I am loving it," the star concluded.

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After consuming a variety of Italian dishes, including chicken vesuvio, penne arrabiata, salad, warm bread and butter accompanied with red or white wine. Guests were then treated to a Salsa performance.

Yolanda Sanchez, Executive Director, thanked everyone for showing their support, for joining us at Ristorante Al Teatro, and allowing us to continue supporting our future leaders.

She went on to thank the board for their incredible work, the staff for their unconditional support, our high-school students for their relentless commitment, our middle school students for their willingness to be challenged and parent's invaluable support. Also, thanked Mr. Okon Principal of Benito Juarez Academy, and Ms. Kleros Principal of Manuel Perez for allowing our pilot year to begin at their school. We give thanks to Father Chuck at St. Pius for his continuous guidance and support in housing. Many thanks to Casa Juan Diego for generously offering office space at their location. Thanks to Robert and Eddie our incredible attorney's that have been a blessing in heading our legalities and donating computer equipment. Many community leaders in Pilsen have shown unconditional support. American Campaigns have donated all of our advertisements. Let's not forget our incredible entertainers that make our events a great success; Jessica, LLINOJ, Edwin, and DJ Karloz. Also, the amazing people that continue to show their support by attending all of our fundraisers and making STARS Project a reality for students. Understand that your support allows our highschool students to tutor and mentor our middle school students, to inspire them in STEM careers. This is why your ongoing contributions are greatly needed and appreciated. We definitely owe infinite thanks to many incredible individuals, and because of every single one of you, our students have learned to believe in themselves. It is incredible how our youth have placed their faith in the community, which continues to show us that youth need our support and confidence, so they may be motivated and in turn believe in themselves.

May you all be blessed, and please visit our website www.starsproject.com regularly to keep updated on all the incredible experiences our students and parents are experiencing because of your unwavering support.

Our next fundraising event is Friday, February 18th at Cafe Mezcal. Save the Date! Enjoy a homemade Mexican dinner including guisado de pollo and res, drinks included, live performance by LLINO and salsa lessons. Donation only \$20. Continue to support our young STARS.