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Gianni Infantino
- new Fifa president

The leader of FIFA represents the organisation and is very often seen with presidents and prime ministers. He is the figurehead for football world.

Gianni Infantino won with 117 votes, 27 more than Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim al-Khalifa. He has been at UEFA for 15 years and general secretary for the last seven and he is now hoping to restore image and good name of Fifa.

The election started with four candidates:

- **Prince Ali bin al-Hussein:** Aged 40, president of the Jordanian Football Association
- **Jerome Champagne:** Aged 57, a former Fifa executive from France
- **Gianni Infantino:** Aged 45, the Swiss is Uefa's general secretary
- **Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim al-Khalifa:** Aged 50, the Bahraini is Asian Football Confederation president

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FIFA's new rules

The new rules comes after UEFA' Executive Committee introduces goal-line technology to European competitions which will take place from Champions League next season. It allows to check the accuracy whether the ball crossed the goal-line or not on certain referring decisions.

The International Board reform about fouls, red cards and potentially fourth substitution will take place from Euro 2016. Fifa also agreed to trials to widen the use of instant replay video technology.

- There will no longer be red card and suspension for foul on a running striker, unless the foul is violent or consists in a hand-ball in the box. The defender will be given yellow card if it is and honest attempt at taking the ball.
- Hand-balls in open play will result in booking if they significantly interrupt the game.
- Another rule is about allowing a fourth substitution during game's extra time.



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Manchester City
win the Capital One Cup

In the finale played at Wembley, Manchester City faced Liverpool. After 90 minutes and score 1:1, the extra time was needed. However this did not helped and penalties decided who will win the trophy. Willy Caballero was the shootout hero who saved three penalties in a row from Lucas Leiva, Philippe Coutinho and Adam Lallana. The Argentinian brought Manchester City to glory and has certainly secured his place in the team.



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Benzema
eligible for Euro 2016

French striker Karim Benzma will be able to play at Euro 2016 after some legal restrictions were lifted. He had been accused of taking a part in a plot of blackmail teammate Mathieu Valbuena. Benzema, who denied the accusations, was not allowed to contact Valbuena so they could not be together at the Euro games. The appeals court has now lifted the restrictions however if Benzema will be found guilty, he can spend a minimum of five years in prison.



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Newcastle's
Steve McLaren sacked

The head couch of Newcastle United had been fired after loosing 3-1 with Bournemouth at St James's Park on Saturday 5th March. Since then there have been speculations about his future. Newcastle are just one place off from the bottom of the table. The possible replacements are former Liverpool, Chelsea, Real Madrid and Inter Milan Rafael Banitez.



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FA Cup favourite,
Arsenal, lost to Watford 1-2

After two victories from previous years, Gunners finished the FA Cup 2016/17 on quarter-final game against Watford. They had a chance to become the first team since 1886 with victories in three consecutive seasons. Watford secured their place in semi-finals at Wembley after Odion Ighalo scored first goal in 50min and Algerian Adlene Guedioura another one in 63min. Watford will now face Crystal Palace in semi-finals.

