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**ROY IN HOSPITAL AFTER FALLING ILL AT TRAINING**

BY JOHN CROSS  
ROY HODGSON was admitted to hospital yesterday after suffering a major health scare during training. Crystal Palace later revealed that their 76-year-old boss (left) was "stable" and "currently undergoing tests". The incident occurred amid mounting pressure on the former England manager, with the club poised to make a decision on his future. Palace have held talks with former Eintracht Frankfurt boss Oliver Glasner (circle, bottom) about taking the managerial reins. Palace cancelled their pre-match press conference at short notice yesterday and Hodgson's assistants Ray Lewington and Paddy McCarthy are expected to be on the touchline for their next match with Everton on Monday night. It is not the first time that Hodgson has missed a game this season as he was forced to sit out Palace's trip to Aston Villa in September. Palace chairman Steve Parish (top, left) has been

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## » MOURINHO'S SHOCK 3 LIONS REVELATION

# JOSE: I TURNED DOWN ENGLAND



ME, MAN UTD... AND WENGER  
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## 'Contract was there on the table but I couldn't take job'

BY JOHN CROSS  
JOSE MOURINHO has revealed how he came within touching distance of managing England.

The Special One said there was a contract on the table waiting to be signed before Fabio Capello eventually got the Three Lions job.

The experienced Italian was appointed after Steve McClaren failed to qualify for Euro 2008.

Former Chelsea boss Mourinho was at the peak of his powers back then and he claimed the strength of

the England squad in those days deserved success on the big stage.

Talking to Rio Ferdinand's VIBE with FIVE podcast, Mourinho said: "I had it there on the table. I had it, I promise you."

"I'm still there a little bit but I always had it in my mind that a national team job was a job that I wouldn't enjoy, so Chelsea was 2004/5-2007/8 and it was in 7/8 when Mr Capello got the job."

Capello did not deliver

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**CAPPY DAYS**

Fabio Capello took charge of England in 2007... but it could easily have been Mourinho

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