

## FIFA conforms to WADA code

AFP, Zurich

World football's governing body FIFA on Thursday became the last Olympic-affiliated sports federation to conform fully with the rules of the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA).

FIFA has been at loggerheads with WADA since the body's conception in 1999, however president Sepp Blatter -- now a member of the WADA council -- has taken gradual steps to remedy the rift.

On Thursday FIFA announced it had amended some of its ruling statutes, notably article 61.

One of the final stumbling blocks between the two sports bodies, article 61 has now been amended allowing FIFA the chance to appeal doping-related rulings by any national federation, confederation or league to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

In June 2006 FIFA took a major step in falling into line with WADA in accepting the principle, albeit studying each case individually, of minimum two-year bans for first-time doping offence and life bans for repeat offenders.

Blatter was on Thursday re-elected as head of world football.

## Garcia replaces Torres

APP, Madrid

Espanyol striker Luis Garcia was on Wednesday called up to the Spain squad for Euro 2008 qualifiers next month against Latvia and Liechtenstein.

Garcia gets his chance for the June 2 and 6 fixtures after Atletico Madrid star Fernando Torres suffered ankle ligament damage in training on Tuesday and pulled out of the squad.

Luis Aragones's Spanish international squad, struggling to find their best form, play Latvia first and then Liechtenstein four days later in matches they would expect to take a maximum six points from.

The Spanish are currently only third in Group F behind pace-setters Northern Ireland and Sweden, with Denmark breathing down their necks.



Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho (2ndL) juggles the ball at a training session with football students of a sports' academy at El-Wak Stadium in Accra on Wednesday. Mourinho and some of his players went there on a humanitarian visit to Africa. The delegation will visit projects run by the club's local charity partner.

## 'I created Chelsea miracle'

## Football

APP, London

Former Chelsea manager Claudio Ranieri believes he can recreate another "miracle" if he is given the vacant post at Manchester City.

Ranieri has been offered a contract extension by Italian side Parma, after steering them to safety in Serie A.

However, the 55-year-old is reported to have scheduled talks with Parma for Friday -- and appears to have made up his mind that he will replace the sacked Stuart Pearce at City.

Ranieri was spotted in London this week, and despite claiming it was for personal reasons the Italian is rumoured to have held talks with the consortium trying to buy City.

He said in an interview with Italian sports newspaper Gazzetta dello Sport: "The Manchester City challenge reminds me of the experience I had at Chelsea where without spending one pound we built a good team."

"It was an achievement that convinced (Roman) Abramovich to buy the club. I created the Chelsea miracle from nothing. Then, mountains of money came as well as a selection of top players."

Ranieri spent plenty of Abramovich's money once the takeover had been completed but prior to that there were some funds available under the previous ownership, most noticeably the purchase of Frank Lampard for 11 million pounds (22 million dollars).

However, the Italian also oversaw the sale of several high-profile players.

The Rome-born coach guided Chelsea into the Champions League semifinals and also a runners-up finish in the Premiership before Abramovich appointed Jose Mourinho at Stamford Bridge in the summer of 2004.

Ranieri has been counting the days for his return to the Premiership ever since.

"Why England again? Because at this time, English football is a fascinating window that hypoth-

es you," he said.

"Some of the richest men in the world would do ridiculous things in order to buy an English club because the Premier League has become a luxury stage."

"Here (in England), there are so many champions, seven or eight teams at the top level just as Italy had some time ago."

"Unfortunately for us, Italian football, we are poorer, despite Milan's extraordinary victory in the Champions League."

"To return to England means to be at the centre of something important."

Ranieri is so optimistic about what he can achieve at Manchester City that he believes they can challenge bitter rivals Manchester United.

"The idea is to face Manchester United as soon as possible and be at the same level as them in the standings."

"With Manchester City, I hope to complete every stage. This time, I have been chosen whereas before, Abramovich found me at the club."

## Galasek pulls out of Czech squad

APP, Prague

Czech midfield star Tomas Galasek has been forced to withdraw from the squad for the Euro 2008 qualifiers against Wales on June 2.

The Czechs will travel to Wales Thursday without the 34-year-old Nuremberg midfielder who has a stomach muscle problem, federation spokesman Lukas Tucek told the CTK agency.

Manager Karel Bruckner is not counting on making a last minute replacement, meaning the Czech squad will consist of 16 outfield players and two keepers.

Bruckner was already forced on Wednesday to call up defender Tomas Hubschman to fill in for the injured Martin Jiranek.

Going into Saturday's match, the Czechs have 13 points in their qualifying group, tied with group D leaders Germany, who have played one less game, and Ireland, who have played one more.

England set Germany date

APP, London

England will play arch-rivals Germany in a friendly at the new Wembley stadium on August 22, the Football Association confirmed on Thursday.

The German federation had already announced the match would take place before the FA's announcement.

It will be the first meeting between the pair since England's memorable 5-1 victory in Munich in September 2001 in a World Cup qualifier.

That came just a year after Germany had won 1-0 in the last England international to be played at the old Wembley -- a game that saw the end of Kevin Keegan's reign at the England helm.

It will be the last friendly Steve McLaren's men play before a make-or-break run of five Euro 2008 qualifiers which will determine whether England make next summer's finals in Austria and Switzerland.

## Blokhin 'headache' over injury

APP, Kiev



Ukraine coach Oleg Blokhin has admitted he is worried over the absence of several top players due to injuries days ahead of his squad's 2008 European championship Group B clash with France.

"It's a big headache for me. I will probably have to play myself," quipped Blokhin, a former star striker for the Soviet Union who was awarded the European Ballon d'Or in 1975.

Ukraine will be without Chelsea striker Andrei Shevchenko, who is sidelined for at least a month after undergoing surgery for a groin injury.

The absence of Dynamo Kiev forwards Sergei Rebrov and Artem Milevsky, both still struggling with injuries, along with midfielder Andrei Husin, still out with a knee

injury, are further setbacks for Ukraine.

"I cannot understand why the press is making such a fuss ahead of this match," Blokhin said. "This game is obviously important for us but definitely not more than any other match in our group."

Other players, too, were lacking in match practice, he said.

He probably named Spartak Moscow midfielder Maxim Kalinichenko and Shakhtar Donetsk forward Alexei Bieliai and Andrei Vorobev, all of whom lost their places in their side's starting line-ups.

"I just do not understand what is happening to those players. Shakhtar's defenders Dmitry Chigirinsky and Alexander Kucher also failed to win their places in the starting line-up. And this is a very worrying factor."

Despite his worries about injuries, however, Blokhin was generally

confident about the chances for his group-leading team.

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Ukraine's head coach added that he would be happy to earn points in Paris but would not consider leaving his post even if his side were thrashed.

"Even if we lose 7-0 I will not resign," Blokhin said. "We have a set of very important matches ahead. The match in Paris will not decide the group winner."

Ukraine, Scotland and France now share the lead in the 2008 European championship qualifying Group B. Ukraine and France have collected 12 points from five matches, while Scotland have played six games.

## New Aussie surface excites Hewitt

## Tennis

APP, Sydney

Australia's number one Lleyton Hewitt is "excited" by the decision to use a new playing surface at next year's Australian Open, organisers confirmed.

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Hewitt, the world number 16, has struggled to produce his best tennis in his home Grand Slam even when he topped the rankings, although he reached the final in 2005.

Organisers hope the change in courts will put an end to the "sticky surface" debate and reduce the incidence of ankle injuries that have marred the tournament in recent years.

Every lead-up event on the Australian tennis calendar will be fitted with the new courts, with Tennis Australia promising greater consistency in playing conditions between events.

The new courts are also said to have less variance according to weather conditions, a claim supported by retired doubles great Todd Woodbridge.

"The (Rebound Ace) court surface plays differently all the time," Woodbridge told the newspaper.

"I know from experience that

this new surface won't do that."

But the reaction hasn't been all supportive with the Rebound Ace court supplier saying the change of surface will make the Australian Open a "clone" of the US Open.

Paul Bull, a director of Australian-based Rebound Ace, said the new surface was the same kind rejected by the Australian Open 20 years ago for providing insufficient shock absorption and being too similar to US-style hard courts.

"Prior to 1987, when they changed the surface, the Australian Open was very much a second-rate Wimbledon," Bull said.

"You have now got to ask the question, are we going to become a second-rate US Open? There is no point of difference. We are selling out the farm to the Yanks again."

"We had an Australian icon event with a unique Australian product and now we are just going to become a clone of the US Open."

## Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC)

Farmgate, Dhaka-1215

Date: 27/05/07

Reference: NATP-82/2007/58 (EOI-9)

## Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) -- Preparation Phase under IDA Credit/GOB Letter Agreement Q5010 of BARC. The objective of the project is to prepare implementation related documents for the main NATP. Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited from interested candidates for filling up positions of the project for preparation of documents and completion of activities as described below. The detailed information may be obtained from BARC website: [www.barc.gov.bd](http://www.barc.gov.bd) or at the address of the undersigned during normal office hours.

EOI closing date and time 14-06-2007 4 pm  
Date of interview 19-06-2007 10 am

Place of interview BARC, Farmgate, Dhaka

No interview card will be issued

Consultancy services and duration of consultants:

Sl.#	Name of consultancy services	Duration (Months)*
1.	Preparation of Project Implementation Plan	3 months
2.	Preparation of First Year Work Plan	1 month
3.	Preparation of Project Operational Manual, Research Part	3 months
4.	Preparation of Project Operational Manual, Extension Part	3 months
5.	Base Line Survey	4 months
6.	MOU development between research proponent and BARC/KGF and PCU with Hortex and KGF	1 month
7.	Setting KGF operational and operation modality	2 months
8.	Inventory of Laboratory Equipment of ARIs	3 months
9.	Financial Management for Endowment Fund	2 months
10.	Reformulation of BARC Act for Greater Efficiency	2 months
11.	Junior Consultant (Base line survey)	5 months
12.	Junior Consultant (Data Analysis)	2 months

\* Duration indicated are maximum and may spread over.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations 2003 and Public Procurement Procedures issued by the GoB. The location of the services is at BARC, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.

Expressions of Interest shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned by 14 June, 2007 on and before 4pm and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest for Consultant, NATP."

## PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

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