

Winning start for Powell

AFP, Melbourne

Jamaican world record holder Asafa Powell bounced back from a knee injury to cruise to victory in the 100 metres in 10.04 seconds at the Melbourne IAAF Track Classic here Thursday.

Powell, 25, put aside concerns over a cut left knee, which forced him out of last weekend's Sydney track meet, to run his first competitive race of the year in the countdown to the Beijing Olympics in August.

He had a long warm-up session and went on to decimate a field that included fellow Jamaican Michael Frater and former Australian record holder Matt Shrivington.

Powell had the race at his mercy within 20 metres and never let up, with Frater a distant second in 10.25 and Shrivington third in 10.35.

Powell's winning time was only one-hundredth of a second slower than the 10.03 he ran to win the Commonwealth title here two years ago. He holds the world record of 9.74, which he ran in Italy last September.

Powell also broke the 10-year-old meet record of 10.06 set by former Olympic and world champion Maurice Greene of the United States.

New Zealander Monique Williams claimed the women's 200 metre title in 23.75 ahead of Jamaica's Melaine Walker (23.80).

Aussies to play Mexico

AFP, Sydney

Australia will play Mexico next month in their build-up to this year's Beijing Olympics, Football Federation Australia said Thursday.

The Australian under-23 team will play Mexico's Olympic team in San Francisco on March 2.

Australian coach Graham Arnold has selected a squad of 25 players for a pre-tour camp in Sydney before the team's departure on Wednesday for the United States.

The squad contains two overseas-based players -- Fulham defender Adrian Leijer and striker David Williams of Danish club Brøndby.

The Beijing Olympics is from August 8-24.

Wenger optimistic

AFP, London



Arsene Wenger admits AC Milan are favourites to qualify for the Champions League quarter-finals at Arsenal's expense but he remains confident his side can defy the odds in the San Siro.

The Gunners were frustrated as Milan's aging maestros gave a defensive masterclass in Wednesday's goalless last-16, first-leg draw at the Emirates Stadium.

Wenger's team now face the daunting prospect of needing at least a score-draw against the reigning European champions in the return next month.



Russian star Maria Sharapova celebrates after defeating her compatriot Gallina Voskoboeva at the Qatar Open in Doha on Wednesday. Maria won 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

That proved beyond Manchester United when they crashed out against Milan in the semifinals last season and it will take a Herculean effort from Arsenal to emerge unscathed from one of the game's most intimidating arenas.

Although Wenger knows Carlo Ancelotti's old stagers have the advantage, the French coach insisted the way his side dominated for long periods was sufficient reason to be confident of success in Italy.

"They will start as favourites but we can deal with that," Wenger said. "With the experience I have I can say 0-0 at home is not a bad result. Of course I didn't dream of 0-0 but overall not to concede a goal is not bad."

"I feel we can play at a high tempo for 90 minutes. They will have to come out in the second leg. They didn't create any chances and defensively we were very good."

Milan showed against United last season how devastating they can be on their day, but Wenger is more concerned about playing on the San Siro's poor-quality pitch than dealing with fired-up opponents.

"It promises a very interesting game for the second leg. Unfortunately we cannot transfer our pitch to the San Siro," he said.

"The pitch will not be of the quality we had here. I hope the game will not suffer from it too much."

The likely absence of Ivory Coast centre-back Kolo Toure after he limped off with a calf injury will hardly help either.

"Kolo has a calf problem. From what I saw after the game he will be out for three or four weeks at least. It is a consequence of the African Nations Cup," Wenger added.

After earning so many plaudits this season, here was the acid test for Arsenal.

Wenger could have few complaints about his side's work-rate during a tense tie but it was their lack of composure at crucial moments which let them down.

After Paolo Maldini's header was pushed away by Jens Lehmann, it was Arsenal who made all the running.

Their best chances came in the second half. Eduardo and Cesc Fabregas combined to set up Emmanuel Eboué, only for the Ivorian to drag his shot wide.

Emmanuel Adebayor had the ball in the net moments later but he had strayed offside and the effort was ruled out.

Zeljko Kalac was playing with a dislocated finger but he showed no sign of being hindered as he brilliantly tipped over Eduardo's rising strike.

Kalac saved from Fabregas again and Adebayor hit the bar in stoppage time as Milan held on.

Milan have never lost to an English team at the San Siro, but Ancelotti was keen to play down the favourites tag.

He insisted he needs the likes of Kaka, Clarence Seedorf, Alexandre Pato and Kalac - who all played despite carrying knocks - to be fully fit for the return. He will also hope Alessandro Nesta is available after he came off early in the second half.

"Arsenal played a very good game, proving everything we know. They are a great team with great players, great quality and a lot of determination," Ancelotti said.

"The qualification is still in doubt. We have got a good result but we are not yet safe for the return match."

"We are not sure. Arsenal showed great quality. I'm sure they can do it in the return as well."

Kaiser will tell it like it is

AFP, Berlin

Bayern Munich president Franz Beckenbauer says he will continue to criticise the club, if he sees fit, in his weekly column for German tabloid Bild, even when Jurgen Klinsmann takes over as coach.

The German legend insists nothing will change when Klinsmann takes over in July, when current boss Ottmar Hitzfeld is set to take over the Swiss national team.

The 'Kaiser' was responding to criticism from the club's Germany defender Philipp Lahm, who claimed Beckenbauer was two-faced after criticising Lahm, midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger and striker Lukas Podolski in his column.

Beckenbauer, who captained Germany to the World Cup in 1974 and coached the side to the 1990 success, said the trio's form has slipped considerably since excelling at the 2006 World Cup.

Lahm responded by calling Beckenbauer 'two-faced' for acting as Bayern president on one hand, and Bild correspondent on the other.

"I can only say and write what I see," Beckenbauer told German daily newspaper Die Welt.

"If I say it in the confines of a column or in an answer I give in an interview, it makes no difference."

"I can tell a good game from a bad game, this will not change under Jurgen Klinsmann."

"As Bayern president I have very little direct contact with the team."

Cahill backs expansion

AFP, Liverpool

Australia midfielder Tim Cahill has backed the Premier League's plans to play a round of fixtures at cities across the world.

Everton star Cahill has defied popular opinion in the game to give his support to the controversial plan, which could see matches held in the likes of Sydney, Tokyo and Cape Town.

UEFA president Michel Platini and FIFA supreme Sepp Blatter have poured scorn on the scheme, which will be discussed at an English FA board meeting on Thursday.

But Cahill believes it is a great idea, especially because he would love the chance to play for his club in his own country.

Dream over: Strachan

AFP, Glasgow



Gordon Strachan admitted Barcelona have one foot in the quarterfinals of the Champions League after their dramatic 3-2 win at Celtic Park on Wednesday.

Despite a thrilling first leg match in Glasgow, the Celtic manager was annoyed at his side's sloppy performance which saw them slip to their first home defeat in the tournament in almost four years and to the same opponents.

Strachan had hoped his side could achieve a result ahead of the return in Barcelona which would have given them a realistic chance of going through to the last eight of the Champions League for the first time.

However, despite twice leading through goals from Dutch striker Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink and midfielder Barry Robson, Barcelona twice levelled through Argentine star Lionel Messi and French forward Thierry Henry, before Messi completed his brace to win the match.

While Strachan says his side will give it their best shot at the Nou Camp in the second leg on March 4, he does not rate their chances.

"It was terrific to play a team like Barcelona in the last 16 of the Champions League and that was

due to our hard work in the group stages," said Strachan.

"But I'm just disappointed we didn't put in a better performance. We wanted to give them a really good game and that didn't happen."

"Too many of our players weren't at their best and against a side like Barcelona you cannot afford that."

"It's unlikely we can go through now and I certainly wouldn't bet my house on it."

"But we will give it our best shot and try and get something from the game for ourselves."

"We managed to score two goals against one of the best teams in the world and we will go and try and get a goal in Barcelona."

Celtic had taken the lead against the run of play in the 16th minute when Vennegoor of Hesselink got on the end of Lee Naylor's cross to send a diving header beyond Barcelona goalkeeper Victor Valdes.

But only two minutes later Barcelona were level.

Messi played a quick one-two with Portuguese playmaker Deco and smashed a superb shot into the roof of the net.

Amazingly Celtic again took the lead in the 38th minute when Aiden McGeady's chip into the box was met by Robson who sent a looping header from 12-yards over Valdes and into the net.

Barcelona started the second half looking for a second equaliser

and in the 52nd minute they duly got it.

Celtic's centre-half Gary Caldwell had been playing well but inexplicably gifted the ball to Ronaldinho.

The Brazilian passed to Henry and the Frenchman cut inside before sending a tremendous curling shot into the opposite top corner of the net.

And in the 79th minute the visitors scored the winner they were looking for.

Cameroon international Samuel Eto'o, who had replaced Ronaldinho in the 73rd minute, crossed from the left, and when Celtic captain Stephen McManus attempted clearance rebounded off Italian teammate Massimo Donati, Messi gratefully collected and clinically directed into the bottom corner of the net.

Strachan admitted he was frustrated his side had conceded such soft goals but refused to blame Caldwell.

The Celtic boss said: "We gave away two silly goals but I hope Caldwell will not be slaughtered for that pass."

"He was excellent, very composed and trying to do the things I've asked him to do until that mistake."

"It would be very unfair to make him a scapegoat as there were a few people who played a lot worse than him."

MU await laser report

AFP, Lyon



Manchester United are waiting on a UEFA match report to determine what action can be taken against Lyon after Cristiano Ronaldo was targeted with a laser pen during Wednesday's Champions League game.

United's Portuguese winger was targeted in the warm-up, and although he suffered no apparent ill-effects United coach Sir Alex Ferguson said afterwards that the club had made a complaint to UEFA before kick-off.

"We reported the matter to UEFA before the game," said Ferguson. "We noticed it in the warm-up and UEFA are aware of it."

A spokesman for European football's governing body indicated Thursday that it required more information from the referee, Luis Medina Cantalejo, and its own match delegate Jan Darngaard before commenting further.

"We need to have more information about it, and then a decision will be taken," a UEFA spokesman told the BBC.

"If it proves to be correct then, in this case, it would be viewed as

misbehaviour of the supporters, which would then be investigated. We have a whole range of different disciplinary measures, beginning with a warning, then fines and so on," the spokesman added.

Television pictures suggested Ronaldo was again targeted during the match itself, which ended in a 1-1 draw, leaving United handily placed to reach the last eight as they bid for their third European crown.

Carlos Tevez scored for the English Premiership giants three minutes from time after Karim Benzema had put the French ahead early in the second half.

Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Department

Integrated Development of Hatirjheel Area Including Begunbari Khal

Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar

Dhaka-1207

Memo No: LGED PD Hatirjheel/D (Dhaka)/1/2008/16

Date: 18.2.2008

Request for Expression of Interest for Design and Supervision Consultancy Services

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) will implement part of the major infrastructure of the project entitled "Integrated Development of Hatirjheel Area including Begunbari Khal". The project includes among others construction of peripheral road link bridges, foot path, overpass, road marking, road sign & signals, bus bay parking, lighting, landscaping, street furniture, tree plantation etc.

The appropriate design and construction of such works at the above location requires sub-soil investigation, traffic survey & forecast. A good experience of the bridge architecture & structural design including construction supervision of such construction will be required for the project.

The scope of services, therefore, include the aforesaid tasks along with preparation of detailed estimate, bill of quantities, tender documents, assisting in tender evaluation and construction supervision.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) now invites the local consultants to express their interest for providing the aforesaid services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments carried out in the past and works at hand, experience in other projects, availability of relevant staff etc, are to be submitted) EOI's would be reviewed on the basis of the following:

- Registration and profile of the firm.
- Description of similar assignment carried out in the past 10 (ten) years (evidence of the assignment must be produced) specially attractive bridges, overpass, roads and urban development projects.
- Relevant professionals in the permanent pay role of the firm.
- Equipment and facilities at hand: Computers, survey instruments and other logistics, office space etc. and
- Financial capability (certified balance sheet for last three years).

The applicant firm must produce 3 (three) copies of the aforementioned documents for preparation of a short-list. An applicant may associate with other consultant(s) to enhance their qualifications. It is expected that the services will be required for three years starting at about May, 2008.

The Consulting Firm will be selected using the selection sub-method Selection under Fixed Budget (SFB) in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations-2003.

Interested firm may obtain further information from the website www.lged.gov.bd & www.cptu.gov.bd and the Project Director's office in between 9.00am to 5.00pm till one day before submission. Expression of Interest (EOI) must be submitted in sealed envelope to the undersigned on or before, 10th March 2008 during the office hours.

Md. Haider Ali
Project Director

Integrated Development of Hatirjheel Area
Including Begunbari Khal, LGED

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ঢাকা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, গাজীপুর

গাজীপুর-১৭০০

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শ্রম পরিচালক (যুগ্ম সচিব)

ফোন: ৯৫৫৫৫৩৭

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(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)

Sylhet Gas Fields Limited

(A Company of Petrobangla)

গাছ পাশা, গাছের পরিচর্যা করন এবং পরিবেশ রক্ষা।

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Invitation for Bid

Tender No. SGFL/07-08/FP-43 (Re-tender-3)

Dated: 18-2-2008

1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.
2. Agency	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A Company of Petrobangla).
3. Procuring entity name	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL).
4. Procuring entity district	: Sylhet.
5. Invitation Ref. No.	: SGFL/07-08/FP-43 (Re-tender-3) dated 18-2-2008.
6. Invitation for	: Procurement of Methanol.
KEY INFORMATION	
7. Procurement method	: Open tender method (International Competitive Bidding), single stage one envelope system.

FUNDING INFORMATION	
8. Budget and source of funds	: Own source of Sylhet Gas Fields Limited.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
9. Project name	: N/A
10. Tender publication date	: N/A
11. Tender last selling date	: 23-3-2008
12. Place of tender selling	: a) Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, PO Chinagool, Sylhet-3152 b) Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, House-4/10, Iqbal Road, Block-A, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207. c) Petrobangla, 3, Kawan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. d) Titas Gas T&D Company Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. e) Gas Transmission Company Ltd., Red Crescent Borak Tower (Level 4-6), 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton, Dhaka-1000. f) Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Co. Ltd., Shahjalal Tower, 80/A-B, Shiddeshwan, Malibagh, Dhaka-1217.

13. Date & time for selling of tender document	: The tender document will be available from 24-2-2008 to 23-3-2008 within office hours on all working days.
14. Tender closing date & time	: 24-3-2008 and 12-00 hrs (BST)
15. Tender opening date & time	: 24-3-2008 and 12-15 hrs (BST)
16. Place of tender receiving & opening	: Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, House-4/10, Iqbal Road, Block-A, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
17. Eligibility of bidder	: Reputed manufacturer(s)/supplier(s)/firms from all countries except Israel and eligible to participate in the bidding. Likewise the offered materials should be of origin of any country other than Israel. The bidder must have minimum 5 years experience in supplying similar materials and the manufacturer or producer must have minimum 5 years experience in manufacturing or producing the offered materials.
18. Brief description of goods	: Methanol.
19. Price of tender document	: Tk 5