



Farah dispels Daegu blues

AFP, Moscow

Briton Mo Farah continued his impressive track form by claiming a hard-fought victory in the world 10,000m on Saturday. Farah, who is attempting to replicate the double 5,000-10,000m gold he claimed at last year's London Olympics, had a slow race pace, American training partner Galen Rupp and his own definitive race-end kick to thank for his victory.

There was an all-too-familiar finish to the 25-lap race when Ethiopia's defending world champion Ibrahim Jeilan tried to edge past Farah on the final bend.

Two years ago in the Daegu worlds, Farah wilted into second behind the sprint-clever Ethiopian, but a season dedicated to honing his speed this time paid dividends.

"It was the perfect race for me," the Somali-born Farah said. "It was quite slow, and the important thing was to stay out of trouble."

With Jeilan and his three teammates plus

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a strong Kenyan line-up, Farah said he and Rupp, who both train in Oregon, Portland, with Alberto Salazar, had tried "to work together and to cover every move".

"Two years ago, almost exactly the same thing happened (around the final bend). It was important I had something left on the final lap."

Jeilan took silver and Kenyan Paul Tanui bronze, Rupp just missing out on the podium in fourth.

The second gold on offer on the opening day of competition went to Tanui's teammate Edna Kiplagat, who became the first woman to retain the world marathon title.

The 33-year-old, who could only finish 20th in the London Olympics last year, timed 2hr 25min 44sec to take gold ahead of long-time leader Valeria Straneo of Italy (2:25.58) while Japan's Kayoko Fukushi took bronze (2:27.45).

"I'm delighted I was able to defend my title successfully. I got confident I was going to win at the 40km mark when I upped my pace," Kiplagat said.



Great Britain's Mo Farah performs his trademark 'Robot' pose after winning the men's 10,000 metres gold in the IAAF World Championships at the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow on Saturday.

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Tamim blitz in vain

SPORTS REPORTER

A steady 75 off 62 balls by opener Tamim Iqbal went in vain as his Saint Lucia Zouks slumped to a six wicket defeat against Chris Gayle's Jamaica Tallawah at Gros Islet in the Caribbean Premier League on Saturday.

Tamim's innings, which included six fours and three sixes, led the Zouks to 142 for seven in 20 overs.

However, a whirlwind 47 off just 19 balls by Andre Russell led Jamaica to a comfortable victory in just 17.3 overs.

This was the second defeat in the last three days for the Zouks as they had given in to Shakib Al Hasan's Barbados Tridents on Thursday. Tridents had scored 175, and Zouks were bundled out for just 92. Shakib had scored 12 runs and finished with figures of none for 15 in two overs, while Tamim was caught for just one in that game.

Zia loses against Gelfand

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman lost against Boris Gelfand of Israel in the opening round of the Chess World Cup at the Norwegian city of Tromso yesterday.

Bangladesh's highest-ranked player Zia (2470) played with black pieces and conceded defeat after 63 moves against the 7th seeded Israeli GM who has a ranking point of 2773.

The two players will meet again today in this knockout tournament. This time Zia will play with white pieces. Anything but a win will eliminate Zia from the tournament. If Zia wins, a rapid play-off would take place to decide the qualifier for the next round.

Disappointing Mezbah

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's fastest athlete Mezbah Ahmed failed to get past the qualifying heats of the 100m sprint in the 14th IAAF World Athletics Championships in Moscow on Saturday. The 17-year old sprinter clocked 11.23 seconds to finish 20th among 30 participants in the preliminary round, which preceded the eight heats. This was the worst performance by Mezbah in recent times, who had clocked 10.75 seconds to win the gold medal in the Bangladesh games earlier this year.

Debutant delights Dortmund

AFP, Berlin



New-signing Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang hit a hat-trick as Champions League finalists Borussia Dortmund kicked off their Bundesliga season with an emphatic 4-0 win at Augsburg on Saturday.

With defending champions Bayern Munich, under new coach Pep Guardiola, having already enjoyed a 3-1 win at home to Borussia Moenchengladbach on Friday, 24-year-old Gabon forward Aubameyang showed why Dortmund paid French Cup winners St Etienne 13 million euros (US\$17.3m) for him.

Guardiola, in charge of his first Bundesliga game as Bayern coach at Munich's Allianz Arena, spent 71 of the 90 minutes barking instructions from the sidelines. Goals by Dutch winger Arjen Robben, Croatia's Mario Mandzukic and Austria's

However, it was the Gabon forward who hit the headlines on Saturday.

"Aubameyang was used to great effect," said Dortmund coach Jurgen Klopp.

"I am not surprised about what he has to offer, only the fact that most of his shots went in. It's a very good start from us."

Aubameyang became the sixth player in Bundesliga history to hit three goals on his debut.

He opened his account by heading home a Marcel Schmelzer cross from the left wing to put Dortmund ahead after 24 minutes.

Aubameyang celebrated with his trademark forward somersault, then doubled Dortmund's advantage when he slipped his marker and fired home across the goal on 66 minutes.

The Gabon star went on to convert a great pass from Robert Lewandowski on 79 minutes to wrap up his

David Alaba gave defending German champions three points at home.



DREAM DEBUT: Borussia Dortmund's Gabonese striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang struck a hat-trick on his Bundesliga debut at FC Augsburg on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

Suarez must apologise

AFP, Dublin



Brendan Rodgers has told Luis Suarez he must apologise to his Liverpool teammates and the club's fans who he insists deserve better from the controversial Uruguayan.

The Reds boss, speaking after his side squandered a handful of chances in their 1-0 friendly defeat to Celtic in Dublin, also reiterated his stance that the striker, who is wanted by Arsenal, is not for sale under any circumstances.

And now he's told the player to admit the error of his ways by showing some contrition ahead of the beginning of the Premier League season,

which kicks off with Liverpool's clash with Stoke next Saturday.

"Luis needs to do a couple of things," Rodgers said.

"Obviously, we need initially a recognition, an apology to his team mates and the club.

"And then I'm sure once we get that, we'll have the commitment he's ready to fight like he's always done.

"From the day I walked in he fought tirelessly for the club. But I have to protect the fans, the supporters of this club and the players -- they deserve more than that.

"He's spent some days working on his own, he's been working very hard. When he comes back from his international trip (Uruguay play a friendly in

Japan in mid-week) we'll assess it."

Rodgers mocked reports linking Suarez with a move to the continent, where Real Madrid were said to be interested in acquiring the 26-year-old, insisting only Arsenal have made a bid for the forward.

"There's lots of speculation about all these clubs," he said.

"I was made aware at the end of last season that a number of clubs would come in for him, but we've had one that's it. Our intention is to keep Luis. The story's the same."

Reds owner John W. Henry was in Dublin for the sell-out friendly, but Rodgers insisted there were no further talks on the future of the player.

RESULTS

Hoffenheim 2 (Abraham 34, Modeste 51)
Nuremberg 2 (Frantz 54, Ginczek 57)
Bayer Leverkusen 3 (KieSSLing 22, Son 47, Sam 52) Freiburg 1 (Hanke 40)
Hanover 96 2 (Andreassen 17, Huszti 84) VfL Wolfsburg 0
Augsburg 0 Borussia Dortmund 4 (Aubameyang 24, 66, 79, Lewandowski 86-pen)
Hertha Berlin 6 (Ramos 18, 71, Brooks 32, Allagui 58, 60, Ronny 90) Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Meier 37-pen)
Eintracht Braunschweig 0 Werder Bremen 1 (Junuzovic 82)
On Friday
Bayern Munich 3 (Robben 12, Mandzukic 16, Alaba 69-pen) Borussia M'gladbach 1 (Dante

hat-trick before the Poland striker converted a penalty in the dying stages.

South Korea striker Heung-Min Son also scored on his first competitive appearance for Champions League side Bayer Leverkusen in their 3-1 win at home to Freiburg.

Germany striker Stefan Kiessling put the hosts ahead with 22 minutes gone, but Freiburg's new signing Mike Hanke levelled just before the break.

Moyes's Shield stroll

AFP, London



With Alex Ferguson's glorious reign consigned to the history books, David Moyes unveiled his blueprint for a new era at Manchester United in Sunday's 2-0 victory over Wigan in the Community Shield.

Some disjointed displays on the club's pre-season tour to Asia and Australia, followed by Friday's loss to Sevilla, had given the impression of a United squad struggling to adapt to their new manager's demands following Ferguson's retirement.

But there was enough invention and pace on display from the champions at Wembley to suggest Moyes will stay true to the attacking principles so well established by Ferguson over 26 and a half years at Old Trafford.

With FA Cup winners Wigan now plying their trade in the second tier after last season's relegation, it was difficult to draw too many definitive conclusions from Moyes' first significant outing as United manager.

One thing is certain. As Wayne Rooney tries to engineer a move to Chelsea, Moyes desperately needs Robin van Persie, scorer of both United's goals, to stay fit if the Scot is to challenge for major honours.

Moyes sent out United in a 4-3-3 formation similar to the shape he used at Everton, but it was a far from rigid approach and allowed his attacking players plenty of room to improvise.

With Michael Carrick and Tom Cleverley patrolling the central midfield areas with quiet authority, Ryan Giggs -- nominally the third midfielder -- had freedom to either drift wide or get forward to link up with the front three.

Van Persie started as the most central of those three, with Wilfried Zaha, the £15 million signing from Crystal Palace, lined up on the right flank.

Danny Welbeck began on the left, but played centrally alongside van Persie for long periods.

Ferguson was more of a 4-4-2 man for much of his reign, but United's fluid movement when they took the lead in the seventh minute showed they should have few problems working in the system.

Giggs came into a central position and flicked a backheeled pass to van Persie, who dropped deep into midfield to take possession before spreading play wide to left-back Patrice Evra.

Evra whipped over a cross to the far side of the penalty area and, with Wigan's defenders distracted by the forward runs of Welbeck, Zaha and Giggs, van Persie timed his incursion perfectly, arriving completely unmarked to power a header past Scott Carson.

United's supporters were getting their first look at England winger Zaha, who inspired Palace to win promotion to the Premier League before completing his move to Old Trafford in the close-season.

Van Persie wants Rooney to stay

AFP, London



Robin van Persie has spoken of his desire for Manchester United teammate Wayne Rooney to remain at Old Trafford this season, in an interview published on Sunday.

Unsettled Rooney is wanted by Chelsea, who have already had two bids for the England marksman turned down by United.

Although United manager David Moyes publicly insists Rooney is not for sale, press rumours continue to claim he will soon be leaving the Theatre of Dreams.

But someone who is desperate for him to stay is strike partner Van Persie, who says one of the reasons he came to the club in the first place was his desire to team up with the 27-year-old.

"Everyone wants Wayne to stay and deep down I think he feels the same," Van Persie told The Sun newspaper.

"One of the reasons I joined Manchester United was to play with Wayne. I hope he stays. Not only is he a great goalscorer, he does so much work across the pitch.

"He hates to lose - that's why you see him one minute pressing for goal, the next minute defending ferociously. He is an asset to any team.

"He will come good again. He is a strong lad."

Rooney has not featured in any official friendlies in pre-season as first a hamstring and now a shoulder injury have hampered his quest to gain full fitness.

He has been training with the reserves this week in a bid to accelerate his return to fitness but was still left out of the squad for Sunday's Community Shield against Wigan.

He was picked by England manager Roy Hodgson for next week's international friendly against Scotland but Moyes believes Rooney is not yet ready to play.

"I had a long conversation with Roy about it last week," Moyes told MUTV.

"Wayne has had a shoulder injury. He has been sore with it, which has meant he has not been able to have any contact, so he hasn't trained with us (the first team).

"He has trained a little bit with the reserves as a non-contact player, a floating player, so at least he got a little bit of football work.

"He trained with the first team today (Saturday) and he did a bit of extra work, so he is probably more likely to be ready for England than he will be for us.

"You've got to remember he has had no football practice.

"I explained all this and I would only expect Roy to play him for a short time."

BD-A, U-19's batsmen fail again

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A continued their dismal run in the warm-up phase of its tour of England falling to a seven-wicket defeat to Lancashire at Old Trafford yesterday in their third game. Half-centuries from Naeem Islam (57) and Shamsur Rahman (51) were the major contributions as the batting faltered to 171 all out in 47.3 overs. Lancashire's Arron Lilley and Steven Croft with three wickets apiece were the pick of the bowlers, while Stephen Moore's quickfire 61 provided the impetus for the chase to be completed in 33.1 overs.

Bangladesh A had earlier lost to Yorkshire by seven runs at Leeds on Friday.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Under-19, who are participating in a tri-nation tournament, fell to a seven-wicket loss to Pakistan Under-19 at the Kibworth Cricket Club New Ground. Nazmul Hossain Shanto with 46 was the top scorer as his side scored just 149. Pakistan had no trouble in chasing down the paltry target with seven wickets and 18.1 overs to spare. Pakistan U-19 won the sides' previous match on Friday by eight wickets.