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Bangladesh weightlifters leave for Malaysia

SPORTS REPORTER

An eight-member Bangladesh weightlifting team including three weightlifters, one coach and four officials, left Dhaka for Malaysia last night to participate in the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship which starts at Penang today.

The Bangladesh team has one male participant -- veteran Bidyut Kumar Roy -- and two female participants in Mabia Akter and Reshma Akter.

Bangladesh are expecting medals from the two young female weightlifters who have performed decently in recent international meets.

The event will be held from November 24-30.

Pellegrini coy on Hart's return

REUTERS, *London*

One good display for England has not guaranteed keeper Joe Hart a return to the Manchester City side with manager Manuel Pellegrini refusing to say he would be recalled for Sunday's home match against Tottenham Hotspur.

Some costly mistakes led to 26-year-old Hart being replaced by Romanian Costel Pantilimon for the Premier League club's last four games.

Hart made several fine saves during England's 1-0 defeat by Germany on Tuesday, but Pantilimon has impressed since getting his chance, leaving Pellegrini with a dilemma.

"We don't know," Pellegrini told reporters on Friday when asked about Hart. "We will decide tomorrow the starting XI, but I think it was very useful for Joe, the game for England.

"What did I think of his performance for England? I think he did very well. It's one thing you ask me about the national team, another thing to ask about Manchester City."

Moyes a huge fan of C'Ron

AFP, *London*

Manchester United manager David Moyes has dropped a hint he could make a future bid to bring Cristiano Ronaldo back to Old Trafford after revealing he hopes to work with the Portugal star one day.

Ronaldo left United to fulfil his dream of playing for Real Madrid in 2009, but there was speculation over the last year that he could be tempted to return to Manchester.

Moyes was reported to have considered making an offer for the 28-year-old earlier this year as he looked for a marquee signing to mark his arrival at United as Alex Ferguson's successor.

No deal was forthcoming and Ronaldo has since signed a new five-year contract with the Spanish giants.

But Moyes remains a huge fan of Ronaldo and, like the rest of the football world, he watched in awe as the forward hit a hat-trick against Sweden on Tuesday to fire Portugal to the World Cup.

Ronaldo, who won the Champions League and three Premier League titles in six years with United, would be hard to prise away from Madrid, but Moyes is not giving up completely.

"Everyone at Manchester United would tell you he is the best in the business anyway," Moyes told MUTV on Friday.

Arsenal pull clear

AFP, *London*



A calamitous mistake by Southampton goalkeeper Artur Boruc set Arsenal en route to a 2-0 victory that sent the Premier League leaders four points clear on Saturday.

Arsenal had already hit the woodwork through Jack Wilshere and Aaron Ramsey at the Emirates Stadium when Boruc attempted to outwit Olivier Giroud with some fancy footwork inside his penalty area in the 22nd minute.

The Poland international attempted one drag-back too many, however, enabling Giroud to steal possession and stab home the opening goal.

Giroud made sure of victory with four minutes remaining, registering his 10th goal of the season from the penalty spot after Jose Fonte had been penalised for pulling Per Mertesacker's shirt.

Victory left Arsenal four points above second-place Liverpool, while Southampton remain third but will slip off the podium if Chelsea avoid defeat at West Ham United in the day's late game.

Earlier, Daniel Sturridge came off the bench to earn Liverpool a 3-3 draw against Everton with an 89th-minute equaliser in a frenetic and richly entertaining Merseyside derby at Goodison Park.

A brace from Romelu Lukaku had put Everton on the brink of a first win over their city rivals in seven matches, but Sturridge's header gave Liverpool a share of the spoils

RESULTS

Everton 3 (Mirallas 8, Lukaku 72, 82) Liverpool 3 (Coutinho 5, Suarez 19, Sturridge 89) Fulham 1 (Parker 64) **Swansea 2** (Hughes 56-og, Shelvey 80) Hull 0 **Crystal Palace 1** (Bannan 81) **Newcastle 2** (Remy 2, Gouffran 38) Norwich 1 (Fer 80) **Stoke 2** (Adam 30, Nzonzi 81) Sunderland 0

after a breathless encounter.

Philippe Coutinho's fifth-minute opener for Liverpool was swiftly cancelled out by Kevin Mirallas, before Luis Suarez restored the visitors' lead in the 19th minute by bending a 25-yard free-kick into the bottom-right corner.

Mirallas was fortunate to avoid a red card for a knee-high foul on Suarez before half-time, but he teed up Lukaku for both the equaliser and the 82nd-minute header that put Everton in front.

Everton would have moved level on points with Liverpool if they had won, but Sturridge had the final say when he smartly headed past Howard from a Gerrard free-kick.

Freshly-appointed Crystal Palace manager Tony Pulis watched from the stands as his new side survived the dismissal of Yannick Bolasie to win 1-0 at Hull City.

Bolasie was sent off for a clumsy challenge on Jake Livermore in the 78th minute, but Barry Bannan scored from a Cameron Jerome cut-back three minutes later to give Palace a first away win of the campaign.

Midday WC starts could be reviewed

REUTERS, *Rome*

FIFA could reconsider its controversial decision to schedule some of next year's World Cup matches at midday in tropical venues, the body's president Sepp Blatter suggested on Friday in an apparent U-turn.

Blatter said FIFA had received a number of appeals to rethink its decision which has angered, among others, the world players' union FIFPro.

"That is a good question, I will take up the question again, we will have a meeting of not only the organising committee but the FIFA executive committee and (in December) in Salvador (Brazil)," he told reporters.

Although the June 12-July 13 World Cup will take place in southern Brazil's winter, tropical conditions will prevail in the north of the country where two matches in each of Natal, Salvador and Recife have been scheduled for 1300 local time, plus one in Fortaleza.

Barca rout Granada

AFP, *Madrid*



Fabregas put the Catalans in command at the break.

Granada were then left to play the final quarter of the game with 10 men as Manuel Iturra was shown a second yellow card.

Alexis Sanchez added a third soon after from Neymar's pass before Pedro Rodriguez rounded off the scoring a minute from time.

Barca's title rivals Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid can close the gap later on Saturday as they face Almeria and Getafe respectively.

With Victor Valdes, Xavi Hernandez, Dani Alves and Jordi Alba also out injured, Barca boss Gerardo Martino was forced into making seven changes from the side that started their last outing against Real Betis two weeks ago.

In Messi's absence, Neymar was tasked with playing in the false nine role, but it was from a free-kick that he nearly created the opener as he picked out Sanchez and Granada keeper Roberto made a brilliant save to turn away the Chilean's flicked header.

The opener arrived after 20 minutes when Dimitri Foulquier brought down Fabregas and captain for the day Iniesta

took responsibility to slot the spot-kick low into the corner of the net.

Granada came close to an equaliser four minutes later with their best effort of the game as Piti drilled a shot from 25 yards off the crossbar.

Foulquier then made amends for conceding the penalty with a fine last-ditch tackle to prevent Sanchez making it 2-0 from Fabregas' fine pass.

However, it didn't take long for Barca to double their advantage as Fran Rico clipped Iniesta's heels just inside the area and this time Fabregas stepped up to rifle the ball into the roof of he net.

Youssef El-Arabi had a chance to halve the deficit from Yacine Brahimi's cross two minutes after the restart, but he headed wastefully.

It should have been three for Barca moments later when Pedro somehow blazed over when presented with an open goal after Roberto had flapped at Martin Montoya's cross.

The visitors' task became even tougher 23 minutes from time when Iturra saw his second yellow card for upending Pedro.

Sanchez made it 3-0 when he lifted the ball over the advancing Roberto from Neymar's well-weighted through ball five minutes later.

With the game won 17-year-old Adama Traore replaced Neymar to make his Barca debut and he nearly sealed it with a memorable goal as he weaved past three Granada defenders before Roberto smothered his low effort.



Liverpool striker Luis Suarez (C) celebrates his goal against Everton during their Premier League Merseyside derby at Goodison Park yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Ribery targets Club WC

AFP, *Berlin*



France international winger Franck Ribery remains confident he can return from a broken rib and play in the upcoming Club World Cup for Bayern Munich in December, he told sports daily Kicker on Friday.

The Ballon d'Or candidate suffered the injury during France's dramatic 3-0 victory over Ukraine in midweek at the Stade de France, which gave Didier Deschamps's men their ticket to next June's World Cup in Brazil.

"From now to then (the Club World Cup), I can definitely play again," assured the 30-year-old, who is likely to battle Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi for the Ballon d'Or, which will be awarded in January.

"I think I'll be able to run again in 10 to 14 days, certainly with pain, but after that it should be fine," he added.

Bayern, who travel to arch rivals Borussia Dortmund on Saturday with a four point lead in the Bundesliga, hope that Ribery will be on the plane to Morocco for the year ending showpiece tournament.

Coach Pep Guardiola said: "I'm not a doctor and we have a few more matches yet, but I hope he will be back on form leading up to the Club World Cup."

Bayern are looking for their fifth trophy of the year after an unprecedented treble of Champions League, German title and German Cup, as well as the European Supercup which they won in August by beating Chelsea 2-1 in Prague.

Ribery, however, said that Tuesday's win in Paris over a Ukraine side that had a 2-0 first-leg lead was almost as good as winning silverware.

"It was a memorable evening and like winning a trophy for me, which may mark the beginning of a new era (for France)."

Simunic in hot water

AFP, *Geneva*



FIFA on Friday announced that they had opened a probe against Australian-born Croatia defender Josip Simunic for his pro-Nazi chants that marred the country's World Cup qualification celebrations.

"Disciplinary proceedings have been opened," a FIFA spokesman told AFP, declining to make further comment on the player's case.

It was not clear what penalty Simunic could face.

But various football authorities have adopted an ever-tougher stance against far-right displays, with Greece youth international Giorgos Katidis this year earning a life ban from his home federation for a Nazi salute -- although he has since resurfaced at Novara in Italy's second tier.

FIFA also opened an investigation against Croatia's fans for "improper conduct", the spokesman said.

Following Tuesday's 2-0 home win against Iceland that saw them advance from their World Cup qualifying play-off after a goalless first leg, Simunic took over a microphone at the Maksimir stadium in the Croatian capital Zagreb.

He shouted "za dom" -- Croatian for "for the homeland" -- four times. In response, fans chanted "spremni",

meaning "ready".

The chant was used by Croatia's World War II Ustasha regime, allied to Nazi Germany, which killed hundreds of thousands of Serbs, Jews, anti-fascist Croatsians, Roma and others in concentration camps.

On Thursday, Croatian prosecutors said Simunic had been fined 25,000 kunas (3,200 euros, \$4,400) for inciting racial hatred, adding that the player was aware that the chant symbolised the official salute of Croatia's totalitarian regime.

Simunic argued that he was motivated purely by his love of the Croatian nation, denying any political intent and saying the emotion of the moment was the only reason.

The 35-year-old Dinamo Zagreb captain was born to Croatian immigrant parents in the Australian capital Canberra.

Football is highly popular in Australia's Croatian-origin community.

He is among a raft of Australian-born players who have opted for their ancestral home since Croatia joined the international football fold after independence from former Yugoslavia in 1991.

Australia, meanwhile, count big-name players with Croatian roots, such as former captain Mark Viduka.

Simunic has spent the bulk of his career in Europe, joining Germany's Bundesliga in 1998 and signing to

Dinamo in 2011.

He made his Croatia debut in 2001.

His chants were condemned by Croatian President Ivo Josipovic, the government and Milorad Pupovac, leader of the country's Serb minority.

However, the Croatian Football Federation (HNS) on Friday denied any pro-Nazi connotations.

"Simunic's behaviour is inappropriate ... the HNS has regulations on players' behaviour and we will react," executive president Damir Vrbanovic told reporters.

However, the federation is "worried by an avalanche of negative comments targeting our player and our view is that his call for cheering was not aimed at remembering the Ustasha," Vrbanovic said.

"Simunic took all this very emotionally and is shocked that someone is linking his gesture with a dark period of the Croatian past," he added, underlining that it was "human to make mistakes."

HNS head Davor Suker -- a former international who was top scorer in the 1998 World Cup, where Croatia finished third -- labelled Simunic's move an "inappropriate gesture" and voiced regret that it overshadowed Croatia's qualification.

In the past, the HNS has condemned fans' pro-Nazi attitudes and their use of Ustasha insignia and Nazi salutes.

Pulis takes over at Palace

AFP, *London*

Tony Pulis has been appointed as the new manager of Crystal Palace, the Premier League strugglers announced on Saturday.

The 55-year-old Welshman has signed a two-and-a-half-year contract and arrives at Selhurst Park with the London club six points from safety at the foot of the Premier League table.

"Crystal Palace Football Club are delighted to announce the appointment of Tony Pulis as manager on a two-and-a-half-year contract," read a statement on the Palace website.

"Pulis will take charge of the first team following today's game against Hull City, with caretaker boss Keith Millen remaining in the dugout at the KC Stadium."

Pulis was due to watch Palace's trip to Hull from the stands, with his first game in charge scheduled to be a trip to Norwich City in the league on November 30.