

## 'De Gea won't be sold now'

AFP, London

Louis van Gaal claims unsettled Manchester United goalkeeper David De Gea will not be sold to Real Madrid before the transfer window closes.

According to reports in Spain, Real will make one last attempt to sign De Gea, whose contract expires next year, before the window shuts on September 1.

But after a week in which United's reputation took a blow following Barcelona winger Pedro Rodriguez's decision to snub United in favour of a move to Chelsea, van Gaal came out fighting at his pre-match press conference on Friday.

The Dutchman insists the lure of United remains as strong as their desire to hold on to two-time player of the year De Gea.

"I think when Manchester United wants a player he shall come, besides when a club is not selling," van Gaal said.



Newcastle United defender Fabricio Colocchini (C) challenges Manchester United midfielder Adnan Januzaj (R) as he takes an unsuccessful shot during their Premier League clash at Old Trafford yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Man United run aground

AFP, London



Manchester United's winning start to the Premier League season ended on Saturday as they were held to a frustrating 0-0 draw by Newcastle United at a sun-soaked Old Trafford.

The hosts, who gave Bastian Schweinsteiger a full debut, dominated the early stages and Wayne Rooney saw a goal ruled out for a tight offside, but Newcastle went close when Aleksandar Mitrovic headed against the bar.

Louis van Gaal's side laid siege to the Newcastle goal in the second half, Tim Krul saving from substitute Javier Hernandez and Chris Smalling heading against the post, but Newcastle debutant Florian Thauvin was inches away from toeing in a late winner at the other end.

"We can be satisfied with the performance, but not with the result. We were unlucky," said United manager Van Gaal, whose side have scored only two goals in their three league games to date.

### RESULTS

**Crystal Palace 2** (Dann 71, Sako 87) **Aston Villa 1** (Souare 77-og)  
**Leicester 1** (Mahrez 82) **Tottenham 1** (Alli 81)  
**Manchester United 0** **Newcastle 0**  
**Norwich 1** (Martin 28) **Stoke 1** (Diouf 11)  
**Sunderland 1** (Defoe 62) **Swansea 1** (Gomis 45+3)  
**West Ham 3** (Noble 48-pen, Kouyate 53, Maiga 82) **Bournemouth 4** (Wilson 11, 28, 79-pen, Pugh 66)

## Win caps off Sk Jamal's terrific season

SPORTS REPORTER



Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club wrapped up yet another successful season with a 2-1 win against Abahani at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday as the Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League finally came to an end.

The Dhanmondi giants, who had confirmed their third league title with two games in hand, came from a goal down to notch up their 16th victory in the league, condemning four-time champions Abahani to a fourth-place finish.

The new powerhouse of Bangladesh football rode on strikes from two of their foreign strikers -- Emeka Darlington and Landing Darboe -- after Nasirul Islam had given Abahani the lead in the 65th minute.

Abahani also had to endure the ignominy of finishing with nine men as Wahed Ahmed and Mamun Mia saw marching orders during their last match yesterday.

With last season's top-scorer Wedson Anselme having left right after confirmation of the title, Emeka and Landing took up the scoring mantle on them, finishing with 19 and 14 goals respectively while Wedson had bagged 17.

Brothers Union's Augustine Walson

### TOP SCORERS

**Emeka Darlington (Sk Jamal/Nigeria) 19**  
Wedson Anselme (Sk Jamal/Haiti) 17  
Ismael Bangoura (Mohammedan/Guinea) 17  
Augustine Walson (Brothers/Haiti) 15  
Landing Darboe (Sk Jamal/Gambia) 14  
Enamul Haque (Muktijoddha/Ban) 13

and Mohammedan's Ismael Bangoura also found themselves sandwiched among Sheikh Jamal's fabulous three in the top-scorers chart.

Apart from the individual achievements, it was a perfect season for the

Sheikh Jamal team as they had started the season by winning the King's Cup in Bhutan, followed up with the Federation Cup triumph at home before clinching a play-off spot in the AFC Cup final round.

At the opposite end of the table, Farashganj SC were scrapped from the competition midway through the second leg for walking off during a league match against eventual runners-up Sheikh Russel KC.

Whether the Old Dhaka outfit will be allowed into the second-tier professional league or scrapped from all forms of football altogether is yet to be decided by the game's governing body.

### FINAL POINTS TABLE

TEAMS	PLAYED	WINS	DRAW	LOST	GD	POINTSSTATUS
SHEIKH JAMAL	20	16	3	1	38	51CHAMPIONS
SHEIKH RUSSEL	20	13	3	4	16	42
MOHAMMEDAN	20	11	5	4	21	38
ABAHANI	20	10	5	5	19	35
BROTHERS UNION	20	10	5	5	8	35
MUKTIJODDHA	20	8	4	8	0	28
TEAM BJMC	20	6	4	10	-2	22
FENI SOCCER	20	5	3	12	-16	18
CTG ABAHANI	20	3	7	10	-22	16
RAHMATGANJ	20	3	5	12	-18	14
FARASHGANJ	20	0	6	14	-44	6 SCRAPPED

## Mezbah fails in Beijing

SPORTS REPORTER

Mezbahuddin Ahmed, the fastest sprinter of Bangladesh, failed to match his personal best timing in the 100m sprint event at the Beijing World Championship yesterday.

The former BKSP sprinter, whose career best is 10.99 seconds which he had set in Pune in 2013, managed to clock 11.13 seconds in the third heat of the event, finishing 17th among 26 competitors.

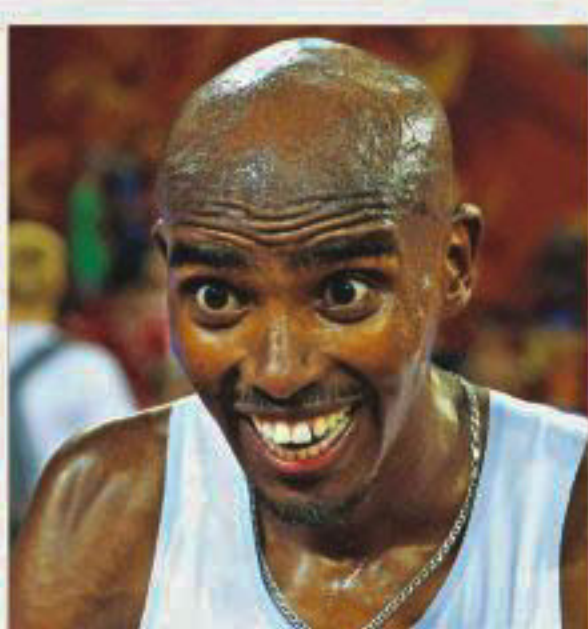
## Farrah makes history

AFP, Beijing

Mo Farah etched his name in the pantheon of middle distance running greats and put a tough season opening behind him Saturday when he defended his 10,000m title at the world championships in Beijing.

The Briton's victory was his sixth consecutive global track distance title, an unprecedented feat that saw him better the likes of Ethiopian legends Kenenisa Bekele and Haile Gebrselassie.

"It was amazing to be able to go out there, cross



the line and defend my title," said Farah.

"It hasn't been an easy year, but it's nice to get the team started well.

"I just get to keep doing what I'm good at and that is running and winning medals for my country. I just have to concentrate on winning my races."

Since losing to Ibrahim Jeilan in the 10,000m at the 2011 worlds in Daegu, Farah rebounded to win the 5,000m in South Korea, and followed up with 5,000m-10,000m doubles at both the London 2012 Olympics and the 2013 world championships in Moscow.

Having now defended his title here, he will have a chance to make it seven global titles in the 5,000m, scheduled for next Saturday.

"Ill just get a nice bath, recover, eat well and go now and rest up," Farah said.

## Gatlin leads the pack

AFP, Beijing



Sprint rivals Usain Bolt and Justin Gatlin sailed through into the semi-finals of the men's 100m at the world championships on Saturday.

Boos rang around a packed Bird's Nest in Beijing when Gatlin, who has served

two doping bans, was introduced to the crowd over the loudspeaker.

But the 33-year-old American blasted home in the fastest time of 9.83sec, albeit with a windspeed of 2.1m/s, just over the legal limit.

Defending champion Bolt, however, was



**THE FINAL COUNTDOWN: Jamaican Usain Bolt (L) will go head-to-head with American Justin Gatlin today, as both sprinters vie for gold in the 100m sprint. The final starts at 7:15pm local time.**

PHOTOS: AFP



greeted with whoops and the Jamaican was seen nodding his head along to some piped Bob Marley music at the start before steaming home in a very comfortable 9.96sec.

American Trayvon Bromell set out his stall as a contender. The 20-year-old eased up fully 10 metres from the line in clocking 9.91sec.

He will be joined in the semi-finals by teammates Tyson Gay -- the double 2007 world sprint champion -- and Mike Rodgers, both of whom have also served doping bans.

Frenchman Jimmy Vicaut stormed home in 9.92sec with Canadian hope Andre de Grasse, 20, timing 9.99 in second.

In hot, clear conditions, the 19-year-old Ghebreslassie sealed a memorable win in 2hr 12min 27sec.

"I am so proud of this victory. This is my first gold medal in my first marathon championship," said the Eritrean, crowned the youngest ever world marathon winner in just his fourth race.

"It's a very special thing for me. It gives me motivations to continue to work hard. My medal is the first gold medal in Eritrean history."

Eritrea had previously only ever claimed one medal -- a silver by Tadesse Zersenay's silver in the 10,000m in the 2009 worlds in Berlin.

## Just 1 minute to convince Pedro

MAIL ONLINE

Jose Mourinho claims it took him just one minute to persuade Pedro to move to Chelsea instead of Manchester United.

The Chelsea manager made his first official move for the former Barcelona winger after being alerted to his availability before the Spanish giant's Super Copa clash against Athletic Bilbao on Monday.

Pedro moved to Chelsea in a £21million deal from Chelsea earlier this week after swerving Manchester United.

I asked: 'Is it true that you want to leave Barcelona?' 'Yes, it's true. I love it here. It's my home, but it's time for me to move.'

'Did you sign already for another club?' 'Almost, but not yet'. 'Do you want to come here?' 'Yes, I want.' 'For me, it was one minute.'

I talked to my people in the club who are responsible for the practical side of the market and told them that he hadn't signed for another club. Almost, but not yet.

'He told me he wants to come here, so it's over to you. I thought he would never leave Barcelona.'

## Lewandowski rescues Bayern at the death

REUTERS, Berlin



Champions Bayern Munich scored a 90th minute winner through Robert Lewandowski to edge past Hoffenheim 2-1 on Saturday, with the champions reduced to 10 men following the second-half dismissal of defender Jerome Boateng.

Substitute Lewandowski tapped in after a superb run and cutback from Douglas Costa, who also set up their first goal, in the last minute with Hoffenheim having missed a 74th minute penalty to reclaim the lead.

Bayern were stunned nine seconds after the start when David Alaba's bad backpass to Jerome Boateng was intercepted by forward Kevin Volland who slotted in to equal the league record for the fastest goal.

The Bavarians, who have never lost to Hoffenheim, gradually upped the tempo and Brazilian Costa floated in a low cross after a dizzying run down the left, keeper Oliver Baumann cleared but Thomas Mueller scored with his thigh to level four minutes before the break.

Arturo Vidal rattled the crossbar with a fine long-range effort in the 66th and Baumann denied Lewandowski's point blank effort as Bayern remained fully in control but struggled to make their dominance count.

A double booking for Boateng within

### RESULTS

Schalke 04 1 (Draxler 47) Darmstadt 98 1 (Rausch 9)  
Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Russ 86) Augsburg 1 (Caiuby 24)  
Cologne 1 (Zoller 30) VfL Wolfsburg 1 (Bendtner 83)  
Hanover 96 0 **Bayer Leverkusen 1** (Calhanoglu 18)  
Hoffenheim 1 (Volland 1) **Bayern Munich 2** (Mueller 40, Lewandowski 90)

two minutes, including one for a handball, gave the hosts a 74th minute penalty but Eugen Polanski powered his shot onto the post.

Bayern came agonisingly close in the 88th minute but Baumann again denied a double effort from Lewandowski before Mueller's header scraped the post.

The Poland striker, however, was not done and scored the winner after another fine cutback from the quick Costa inside the box.

The Bavarians are on six points from two matches, as many as Bayer Leverkusen who beat Hanover 96 1-0 courtesy of Hakan Calhanoglu's outstanding free kick.

VfL Wolfsburg, last season's runners-up, needed a late equaliser from Nicklas Bendtner to draw 1-1 at Cologne, who had taken a 30th minute lead through Simon Zoller.

Wolfsburg's attacking midfielder Kevin De Bruyne, a transfer target for Manchester City, put in a lacklustre performance but substitute Bendtner rescued the Wolves in the 83rd minute to lift them to four points.

## Button reveals nightmare

MAIL ONLINE

Formula One driver Jenson Button has spoken about the "horrible" house raid that happened while he was holidaying in France, in which two men stole jewellery worth £300,000 while he slept.

Button was on holiday with his wife, Jessica, and friends at a villa in St Tropez when the burglary took place on Monday 3 August. No one was harmed but among the items taken was Button's wife's engagement ring, worth £250,000.

"It was a horrible situation," he said.

"It is not a nice feeling knowing that someone is in your room going through your drawers just eight centimetres away from your wife's head. That's the horrible bit.

"You can replace the money and jewellery, you obviously have the sentimental value of an engagement ring, but it is all replaceable, whereas our health isn't."