



Swansea attacker Bafetimbi Gomis roars after scoring the decisive goal against Manchester United during their Premier League encounter at the Liberty Stadium yesterday.

DAY'S EVENT Sailor BFF U-15 National Football Semifinal 2 Dhaka v Feni



MU's Swansea nightmare on

Swansea City defeated Manchester United 2-1 for the third successive meeting as Louis van Gaal's side's unbeaten start to the Premier League season ground to a halt yesterday. United went ahead through Juan Mata early in the second half at the Liberty Stadium, but Andre Ayew equalised in the 61st minute and then set up Bafetimbi Gomis for the winner five minutes later. Van Gaal had lost 2-1 at home to Swansea in his first game as United manager last season and having also seen his team go down

by the same scoreline in the return fixture, he was given more reason to curse Garry Monk's side on the occasion of his 50th game in English football. Swansea climbed to fourth place in the table, a point above United and four below leaders Manchester City, having started a top-flight campaign with four unbeaten games for the first time in their history. Luke Shaw was given space to motor down the United left and after his cross passed between Wayne Rooney and Neil Taylor at the near post, Mata ghosted in behind Swansea captain Ashley Williams to slam home. Swansea goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski had to save from both his

RESULTS

Southampton 3 (Pelle 45+1, Tadic 64, 67) **Norwich 0**
Swansea 2 (Ayew 61, Gomis 66) **Manchester United 1** (Mata 48)

own team-mate Williams and Mata as United looked to press home their advantage, but a tactical switch saw the hosts turn the game around in just five minutes. Ki Sung-yueng replaced Wayne Routledge and three minutes later Sigurdsson crossed from the right for Ayew to beat Sergio Romero with a downward header. Five minutes later Ayew turned provider with an exquisite, outside-of-the-foot pass from wide on the

right, but Romero should have done better than allow Gomis's tame shot to trickle beneath him. Rooney looked poised to equalise in the 88th minute, only for Williams to produce a crucial last-ditch tackle. In the day's early game, Dusan Tadic scored twice as Southampton won 3-0 at home to 10-man Norwich City to register a first win of the campaign at the fourth attempt. Man of the match Sadio Mane crossed for Graziano Pelle to sweep Southampton ahead in first-half stoppage time before teeing up the first of Tadic's two goals. Tadic struck again three minutes later, following up after Pelle's header was parried by Norwich goalkeeper John Ruddy.

Titu defends tactics

SPORTS REPORTER

A dejected Bangladesh under-19 football team returned home from Nepal yesterday afternoon after finishing their campaign in the inaugural SAFF U-19 Championship where they were eliminated from the semifinals, losing in tiebreaker against India. The coaching staff, which came under heavy criticism in the media due to adopting a completely defensive approach in the semifinal after having played some attractive attacking football in the group stage matches, defended itself. Head coach Saiful Bari Titu believes his strategy in the semifinal was justified

given the technical ability of his players. "I was forced to go on the back foot due to the absence of midfielder Biplu Ahmed," said Titu. "There were other things involved for adopting a counter-attacking strategy as our players are not technically as sound as the Indian players. Besides, they are not good in transition and I saw them suffer during the matches against Bhutan and Nepal," said Titu, who left for Perth last night to accompany the senior national team in Australia. "We needed a result against India. Had we been able to bear them, we would have played our natural game in the final," opined Titu. The former national footballer felt Bangladesh should start nursing play-

ers at the grassroots level like India and Nepal, who have built their under-19 team the last three years. Captain Masuk Mia Jonny also backed his coach's decision and blamed their luck for not making it into the final. "We lost the match because luck didn't favour us," said Jonny. "The referee's decision of re-taking a spot-kick shattered our morale." Forward Mannaf Rabbi, who was arguably the best player for Bangladesh in the tournament, said that they have earned vast experience from this campaign, which will help them play better in the upcoming AFC Under-19 Championship qualifiers in October on home ground.

Narayanganj in final

SPORTS REPORTER

Narayanganj moved into the final of the Sailor-BFF U-15 National Football Championship after a 5-4 tiebreaker win over Sylhet in the first semifinal at the Bangbandhu National Stadium yesterday. Sylhet went ahead through a second-minute strike from Rasel Ahmed, but Mohammad Ibrahim equalised for Narayanganj with a dink over Sylhet goalkeeper in the 17th minute. In the tiebreaker, Narayanganj converted all of their five attempts while Rasel missed for Sylhet.

Bale inspires Betis rout

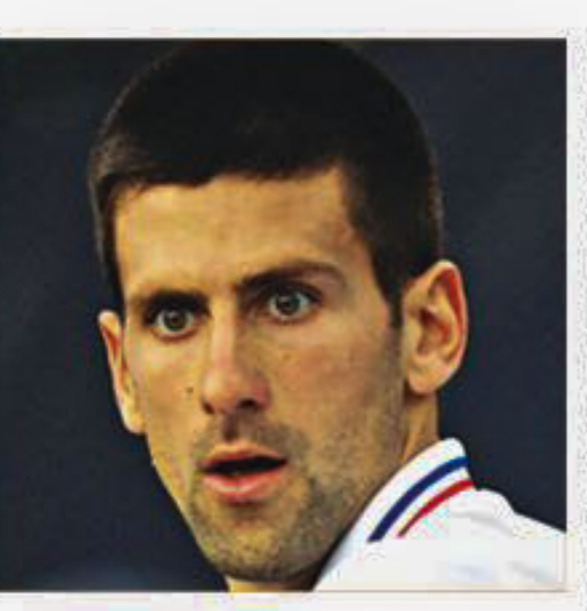
AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid boss Rafael Benitez has hailed the impact made by Gareth Bale as the Welshman scored twice in Los Blancos 5-0 win over Real Betis on Saturday. Benitez has been questioned early in his reign at the Santiago Bernabeu for playing Bale in a more central role as Madrid struggled to score goals in pre-season and were held 0-0 away to newly promoted Sporting Gijon last weekend. However, there was no such problem in Benitez's first home game in charge as Bale opened the scoring after just two minutes before sealing the rout with a sweet strike from distance late on. "I liked Bale's performance, but also that of James [Rodriguez], Cristiano [Ronaldo], who had most shots at goal and Keylor [Navas]. "We had a lot of positive things and a few details to correct. That rewards the work and attitude shown by the players. "The most positive thing can be summed up by the first five minutes: intensity, aggression, ambition and end product." Bale also set up Madrid's third goal for Karim Benzema, but it was Rodriguez who stole the show with a wonderful free-kick into the top corner and an overhead kick either side of half-time. The Colombian had been left on the bench by Benitez last weekend, but he defended that decision due to Rodriguez's participation in the Copa America. "He didn't just arrive back a little later, but a lot later because of the Copa America," added Benitez. "There is no debate. He is gaining rhythm and his quality cannot be in doubt." In the earlier game Thomas Vermaelen was the unlikely hero as Barcelona overcame stiff resistance from Malaga to maintain their perfect start to the La Liga season with a 1-0 win at the Camp Nou. The Belgian defender endured a nightmare debut campaign with the Catalans last season as he was perennially sidelined by injury. However, the former Arsenal captain succeeded where Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar failed as he fired the only goal of the game past the excellent Carlos Kameni 18 minutes from time. Suarez was the first to have the ball in the net after just four minutes, but his headed effort was ruled out for a foul beforehand by the Uruguayan. Yet, for all his good work, Kameni was partly at fault for the goal as he could only parry Suarez's cross from the left and the ball fell invitingly for Vermaelen to fire home from close range. The visitors nearly exploited Dani Alves and Gerard Piques absence in stoppage time as Charles just couldn't stretch to knock in the equaliser. The hosts held on, though, to record their second consecutive 1-0 win and go top of the table.

Flushing Meadows Is Calling

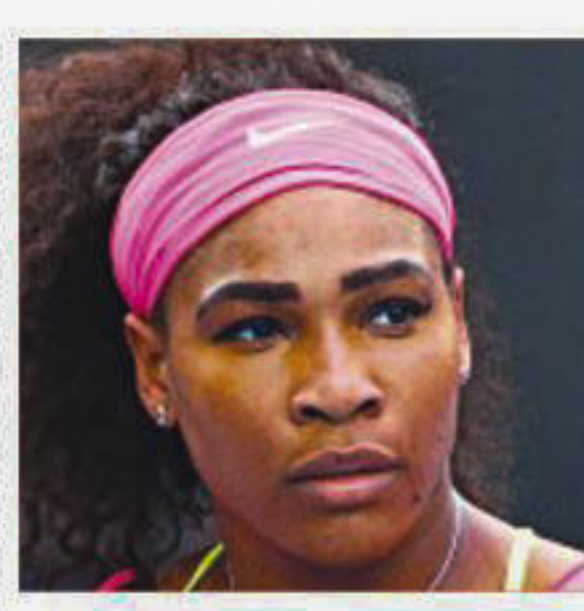
AFP, New York

The US Open begins today in New York, with all the contenders having reasons beyond the obvious behind to fuel their desire to win the title. While there are many battles to look forward to the most delectable one as of right now is Andy Murray's against perennial bad-boy, Australian Nick Kyrgios. Murray, the world number three, won in New York in 2012, ending Britain's 76-year wait for a Grand Slam men's singles champion and will be looking to repeat that feat. The tournament will begin tomorrow, carrying with it the possibility of Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic taking another step towards making history. However, the duo will have many competitors in their way, and nobody is giving an inch. Last year's winner Marin Cilic proved that underdogs can win as well, but for now Djokovic remains the men's favourite.



DJOKOVIC
46 years in the making

Not since Australian legend Rod Laver in 1969 has a man completed a calendar year Grand Slam, but top-ranked Novak Djokovic believes he could be the next man to do it. The 28-year-old Serbian top seed will launch his US Open campaign against Brazil's Joao Souza. Djokovic, seeking his 10th career Slam title, is only one match shy of coming to the Flushing Meadows fortnight with the same chance as Williams at a calendar-year Slam sweep. "I have been close and that gives me reason to believe that I can achieve that," Djokovic said.



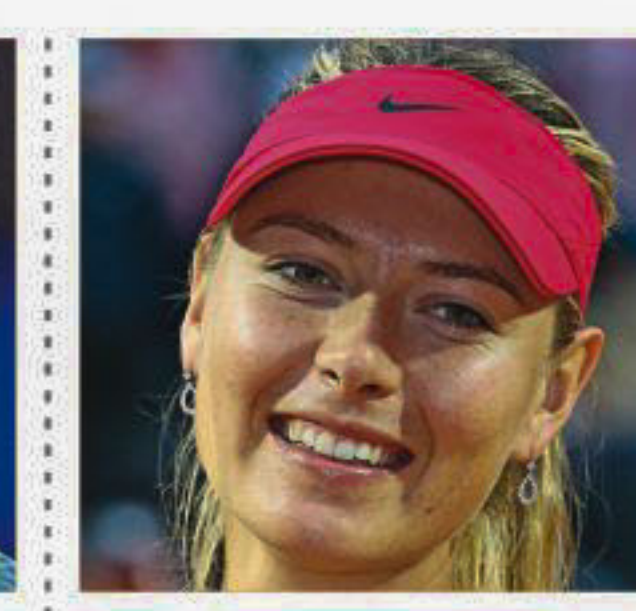
SERENA
chasing history

World number one Serena Williams feels the pressure of chasing history at the US Open, but she accepts the intensity as the price for dominating a generation of women's tennis. The 33-year-old American is a huge favorite as she tries to complete the first calendar-year Grand Slam since Steffi Graf in 1988 by winning her 22nd career major title. "I decided I prefer to have that pressure than the pressure of not winning," Williams said. "Not everyone can handle that pressure, but I'm OK with it. I would rather be in this position than another one."



FEDERER
unwavering

Roger Federer likes his chances of winning the US Open after a resurgent run to the Wimbledon final and aggressive play that produced a tuneup title last week at Cincinnati. But the 34-year-old Swiss star, winner of a record 17 Grand Slam singles titles but none since Wimbledon in 2012, isn't looking past his first opponent at the Flushing Meadows. "I feel like I have a good chance but I really can't think further than my opponent right now," Federer said. "I haven't been in the finals in this tournament as of late. I came close but close is not good enough."



MARIA
up to challenge

Maria Sharapova says the domination of Serena Williams should not diminish the efforts of other women's players, but adds they must step up and answer the challenge. Sharapova could meet the world number one in the semi-finals of the US Open. "She has been playing on an incredible level," Sharapova said. "That doesn't take anything away from other players. We have to step up, me and other players. We have to perform better." However, Sharapova has previously completed a career Grand Slam of her own.

Roma stun Juventus

REUTERS, Milan

AS Roma handed champions Juventus their second successive Serie A defeat when second-half goals by Miralem Pjanic and Edin Dzeko earned a well-deserved 2-1 victory in the capital on Sunday. Juve, beaten at home by Udinese in their opening game last week, were on the back foot throughout and it was no surprise when Pjanic, who had earlier struck a post, curled home an excellent free kick to put Roma ahead just after the hour mark. Juventus then had defender Patrice Evra sent off for a second booking before newly-arrived striker Dzeko, on a season-long loan from Manchester City, rose well to head Roma's second. Paulo Dybala pulled one back three minutes from time to set up a frantic finale but Juve, who lost three league games in the whole of last season, could not find the equaliser and remain without a point while Roma move on to four from two games.

RESULTS

Real Sociedad 0 Sporting Gijon 0
Barcelona 1 (Vermaelen 73) **Malaga 0**
Celta Vigo 3 (Nolito 11-pen, 50, Fontas 88)
 Rayo Vallecano 0

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