

Fixing alert for Bangladesh

Nepal police arrest five booters including captain

SPORTS REPORTER

The arrest of five Nepalese national players on Wednesday for their alleged involvement in match-fixing also served as a considerable warning for Bangladesh when investigators revealed that those players in question might have also been involved in fixing their national team's games against Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

When the serious issue was drawn to the notice of Bangladesh Football Federation president Kazi Salahuddin, he said that he was completely unaware of the allegation and the arrest.

"I have just learnt it from you. I can't comment on that because I don't know anything. It's an issue involving the Nepalese players but I can assure you that our players are clean," said Salahuddin over phone last night.

But Bangladesh captain Mamunul

Islam, when contacted, made an interesting disclosure about a mysterious message he got six months ago.

"I had received an SMS in my cell phone six months ago in which somebody asked if I was interested in fixing games," said Mamunul, adding that it was not from a local number.

When asked why he did not report it to the authorities concerned he said, "I thought it was a joke and deleted it. I also thought that I would address it had I got such a message again."

He also said that this is not something alien to any Bangladesh national captain, adding that his predecessor Aminul Haq received a dubious phone call at his hotel room during Bangladesh's visit to Sri Lanka in 2010.

But the BFF president said that Mamunul should have informed the federation about his mysterious text.

Meanwhile, Nepalese police detained skipper Sagar Thapa as part of a coordinated series of arrests in the

capital which also saw four current or former team-mates on the national side taken into custody.

"We've recorded banking transactions... between them and international match-fixers, including in Malaysia and Singapore," Sarbendra Khanal, chief of the Metropolitan Police Crime Division in Kathmandu, told AFP.

Khanal said that several matches played in 2011 as part of Nepal's unsuccessful bid to qualify for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil were under the scanner, including a match against Jordan that they lost 9-0. Khanal said matches involving Bangladesh and Afghanistan, played as part of a regional competition, were also being investigated.

Nepal police said the arrests came after investigations found significant sums of money had been deposited in the players' bank accounts from suspected match-fixers based in Southeast Asia.



Bangladesh golfer Siddikur Rahman overcame physical barriers to end the first round at joint-second place after firing a six-under par in the Venetian Macau Open at the Macau Golf and Country Club yesterday.

Jose punished for comments

AFP, London

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho has been handed a suspended one-match stadium ban and fined £50,000 (\$77,232; 67,496 euros) by England's Football Association for misconduct following comments made in the wake of his side's recent defeat to Southampton.

Mourinho accused officials of being "afraid" to award his team penalties after Chelsea went down 3-1 to the Saints in the Stamford Bridge clash on October 3.

He was unhappy that a spot-kick was not awarded to his side when forward Radamel Falcao went down under a challenge by Saints goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg.

But the FA confirmed on Wednesday that the Blues boss had accepted he had breached regulations and, as well as



the fine and ban, warned the Portuguese that he faces further punishment for any more such outbursts within the next 12 months.

"Jose Mourinho has been given a suspended one-match stadium ban and fined £50,000 after he admitted a breach of FA Rules in relation to post-match media comments," a statement from the governing body read.

"The Chelsea manager was charged for misconduct following the game against Southampton on Saturday 3 October 2015.

"Mr Mourinho's suspended stadium ban will be immediately invoked should he be found by an Independent Regulatory Commission to have committed a further breach of FA Rule E3 for any comment or statement to or through the media before 13 October 2016."

Ronaldo Jr makes Messi comparison

INDEPENDENT

Cristiano Ronaldo is a big fan of Lionel Messi - Cristiano Ronaldo Jr that is.

A video of the cheeky offspring of the Real Madrid forward has emerged in which he asks his grandmother about the Barcelona star.

It doesn't appear to go down well with Ronaldo Sr's mother, Maria Dolores, who tells the five-year-old, "I don't want to know about Messi".

She then goes on to list the achievements of her Real Madrid striker son, pointing out that he's won the Ballon d'Or three times and the Golden Shoe four times.

Prince Ali registers FIFA bid

AFP, London

FIFA presidential contender Prince Ali bin al Hussein on Thursday formally registered his candidacy for the election to replace Sepp Blatter at the head of world football's scandal rocked governing body.

The Jordanian prince said he had the necessary backing from five of FIFA's 209 member associations.

Wenger talks up title chances

AFP, London

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger declared on Thursday that the strength of his squad convinces him that they stand a "good chance" of winning the Premier League title this season.

It is 11 years since Arsenal's last league title, but they have won back-to-back FA Cups and are currently second behind Manchester City in the table after a strong start to the campaign.

Wenger saw his side defeat Manchester United 3-0 prior to the international break and with players like Alexis Sanchez and Mesut Ozil at his disposal, he is increasingly optimistic about their title credentials.

Addressing the club's annual general meeting at the Emirates Stadium, he said: "I know you want to ask me -- will we win the championship this year? I think we are back in contention and we have a good chance."

"All of our numbers confirm that we have the potential to be in the fight. We are now equipped around the whole team to say we are really advanced in the way we work, prepare and develop players."

The Frenchman, now in his 20th year at Arsenal, added: "I know I have faced some adversities, but I am more motivated than ever, more committed than ever."

"I am resolute to commit until the last day of my contract here to bring back big success to this club and leave this club in the position it can do even better when I leave."

Siddikur hits 6-under par

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Siddikur Rahman has been going through a rough patch for quite some time, finishing in 42nd place in the last tournament, but he got off to a flying start at the Venetian Macau Open yesterday despite the recurring back pain that once again reared its head. Siddikur finished in joint-second position with a 6-under par, just one stroke behind leader Thiitiphun Chuayprakong of Thailand.

In the 1 million dollar tournament at the Macau Golf and Country Club, Siddikur started off brilliantly, hitting three straight birdies as he looked in fine form. A pinched nerve in Siddikur's back was causing him discomfort, but you could hardly tell as the two-time Asian Tour winner played a bogey-free round and stormed up the leaderboard. However, as Siddikur had just one birdie in the last nine holes, it allowed Korea's Jeunghun Wang to catch up to him and share the second position at the end of the day.

Speaking after the round, Bangladesh's premier golfer talked about his back problems and how it inhibited him during the opening day, taking 10 yards off his drive.

"Since this morning, I have been feeling the pinch in my lower back. I just take care of myself. I've had this problem for nearly one and half years now," the 30-year-old said.

"I have lost about 10 yards in my driving and I'm already a short hitter. But if I can putt like today, it's okay. I'm happy as after a long time I had a bogey free round," he added.

Siddikur, not one to focus on the negatives, talked about how pleased he was with his performance, although he reflected on some of the missed opportunities this year.

"It was an awesome round. I've had three top-10s with my injury this year. Unfortunately I missed some cuts in the joint sanctioned events but I'm happy and today I've got a six under."

India's Anirban Lahiri, the defending champion, played a bogey-free round as well but could not make inroads into the top 3, finishing the day joint-fourth with Scott Hend of Australia, Javi Colomo of Spain and Brett Munson of United States with five-under-par.

Siddikur will have a perfect chance in the next round to climb up to the top spot if the leader trips up, and his chances will be further brightened if he plays like he did today.

Crisis talks on Platini

AFP, Nyon

UEFA's crisis talks called to discuss the plight of its suspended president Michel Platini got underway Thursday in Nyon.

The emergency meeting at the Swiss headquarters of European football's ruling body will give Platini a strong indication of the level of support he can count on in his bid to succeed Sepp Blatter as president of FIEA.

The Frenchman was the frontrunner to take control of football's scandal-tainted governing body until last week's 90-day suspension.

Platini is being investigated over a contentious \$2 million (1.8 million euros) payment made to him by Blatter in 2011 for consultancy work performed years earlier.

The former France and Juventus star is not allowed to attend the meeting of the body's 54 member unions.

Thursday's proceedings began with a meeting of UEFA's executive committee with Platini's place at the head of the table assumed by vice-president Angel Maria Villar Llona of Spain.

It is expected to run until 1200GMT and be followed by a full emergency meeting for all UEFA's member federations.

UEFA's secretary general Gianni Infantino is then due to hold a press conference on the outcome of the day's discussions.

Top of UEFA's agenda is "the question of Michel Platini's suspension and the eventual request to postpone FIFA's presidential election", a UEFA source told AFP.

German Football Federation boss Wolfgang Niersbach says the crisis talks will help determine whether or not Platini could maintain his candidature to replace Blatter as FIFA's head in February's elections with the corruption investigation hanging over his head.

He is concerned Platini's situation could drag UEFA into the FIFA corruption scandal.

"We have to avoid that at all costs. We must protect UEFA," he told the Die Zeit newspaper.

The 60-year-old Platini denies any wrongdoing. He describes the charges as "farfical" and is appealing his suspension.

Hours before UEFA's meeting began Prince Ali bin al Hussein, Platini's main rival to succeed Blatter, formally registered his candidature for next year's election to run world football's scandal-hit governing body.

In Zurich, FIFA's acting president Issa Hayatou arrived at the world body's headquarters for his first day in his new job.

"Mr Hayatou arrived this morning at FIFA's headquarters," a spokesperson confirmed.

The 69-year-old Cameroonian's first major task will be to establish the topics for FIFA's own crisis meeting scheduled for Tuesday.

A Swiss bank, Julius Baer, meanwhile announced it was suing newspaper Handelszeitung over an article implicating it in the corruption scandal.

City announce first profits since takeover

AFP, London

Manchester City announced on Wednesday that they had made a profit for the first time since the Premier League club was acquired by Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed in 2008.

City released their annual report for the 2014/15 season which highlighted a £10.7 million profit (\$16.5 million, 14.4 million euros) made by the club over the past year.

"The 2014-15 season marked a historical step in Manchester City's journey," remarked club chief executive Ferran Soriano.

"The financial model and the strategic investment is proven to work. Manchester City is now a profitable, self-sustainable club competing at the highest level in world football," he added.

The Premier league leaders reported record annual revenues of £352 million as well as a seventh straight year of year-on-year growth, while the club trimmed their wage bill to £193.5 million, down from £205 million the previous season.

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