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Mourinho's reign begins with a win

AGENCIES, Manchester

Jose Mourinho's reign in charge of Manchester United got off to the perfect start as his side opened their pre-season campaign with a 2-0 win over Wigan on Saturday.

The Portuguese watched on as new signings Eric Bailly and Henrikh Mkhitaryan made their maiden bows for the Red Devils, while Luke Shaw also got 45 minutes under his belt following his recovery from a broken leg.

United took the lead in fortunate circumstances after Jussi Jaaskelainen scuffed his clearance to Juan Mata, who selflessly teed up Will Keane to open the scoring early in the second half.

And Mourinho's charges soon doubled their lead when Andreas Pereira smashed home a sublime finish from inside the penalty area.

It was a routine success against last season's League One champions for Mourinho's men, who will face sterner tests against Borussia Dortmund and Pep Guardiola's Manchester City over the next 10 days.



Manchester United's new manager Jose Mourinho shouts instructions to his players from the touchline during their pre-season friendly against Wigan Athletic at the DW Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Raonic, Halep pull out

AFP, Paris



Wimbledon runner-up Milos Raonic and women's world number five Simona Halep dealt the Olympics tennis tournament a

double body blow Friday when they pulled out of Rio, citing health fears over the Zika virus.

Raonic, the world number seven from Canada who was defeated by Andy Murray in Sunday's Wimbledon final, said he had taken the decision "with a heavy heart".

Halep, the 2014 French Open runner-up, said she too was concerned over the Zika virus and did not want to damage her hopes of having a family when she retires from playing.

"It is with a heavy heart that I am announcing my withdrawal from participation in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games," the 25-year-old Raonic announced on his Facebook page.

"After much deliberation with my family and coaches, I am making this decision for a variety of health concerns including the uncertainty around the Zika virus.

"This was a difficult, personal choice and I do not wish for it to impact the decision of any other athlete heading to the Games."

Halep, 24, also took to Facebook to announce her withdrawal, just hours after the International Tennis Federation (ITF) had published its final list of confirmed entries for the Olympics which get underway in Rio on August 5.

"I regret to announce that I have

decided I will not compete in the Olympic Games. The reason for my decision is the concern regarding the danger posed by the Zika virus," wrote Halep.

"After several talks with doctors and my family, I concluded that the risks are too high for my career and for my health, especially as a woman.

"Family is much too important for me and I can't risk not being able to have one of my own after my career in tennis is over."

John Isner of the United States,



RAONIC



HALEP

Austria's Dominic Thiem, Australian duo Bernard Tomic and Nick Kyrgios as well as Spanish veteran Feliciano Lopez have all opted, for various reasons, not to take part in the Olympics.

Italy's former French Open champion Francesca Schiavone has turned down the opportunity while former world number ones Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka will also be missing.

Sharapova is serving a doping suspension while Azarenka announced Friday that she is pregnant and won't

compete again in 2016.

Eccentric Latvian player Ernests Gulbis described the Rio event as "tennis tourism" as the Olympics do not offer either prize money or ranking points.

Tennis Canada said it respected Raonic's decision and that it will seek to nominate 43-year-old Daniel Nestor to partner Vasek Pospisil in the men's doubles.

Fears over Zika have already seen the image of the golf event in Rio badly tarnished with the sport's top four players -- Jason Day, Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Dustin Johnson -- all choosing not to play.

Earlier Friday, Spanish superstar Rafael Nadal was included on the tennis entry list after appealing to the ITF.

The 14-time Grand Slam champion had not met the qualifying criteria, which involves a set number of Davis Cup appearances in an Olympic cycle.

World number four Nadal hasn't played since a wrist injury forced him to withdraw from the French Open and also ruled him out of Wimbledon.

Nadal was the gold medalist at the 2008 Beijing Olympics but missed the 2012 London Games because of a knee injury. He is due to carry Spain's flag at the opening ceremony in Rio on August 5.

Reigning champions Andy Murray and Serena Williams will defend their Olympic titles, the ITF had already confirmed.

World number one Novak Djokovic and 17-time major winner Roger Federer are also playing in Brazil.

Chelsea snap up Kante Schippers wins 100m in Monaco

AFP, London



Chelsea on Saturday announced the signing of Leicester City's defensive midfielder N'Golo Kante on a five-year deal to become new boss Antonio Conte's second capture of the summer.

The fee for the French international was about £32 million (38 million euros, \$42 million), British media said, and comes after Chelsea snapped up Belgian striker Michy Batshuayi from Marseille for a similar fee.

"I am so happy to have signed for one of the biggest clubs in Europe. It's a dream

come true for me," the 25-year-old Kante told Chelsea's website.

"The opportunity to work with Antonio Conte, a brilliant coach, and some of the best players in the world was simply too good to turn down."

Kante, signed for Leicester last summer from French club Caen for a bargain £5.6 million, was a revelation breaking down attacks during his maiden season in England as Claudio Ranieri's side became shock Premier League champions.

He was named on the six-man shortlist for the PFA Players' Player of the Year award won by Foxes team-mate Riyad Mahrez - but his displays also brought him to the attention of Europe's biggest clubs.

AFP, Monaco



Dafne Schippers sent out a further broadside to Olympic challengers by storming to victory in the 100m at Monaco's Diamond League meet which went ahead Friday despite the deadly truck attack in neighbouring Nice.

At the Stade Louis II, all festivities outside the sporting arena were cancelled out of respect for at least 84 people killed in Thursday's truck attack in Nice, just 20km away.

Flags flew at half-mast, athletes

wore a square of black cloth pinned to their tops and the meeting started with a minute's silence, with no music played on the stadium tannoy throughout the meet, as is usual.

"Given the circumstances, it's good the meeting has gone ahead," Sebastian Coe, president of world athletics' governing body the IAAF, told AFP.

New Zealand's four-time world and two-time Olympic gold medalist Valerie Adams won the shot put with a best of 20.05m, but was quick to put it into context.

"It's great to be able to show our support to the families of the victims

in our small way," said Adams. "It's a very sad moment. My thoughts and prayers are with them."

On the track, less than a month away from the Rio Olympics, recently-crowned European champion Schippers was the only sprinter to dip under the 11sec mark to win the 100m in 10.94sec, second place going to Jamaica's seven-time Olympic medallist Veronica Campbell-Brown in 11.12.

A high-quality men's 1500m saw a surprise victor in Ronald Kwemai, who trumped favourite and fellow Kenyan Asbel Kiprop, Briton Mo Farah coming in fifth.

In a race featuring five of the 10 fastest over the distance of all time, the early pace was extremely fast, but eased off and it came down to a sprint over the last 80 metres.

Kwemai showed a burst of speed to come through the line in a season's best of 3:30.49, world silver medallist Elijah Manangoi of Kenya taking second and Olympic champion Taoufik Makhloufi third.

Farah, reigning Olympic gold medallist in the 5000m and 10,000m and defending two-time world champion in both events, showed his own finishing skills by nipping past Kiprop at the line.

Pele releases Rio song

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

The Brazilian football legend Pele has released a song celebrating the impending Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, the first Olympics ever in South America.

The hugely popular star turned to social media earlier in the week to tease the Friday release on download sites. He posted a photo of himself with a smiling face before a microphone, saying he was eager to release a song he had written called

"Esperanca," or "Hope." The words of the catchy tune, on which Pele is accompanied by a children's chorus, promise a "Brazilian festival" that will "make the world happy, with joy and emotion."

The Olympics open August 5.

Pele, who is 75 and was married for the third time last weekend, is no stranger to the world of music, having recorded as long ago as 1960. In 2006, he even released an album ("Pele Ginga") in collaboration with the famed Brazilian singer/songwriter Gilberto Gil.

With a dazzling record, including scoring 1,218 goals in 1,363 matches (77 in 91 matches with Brazil's national team), Edson Arantes do Nascimento -- Pele's birth name -- is the only player in history to play on three World Cup-winning teams (1958, 1962 and 1970) and is considered one of the best players of all time.



Barcelona's latest signing, French defender Samuel Umtiti (L), observes a minute's silence for the Nice attack victims during his official presentation at the Nou Camp on Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

Umtiti grieves for Nice victims

AFP, Barcelona



France defender Samuel Umtiti shared his sorrow with the mourning families of the victims of the Nice terror attack as he was officially presented as a Barcelona player on Friday.

"Even if it's a happy day for me, I'm full of sadness," Umtiti said at a press conference, just a day after Thursday's truck attack on the French Riviera city which killed at least 84 people.

"There were a lot of victims, I'm very sad for all the families who were affected by what happened yesterday."

The conference was preceded by a minute's silence at the Camp Nou in honour of the victims, with around 50 more people still fighting for their lives.

Barcelona on Tuesday concluded a deal worth 25 million euros (\$27.7 million) to sign Umtiti from Lyon on a five-year deal.

The 22-year-old said it was a "child-

hood dream" to wear the Barcelona shirt.

"When I knew there was this possibility to come to this great club I had a lot of emotions, I openly shed some tears," he admitted. "It's really a dream to be at this club."

"I knew all the players, the style of play. I know almost everything about this club even if I wasn't around."

Umtiti made his international debut in France's quarter-final victory over Iceland at Euro 2016, retaining his place for the next two games as the hosts lost 1-0 to Portugal in the final.

However, he will face stiff competition for playing time at Barcelona from Gerard Pique, Javier Mascherano and France team-mate Jeremy Mathieu.

"I need this competition, I know it, and here there's a lot more competition," he said.

"I'm ready for that, I'm here to improve at everything and improve with these players who are more experienced than me. But I have lofty ambitions, I don't want to hide, I'm a player, I'm a competitor."

Berdych won't take part in Rio Games

AFP, Prague

World number eight Tomas Berdych said Saturday he was pulling out of the Olympic tournament on concerns over the Zika virus, following a chorus of fellow tennis stars.

"I am very sorry to announce that I will not take part in this year's Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro," the 30-year-old Wimbledon semi-finalist said on Twitter.

"It is because of the Zika virus spread in the country of the Olympics."

"As I have founded a family recently, to limit health risks towards my nearest is the utmost priority."

Barca begin title defence at home

AFP, Madrid

Defending champions Barcelona will start the defence of their La Liga crown at home to Real Betis over the weekend of August 20-21, with Real Madrid visiting Real Sociedad in their opening match.

The Spanish football federation released the fixtures for the 2016-17 season on Friday, with Atletico Madrid hosting promoted Alaves to kick off their campaign.

Barcelona and Real will have to wait until the first weekend of December for the season's first Clasico at the Camp Nou.

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