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DE GEA HOUSE SALE SPARKS PANIC

Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea may finally be transferring to Real Madrid, based on reports emanating from English media. The Spanish keeper has reportedly put his 3.85 million pound home in Greater Manchester up for sale, reigniting rumours that he is headed to the arch-rivals of his boyhood club Atletico Madrid. The news comes on the heels of claims that United manager Jose Mourinho had a falling-out with the 26-year-old, before dropping him in games against Sunderland and Anderlecht. De Gea had been within moments of joining Real Madrid in 2015 with a sensational deadline day transfer on the cards, but the move fell through at the last minute after the paperwork failed to be processed, reportedly due to a fax machine being unplugged. It is also being reported that the transfer fee will be in the region of 60 million euros. —AGENCIES



BAF holds meeting with stakeholders

Seeks advice for revitalising athletics

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh Athletic Federation (BAF) yesterday employed a novel initiative to revitalise the country's athletics, which is virtually on life-support, as they exchanged views with current athletes, coaches, organisers and journalists.

Although a few of the fastest men in the South Asian region have come from here, it is now a distant dream for Bangladesh to win a gold medal in the track and field event in the South Asian Games. The return of only two bronze medals in the SA Games in India was evident of the poor condition in the country, with the last executive committee failing to hold the national championships regularly.

With the aim to change the scenario, the recently-instated ad-hoc committee have already prepared a yearly calendar with the inclusion of zonal meets at the divisional level. The higher-ups have also taken opinions from coaches and athletes.

"We want the training round the year without any interruption and this type of training can be arranged inside and outside the country," opined the country's fastest man, Mezbah Ahmed.

"We hear that a lot of things are being done, but we do not see the implementation of those promises," said Shirin Akter, the fastest woman in the country. "If the federation gave athletes enough time before holding trials, I think we would be

better prepared to show our best."

Coach Abdullah Hel Kafi thanked the federation for the yearly calendar as he would not be able to adequately prepare the athletes before participating in any national meet.

"Most of the athletes don't show their interest to train over the uncertainty of the national championship, but now they will be more interested to train," said BKSP coach Kafi. "The federation should run a talent hunt programme across the country and then provide long-term training with better facilities. If the federation manages sponsors for individual athletes, then it will encourage them to do better at international and national levels."

Bangladesh Army coach Rafiqul Islam suggested improving the standard of coaches, who are one of major architects in developing athletics.

"We need to hold the coaching courses to create new coaches as well as hold coaches' refresher courses so that existing coaches can learn new techniques and methods," said Rafiq, who has been coaching athletes for 23 years.

BAF general secretary advocate Abdur Rokib said that he had noted every points from the meeting and would consider them in discussions with the executive committee.

"For the first time, we are going to provide prize money to medal winners," said Rokib. "You will see our activities within one month, although we have already started our calendar through the Independence Day Marathon."



Rafael Nadal claimed a record-extending 10th Monte Carlo Masters title with a 6-1, 6-3 victory against fellow Spaniard Albert Ramos on Sunday, becoming the first man in the Open era to win the same event 10 times.

PHOTO: REUTERS

QUICK SINGLES

The following are a few samples of stories that did not make the print edition. However, if they pique your interest, you can always read them online on The Daily Star website by simply scanning the QR codes listed below:

Time to recognise climate change threat to cricket

It is time for cricket, one of the world's most widely played games, to start taking the threat posed by global warming seriously.



Ibra suffers 'significant ligament damage'

Zlatan Ibrahimovic's magical season with Manchester United appears over after the club announced he had suffered a serious knee injury in a Europa League clash with Anderlecht.



'Decision to retire from Test cricket is final'

Pakistan legend Younis Khan has moved to clarify comments that he would consider delaying his retirement from Test cricket at the conclusion of the current series against the West Indies.



Nastase kicked out of Fed Cup

Romanian tennis legend Ilie Nastase was sensationally kicked out of the Fed Cup after a foul-mouthed rant compounded his controversial racial slur over Serena Williams's unborn baby.



Gatlin trumps De Grasse

American sprinter Justin Gatlin struck gold when he anchored his team to victory at the IAAF World Relays in Nassau, while double Olympic champion Elaine Thompson shone for Jamaica.



Australian Open venue to get new stadium

A new multi-purpose 5,000-seater stadium is to be built at Melbourne Park as part of efforts aimed at keeping the Australian Open grand slam tennis tournament at its current site.



Nadal clinches a historic 10th

AFP, Monte Carlo



Rafael Nadal won the Monte Carlo Masters for a record-breaking 10th time with a dominant 6-1, 6-3 defeat of Spanish compatriot Albert Ramos-Vinolas on Sunday.

The 30-year-old Nadal, who now has 50 clay court titles and 70 in all, will be aiming for a 10th French Open title as well next month.

It was Nadal's first title in almost a year and further cemented his place in history as he became the first man in the Open era to win the same event 10 times.

He won eight Monte Carlo titles in a row from 2005 to 2012 but then lost to Novak Djokovic in the 2013 final.

He won the title again last year and then added the Barcelona crown a week later, yet had not lifted a trophy since, losing three finals already this year, including January's Australian Open against Roger Federer.

Nadal's 50 clay titles breaks the record he shared with Guillermo Vilas since April last year when he lifted his ninth trophy in Barcelona.

"I cannot explain the feelings that I have," Nadal said.

"I had a tough start to the season. When I first played here in 2003 as a qualifier I reached the

third round.

"Now, a lot of years later, this is something I could have never dreamt. Thanks to life for giving me this opportunity."

The great Spaniard needed just 76 minutes

ROAD TO HISTORY

YEAR	OPPONENT	SCORE
2005	Guillermo Coria	6-3, 6-1, 0-6, 7-5
2006	Roger Federer	6-2, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6
2007	Roger Federer	6-4, 6-4
2008	Roger Federer	7-5, 7-5
2009	Novak Djokovic	6-3, 2-6, 6-1
2010	Fernando Verdasco	6-0, 6-1
2011	David Ferrer	6-4, 7-5
2012	Novak Djokovic	6-3, 6-1
2016	Gael Monfils	7-5, 5-7, 6-0
2017	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	6-1, 6-3

and three match points to see off his compatriot on Sunday.

The left-hander now has 29 Masters titles, one behind the all-time record of 30 held by Novak

Djokovic.

He has now won an ATP event for the 14th consecutive year after losing his first three finals of 2017.

Nadal was hardly challenged by his 29-year-old countryman, who was playing the best tennis of his career after seeing off world number one Andy Murray on his way to the final.

Nadal took victory as Ramos-Vinolas double-faulted.

"What can you say about Nadal," said the losing finalist.

"I never expected anything like this week to happen to me (wins over Andy Murray and Marin Cilic).

"Rafa winning here 10 times is unbelievable, he's the best for sure on clay. For me, I still had a fantastic finish to the week."

Nadal will now move on to his home event in Barcelona next week where he will be eyeing another magical 10th title.

Nadal and Ramos-Vinolas played the fourth all-Spanish championship in the Open Era in Monte Carlo, with Nadal winning the 2010 edition against Fernando Verdasco and beating David Ferrer a year later.

Nadal now stand 3-0 versus Ramos-Vinolas and has never lost to a countryman in an ATP final, now standing 15-0 in that category.

Sanchez caps fightback

AFP, London



Alexis Sanchez earned Arsenal an FA Cup final showdown with Chelsea and gave Arsene Wenger renewed hope of salvaging a troubled campaign as the gritty Gunners fought back to beat Manchester City 2-1 on Sunday.

When Sergio Aguero put City ahead in the second half of a bruising semi-final, Wenger's side were on the verge of another dispiriting defeat in arguably the worst season of the Frenchman's 21-year reign.

But, despite being out-played for long periods, Arsenal summoned a spirit and desire too often missing from their empty-arms this term.

Nacho Monreal's equaliser forced extra-time and Sanchez's predatory finish in the additional period secured a final date with Premier League leaders Chelsea back at Wembley on May 27.

Arsenal's third FA Cup final in the last four years -- they won it in 2014 and 2015 -- gives them a record 20 appearances in the showpiece match of the famous old competition.

Crucially, it presents Wenger with a chance to mute the mounting criticism from supporters who want him to resign. The Gunners' failure to challenge for the Premier League title has been compounded by their slide out of the top four. But those close to Wenger believe he is still leaning towards staying.

With fourth placed City well adrift of leaders Chelsea, boss Pep Guardiola is destined to finish his first season empty-handed.

He now faces the difficult task of lifting his players before a vital derby against Manchester United as the top four battles heats up on Thursday.

Arsenal were often reduced to kicking their opponents out of their rhythm, yet their play still lacked conviction and by the 62nd minute the scoreline finally reflected City's dominance.

When Yaya Toure seized the ball after Aaron Ramsey's mistake deep in City's half, the Ivorian spotted Aguero and sent a long pass towards the striker.

Aguero surged away from Monreal and lifted a deft finish over Cech for his 30th goal this season. If that deft like the knockout blow, Monreal had other ideas and he hauled the Gunners off the canvas in the 71st minute.

Having laboured for so long, Arsenal suddenly sprang to life and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain swung over a superb cross to the far post, where Monreal timed his run perfectly to slot home from close-range for his first Arsenal goal in over two years.

Danny Welbeck couldn't win it for Arsenal with a fine curling strike before extra-time, but Sanchez came to Wenger's rescue with a far more prosaic effort in the 101st minute.

Sanchez has been a problem for Wenger with his mood swings this season and he was well below his best for long periods once again, but he was in the right place at the right time when a goalmouth melee ended with the Chilean beating Gael Clichy to the loose ball and firing in from close-range.

Rooney returns with aplomb

AFP, Burnley



Wayne Rooney and Anthony Martial scored on their returns to the side as Manchester United improved their hopes of a top-four Premier League finish with a 2-0 win at Burnley on Sunday.

The convincing victory -- United made light of the season-ending injury to top-scorer Zlatan Ibrahimovic -- sets up an intriguing Manchester derby visit to City, now just one point above United, on Thursday.

Martial's strike in particular was a perfect response from the French international, whose form had been criticised by boss Jose Mourinho this week, even if it costs his current club £8.3 million in a bonus payment to his former club Monaco.

Martial responded to those recent public criticisms by starting, and finishing, a goal of devastating pace and simplicity after 21 minutes.

Having dispossessed Joey Barton inside his own half, the Frenchman initiated the counter attack with a sprint and pass to Ander Herrera.

The Spanish midfielder returned the favour, picking out the run of Martial perfectly and sliding through a pass for the striker to collect, take a touch and beat Tom Heaton from six yards.

It was the 21-year-old's 25th goal for the Premier League side and activates an incentive clause which means United must pay Monaco that additional 10 million euros.

United's important second goal, after 39 minutes, was far more scrappy but, potentially, vital for the fates of both clubs this season.

Martial was again pivotal as he

gathered a clever pass from Paul Pogba and darted towards goal, producing a shot which Heaton did an unconvincing job of blocking.

The ball broke to Rooney, who responded more quickly than his marker Michael Keane inside the six-yard area and forced the ball over the line off the defender, despite the efforts of Stephen Ward to clear.

It was only Rooney's third league goal of a season that had threatened to end with the club's all-time leading scorer playing only a bit part in proceedings.

But the injury to Ibrahimovic, who damaged his knee ligaments in Thursday's Europa League win over Anderlecht, and Mourinho's desire to rest Marcus Rashford ahead of Thursday's derby brought him and Martial recalls.

The pair combined early, with the help of Herrera, for a promising Rooney shot

which was well blocked by Ben Mee.

A powerful Marouane Fellaini header from a corner was held by Heaton on his line and Rooney side-footed a shot just over from a Jesse Lingard pass.

Burnley, searching for a much-needed victory in their bid to remove lingering fears of relegation, offered little first half threat with Mee's wayward header, from Robbie Brady's corner, their only real threat.

Burnley's sloppy performance continued in the second half with too many unforced errors and misplaced passes preventing them finding a quick way back into the contest.

Indeed, it took Heaton to keep his team even vaguely in contention as he scurried to his left and kept out a low shot from Pogba which seemed to be destined for the corner.



Wayne Rooney made an impact upon his return, scoring Manchester United's second goal against Burnley in their Premier League encounter at Turf Moor yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Kolkata pull off stunning heist

STAR SPORT DESK

Kolkata Knight Riders pulled off an incredible victory, defeating Royal Challengers Bangalore by 82 runs after posting a meagre 131.

Bangalore collapsed in stunning fashion at a hostile Eden Gardens as they were bundled out for just 49, with Nathan Coulter-Nile, Chris Woakes and Colin de Grandhomme picking up three wickets each.

The rot in Bangalore's star-studded batting line-up began with captain Virat Kohli, who was dismissed for a golden duck off the third ball of the innings. West Indies firebrand Chris Gayle consumed 17 balls and made just seven before being sent back, while South Africa virtuoso AB de Villiers made eight off six.

Incredibly, none of Bangalore's batsmen reached double digits. Kedhar Jadhav's 9 was the highest score of the day.

Earlier, player-of-the-match Sunil Narine scored a 17-ball 34, featuring six fours and six to give Kolkata an aggressive start before it all petered out.

In the day's earlier game, Hashim Amla made a sublime half-century as Kings XI Punjab defeated Gujarat Lions by 26 runs in an Indian Premier League match, on Sunday.

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