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TWO OWENS GOLDS TO BE AUCTIONED

Two of the four gold medals won by US athletics legend Jesse Owens at the 1936 Berlin Olympics will go under the hammer in August, the auction house said. Owens captured the 100 and 200 meters and long jump and helped the US 4x100 relay claim gold as Nazi Germany leader Adolf Hitler watched. According to Intelligent Collector, a magazine and website affiliated with Heritage Auctions, Owens gave one of his gold medals to entertainer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson and the medal was sold at auction in 2013 for \$1,466,574, a record sum for any Olympic item. But, the report said, Owens used his three other Olympic golds as payment for staying in a Pittsburgh hotel in the mid-1950s and the hotel owner later gave them to a handyman as repayment for previously lent money.



—AFP

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:

Totti to retire at end of season

Roma club icon Francesco Totti will retire at the end of the season when the 40-year-old's contract expires, new sports director Monchi said on Wednesday.

Current crop best so far: Shakib

Bangladesh's recently-appointed T20 International skipper and ace all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan rated the current cricketing side as the best of all time.

Sepp Blatter did not speak to US investigators

Former FIFA president Sepp Blatter has not spoken to United States prosecutors in Switzerland, his US-based lawyer told Reuters on Tuesday.

Wimbledon ramps up prize money

Wimbledon singles champions will cash cheques for £2.2 million (\$2.8 million, 2.6 million euros) this year, the All England Club said on Wednesday.

Maradona will visit Kolkata in September

Argentina's football wizard Diego Maradona will visit Kolkata on September 18-19 this year, about a month ahead of the FIFA Under-17 World Cup Final in that city.

Muntari banned after racism complaint

Pescara midfielder Sulley Muntari has been banned for one game after he walked off the pitch at Cagliari on Sunday, having been booked for complaining to the referee about racist abuse in the crowd.



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (C) is about to score the second goal against Atletico Madrid during their Champions League semifinal first leg encounter at the Bernabeu on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

'Goalscoring makes Ronaldo unique'

AFP, Madrid



Cristiano Ronaldo is human after all, or so he claims, despite sealing another "special" Champions League night with a hat-trick to put Real Madrid on the verge of the final once more. Ronaldo's treble sealed a commanding 3-0 semifinal, first leg lead over Atletico Madrid and extended his advantage as the top scorer of all-time between the two sides with 21 in Madrid derbies.

"With a combination of dedication and hard work, things come naturally," said Ronaldo on Wednesday.

"I am happy, lucky and human." Ronaldo's second hat-trick of the season against Atletico took his tally a stunning eight Champions League goals in his last three outings having hit five as Real saw off Bayern Munich 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

"It was a game full of emotions. The team was phenomenal and to score three goals made it a special night," he added.

The front pages of Madrid sports dailies Marca and AS agreed.

"A colossal Cristiano KOs Atletico with three goals," said Marca. "Real Madrid played great, but it was he who applied the finishing touch three times over," read AS' editorial.

Contrary to previous years, Ronaldo, 32, is in the best form of the campaign at the business end of the season having been consistently rested against weaker opposition by coach Zinedine Zidane to reserve his best for the big occasion.

"I don't know whether it's all down to him being rested," said Zidane.

"Goalscoring is something he has over others, that is what makes him unique."

Ronaldo has now scored three more Champions League goals than Atletico have in their history with 103.

That stat sums up the difference in European pedigree between Madrid's two major clubs.

For all the great work done to revive a sleeping giant in Atletico by Diego Simeone over the past five-and-a-half years, ending their hex against Real in the Champions League continues to allude them.

The past three seasons have seen Atletico fall by the narrowest of margins due to late goals and via a penalty shootout in last year's final.

Most worryingly for Simeone, this was not the same hard luck story.

"A disappointing Atletico didn't wake up from their nightmare of the past few years," concluded Marca.

Atletico do have one final, unlikely shot at redemption in next Wednesday's second leg (May 10).

Despite their disappointment and despair, a special atmosphere is assured as it will be their final European game after 50 years at the Vicente Calderon.

"It seems impossible, but it is football and football has these unexpected things that make it marvellous," said Simeone.

"Until the last drip of hope is gone, we will give it everything we have."

"Being Atletico Madrid we might just be capable of it."

It is more likely being Atletico will mean missing out to Real once more.

Anything but a miracle will leave Atletico headed for what could be a turbulent summer on and off the field.

Doubts remain over whether their new 67,000 Wanda Metropolitano stadium will be ready in time for the start of next season as planned.

As things stand, Simeone can't strengthen his squad due to one-year transfer ban.

And they risk losing their prized asset with a host of clubs, including Real and Manchester United willing to meet Antoine Griezmann's 100 million euro (\$109 million) buyout clause.

Tripathi powers RPS past KKR

STAR SPORT DESK

Rahul Tripathi scored 93 off just 52 balls as Rising Pune Supergiant eased to a four-wicket victory over Kolkata Knight Riders in their Indian Premier League encounter at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata last night.

The 26-year-old opener smacked seven sixes and nine fours in his whirlwind knock to guide the visitors home with four balls to spare as the Steven Smith-led side crept up to the third position on the table, with Kolkata Knight Riders staying in second.

It was an almost a one-man show during Pune's chase as the second highest score of the innings was only 14, coming from the bat of Ben Stokes.

Despite a three-wicket haul from Kolkata's Chris Woakes, there was hardly any respite for the bowlers from the onslaught of Tripathi, who eventually got out with his side assured of victory.

SCORES IN BRIEF
KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 155 for 8 (Pandey 37, Pathan 36, Grandhomme 30 not out; Sundar 2-18)

RISING PUNE SUPERGIANT: 158 for 6 in 19.2 overs (Tripathi 93, Stokes 14; Woakes 3-18)
Result: RPS won by four wickets
Player-of-the-match: Rahul Tripathi

Windies scrape ahead

AFP, Bridgetown



West Indies lost two more wickets as they worked themselves into the lead at 112 for three at lunch on the fourth day of the second Test against Pakistan at Kensington Oval in Barbados on Wednesday.

Trailing on first innings by 81 runs, the home side will continue in the afternoon session ahead by 31 runs with the pair of Shai Hope and Roston Chase at the crease.

Pakistan struck an early blow after the West Indies resumed at 40 for one when Mohammad Amir bowled Shimron Hetmyer before the left-hander could add to his overnight score of 22.

However Kraigg Brathwaite continued to bat resolutely in partnership with new batsman Hope, the pair putting on 56 for the third wicket despite the varying challenges posed by the tourists' combination of pace

and wrist-spin.

It was the more experienced of the two leg-spinners, Yasir Shah, who provided the breakthrough when he removed the obdurate Brathwaite for 43.

Bowling round the wicket and seeking to exploit the rough areas outside the right-hander's leg-stump, Shah managed to get a delivery to bounce and turn sharply to take the shoulder of the bat for Younis Khan to pull in his fourth catch of the match diving to his right at slip.

Fresh from a century in the first innings, Chase started confidently alongside Hope, who reached the interval on 25 with his fellow Barbadian on 12.

SCORES IN BRIEF
WEST INDIES: First innings 312
PAKISTAN: First innings 393 (Azhar 105, Shehzad 70, Misbah 99; Gabriel 4-81, Holder 3-42)
WEST INDIES: Second innings 112 for 3 (Brathwaite 43, Hope 25 not out; Amir 1-27)



Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba (C) attends a training session at the club's training complex in Carrington yesterday ahead of their Europa League semifinal against Celta Vigo.

PHOTO: AFP

U-18 NATIONAL FOOTBALL

BKSP, Dhaka fight for title today

SPORTS REPORTER



The curtain on the Walton U-18 National Football Championship falls today at the Bangabandhu National Stadium with favourites BKSP fighting against Dhaka for the title.

With the youth football tournament being held for the first time since 2007, the group stages hardly unearthed many promising footballers. But the final round was entertaining as the eight teams showed their true potential and footballers like Fahim and Rakib of BKSP, Bokkor of Sylhet and Shahriar of Dhaka showed their brilliance.

BKSP are tipped favourites to clinch the title even though they started the final round with a 1-1 draw against Rangpur before coming back strongly to beat Dhaka and Rajshahi 5-2 and finally crossing the hurdle of Sylhet in semifinals.

Dhaka, who confirmed their semifinal berth with two wins and a loss, finishing second behind BKSP in the group, were however brilliant in the semifinal against Chittagong and they will be looking forward to displaying another brilliant performance today.

"BKSP are favourites as they train round-the-year but we will surely not let go without a fight and we will battle till the last minute to win the title," Dhaka coach Abul Hossain said at a pre-match press conference yesterday.

"I have seen the matches of Dhaka, who are a strong side, and it is going to be a tough match. I believe if my boys can play their normal game, we can win the title" hoped BKSP coach Poritosh Dewan.

Sharapova made to wait

AFP, London



Wimbledon chiefs will wait until June 20, just days ahead of the qualifying event, before deciding whether to give a wildcard to former champion Maria Sharapova as she steps up her return from a doping ban.

The Russian, who won Wimbledon in 2004, made her return to competitive tennis at the Stuttgart Open last week following a positive test for meldonium at the 2016 Australian Open.

She admitted taking the drug, but said her only mistake was not realising the substance had been added to the banned list at the start of 2016.

Sharapova was handed a two-year suspension, which was reduced to 15 months on appeal, and she was a wildcard entry in Stuttgart, an event backed by one of her major sponsors Porsche.

The 30-year-old won three matches in Stuttgart before losing in the semi-finals and this week re-entered the WTA rankings at a lowly 262.

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