

HAMOU BANNED IN KISS SCANDAL

A French tennis player who tried to kiss a television reporter against her will during a live broadcast at Roland Garros was banished from the tournament on Tuesday for his "repulsive behaviour". Maxime Hamou, 21, grabbed Eurosport journalist Holly Thomas around the neck and shoulder while she interviewed him following his first round defeat on Monday. "It was frankly unpleasant. If it had been live on air, I would have punched him," Thomas told the French edition of the Huffington Post. Hamou, the world number 287, was subsequently banned from the Roland Garros site by organisers. "The tournament directors have decided to cancel the accreditation of Maxime Hamou following his reprehensible behaviour with a journalist on Monday," said a Roland Garros statement. A Eurosport spokesman told AFP that Hamou's actions were "highly inappropriate".



Emeka Darlington (2nd from R) is the toast of his teammates as his early strike gave Abahani a 1-0 first half lead against Mohun Bagan in their last match of the AFC Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The visitors, however, equalised eight minutes from time as the game ended 1-1.

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.

Mahrez says wants to leave Leicester
Leicester City's Algeria forward Riyad Mahrez announces he wants to leave the 2016 Premier League champions, according to a statement reported by British media.

Japan's Antlers FC coach who riles Ronaldo
Japan's Kashima Antlers sack manager Masataka Ishii five months after he steered them to the Club World Cup final, officials say. **Mijatovic remembers goal that restored Real's Euro reign**
As Real Madrid and Juventus prepare to lock horns once more in a Champions League final, memories of their first final meeting for 19 years ago come flooding back for one of Madrid's unlikely heroes. **Ishinbayeva quits as Russian anti-doping board chief**
Pole vault star Yelena Ishinbayeva quits as head of the supervisory council at Russia's anti-doping agency, a step demanded by international officials as Moscow seeks to get its suspension lifted.

Wasteful Abahani held by Mohun Bagan

SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani and Mohun Bagan shared the spoils of a 1-1 draw in their last match of the AFC Cup as the Bangladesh Premier League champions surrendered an early lead in a rain-interrupted encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Emeka Darlington put Abahani ahead in the ninth minute with a spectacular side-volley before Katsumi Yusu leveled the margin from a spot-kick eight minutes from time, denying the Sky Blues an opportunity to exact revenge for their 1-3 away defeat against the Indian outfit.

Abahani finished their maiden AFC Cup campaign on the bottom of the four-team table with four points while Mohun Bagan finished third with seven points.

The match was halted for nearly an hour following heavy downpour and lightning that forced the referee to take the players off the pitch after only four minutes into the game.

As the game resumed, the hosts looked irresistible in the early stage of the match with Emeka, Jonathan David, Nabih Neovajjibon, Sohel Rana and Mamun Mia playing superbly. Abahani opted for a long-ball tactic on the water-logged pitch, with centre-forward Emeka exposing the Mohun Bagan defence time and again.

Even though Emeka squandered an opportunity by floating the ball over the crossbar from inside the box in the sixth minute, the Nigerian made amends by scoring three minutes later. Mamun Mia whipped in a neat cross from the right flank, which Emeka volleyed home, giving Mohun Bagan

goalkeeper Paul Shilton no time to react.

The Red and Maroons looked helpless negotiating Abahani's attacks and defender Raju Gaikwad brought down Emeka inside the danger zone in the 11th minute, but Welsh midfielder David wasted the spot-kick by driving wide off target.

Emeka came close to doubling the lead in the 28th minute but his drive from the edge of the box went wide before goalkeeper Shahidul Alam Sohail brilliantly denied Mohun Bagan's Jeje Lalrindjaka on the half-hour mark. With Mamun and Jibon unsettling the Mohun Bagan backline frequently, Emeka was provided with another chance, but his left-footer was brilliantly parried away. Shilton in the 35th minute. Mohun Bagan forward Darryl Duffly threatened to level the margin with a curling shot that went inches over the crosspiece two minutes before the break.

The visitors regrouped after restart but Abahani shrugged off the pressure and came close to doubling the lead again in the 64th minute, this time Emeka's goal-bound header was cleared off the line by defender Bikramjit Singh.

David frustrated the Sky Blues faithful yet again by floating the ball over the crosspiece in the 72nd minute before Mohun Bagan struck ten minutes later.

A Japanese striker and captain Yusu converted a spot-kick after the referee pointed to the spot for a foul inside the Abahani box as the visitors completed their AFC Cup campaign with the solace of not losing against their cross-border rivals.

Wenger signs new deal

AFP, London

Long-serving Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has signed a new two-year contract, the club announced on Wednesday, ending months of speculation about his future.

Wenger has presided over a gruelling season, which saw his team fail to qualify for the Champions League, but masterminded a stunning FA Cup final win over Chelsea last weekend.

The 67-year-old Frenchman's new deal is believed to have been rubber-stamped during a board meeting on Tuesday.

"I love this club and I am looking forward to the future with optimism and excitement. We are looking at what we do well and how we can be stronger everywhere," Wenger told Arsenal's website. "This is a strong group of players and with some additions we can be even more successful."

Arsenal said Wenger and chief executive Ivan Gazidis had conducted "a full review of our on and off-the-pitch activities" to identify areas for improvement in view of a title challenge.

Zia held by Debashis

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman drew against Indian GM Debashis Das in the seventh round of the KIT International Chess Festival in Bhubaneswar, India yesterday to share the lead along with four other players. Zia has six points from seven matches.

GM Reefat Bin Sattar lost against India's Navinagund Niranjan to stay at third position along with 18 other players with five points each while FM Mohammad Fahad Rahman and FM Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon earned four and 3.5 points respectively.

U-16 women to go to Osaka again

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh under-16 women's football team will travel to J-Foot Sakai Academy in Japan this month as part of preparation for September's AFC U-16 Women's Championship to be held in Thailand.

The Bangladesh team had previously visited the same academy in January. February this year to play in the J-Green Sakai Lady's Football Festival. During that tour they played seven matches against different teams including Thailand U-16 women's team. This time they are expected to play three warm-up matches even though the opponents have not been finalised yet.

The Bangladesh team had also visited China and Singapore as part of their preparation in the mean while.

MU Europe's most valuable club

AFP, London

Manchester United have been rated as Europe's most valuable club by a new report into the financial muscle of the continent's top teams.

The report by professional services firm KPMG looked at the finances of 39 clubs based on their popularity on social media channels, revenues for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons, and success in European competitions.

The clubs were then ranked by enterprise value, an accounting measure used to assess how much it would cost to buy any given club or company as its included a business's total debt, with KPMG using its own formula to reach these valuations.

United's value surged clear of Real Madrid and Barcelona last year.

Ord arriving on Sunday

SPORTS REPORTER



British-born Australian Andrew Ord expected to arrive in Bangladesh on Sunday to put pen on paper as the head coach of the Bangladesh national football team, who are ranked 193rd in the FIFA rankings.

UEFA A licensed coach Ord, who last worked as the assistant coach of Australian League outfit Perth Glory after having served as assistant coach for Thai outfits - BEC Tero Sasana and Muang Thong United - will be the ninth foreign coach for the national team in nine years.

Ord has also reportedly worked as a scouting coach for the Australian national team during the Soccerex 2018 World Cup qualifying campaign.

"Ord is scheduled to land here on Sunday night. We hope to complete a one-year deal with him by 7 or 8," said Bangladesh Football Federation's general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag.

The BFF was supposed to settle down the terms and conditions of the contract by yesterday but the agent, who helped hope Ord in, is yet to respond about the terms and conditions of the game's governing body had sent to the coach.

If the contract is signed, it has been learnt that there will be a clause that neither party can null it within the first six months. The 37-year-old coach is expected to get US\$ 12,000 as salary per months, it has also been learnt.

Nadal, Djokovic march on Reigning champion Muguruzza survives a scare

AFP, Paris



French Open title rivals Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic stormed into the last 32 on Wednesday, with women's defending champion Garbine Muguruzza survived a second-round scare.

Nadal outlasted Dutchman Robin Haase 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 in one hour and 49 minutes on Court Philippe Chatrier to continue his quest for an incredible 10th Roland Garros triumph. The Spaniard will face Nikoloz Basilashvili for

Renzo Olivo in his opening match. Reigning champion Muguruzza survived another tough examination from 53rd-ranked Anett Kontaveit, who beat the Spaniard in Stuttgart last month.

Muguruzza has endured a difficult 2017 and again found herself in trouble after falling a set and a break behind against the Estonian.

But the fourth seed recovered to claw out a 6-7 (4/7), 6-4, 6-2 win and book a third-round clash with Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan. American qualifier Bethanie Mattek-Sands



Spain's Garbine Muguruzza celebrates her hard-fought victory against Estonia's Anett Kontaveit during their French Open second round match at the Roland Garros in Paris yesterday.

a place in round four after the Georgian matched his best ever start at a Grand Slam.

Defending champion Djokovic battered Portugal's Joao Sousa 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 to make it four wins in as many meetings with the world number 59.

The second seed plays Argentina's Diego Schwartzman for a place in the last 16.

Sixth seed Dominic Thiem charged into round three with a routine win over Simone Bolelli, sweeping an Italian aside 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.

The Austrian, who is the only player to defeat Nadal on clay this season, will meet American 25th seed Steve Johnson next as he looks to build on last year's run to the semi-finals.

Grigor Dimitrov and David Goffin sailed through, but French hopes suffered a blow as 12th seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga crashed out on

hated Petra Kovitova's comeback, defeating the popular Czech 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/5) in her first tournament since a horrifying knife attack in December.

Venus Williams shook off a slow start to ease into the third round with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Japan's Kurumi Nara.

Williams, the 2002 runner-up who turns 37 next month, will play Belgium's Elise Mertens in the third round.

Caroline Wozniacki dished out a chastening 6-0, 6-6 thrashing to Canadian qualifier Francoise Abanda in just 52 minutes.

The 20-year-old blamed the exertions of coming through three qualifying rounds in order to reach the main draw.

22nd BERGER YOUNG PAINTERS ART COMPETITION 2017

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ছবি পাঠানোর ঠিকানা: পল কমিউনিকেশন্স প্রাইভেট লিমিটেড, বাড়ি-৩০ (চিত্রভাঙ্গা), সেক্টর-২৭, ব্লক-৫৫ বারী, ঢাকা -১২১০, ফোন: ০২৯৩১-০৯০০২০, ০২৯৩১-৮৬৩০০২

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