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Badal Roy taken to Singapore

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Legendary footballer Badal Roy, who suffered a brain haemorrhage on Monday night, has been flown out to Singapore on an air ambulance yesterday afternoon. Roy, also the vice president of the Bangladesh Football Federation and the Bangladesh Olympic Association, has been admitted to the Glenageary Hospital and Medical Centre and he will be under the supervision of Timothy Lee, informed Hanurur Rashid, Abshani director of sports and youth secretary of Awami League. Rashid informed that the former star footballer was accompanied by his wife and that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has made all the arrangements to ensure the best treatment for him.

The left side of Roy's body has been paralysed, but his condition is stable, it has been learnt.

"Before the departure, Roy went through a CT scan, which revealed no further damage in his brain and his condition didn't worsen after Tuesday," said Hanurur.

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Bangladesh national football team's new head coach drew Ord said he is not a wizard and he doesn't have any magic wand to change things immediately yet he wants to bring Bangladesh football out of the gloom by finding out promising young players.

The British-born Australian was officially unveiled before the media as the new coach for a one-year term, which should see him guide the side in two important competitions - the Rangabandhu Gold Cup in December and the SAFF Championship next year.

The 37-year-old, who has already started working with the preliminary squad of the U-23 team yesterday morning, will have his first assignment in the AFC U-23 Championship Qualifiers next month.

It is the first time that Ord will guide a national team as his coaching career has thus far been associated with clubs in Thailand, Myanmar and Australia even though he has reportedly worked with the Australian national team as its opposition scout.

"The job is same. You have got

'Working hard is the only way up'

Andrew Ord says after signing one-year contract



Andrew Ord (2nd from R) is presented with the national team jersey by BFF president Kazi Salahuddin (2nd from L) and vice president Kazi Nabil Ahmed (R) during the new coach's official unveiling at the BFF House yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

to coach the team, to assist the players. The way Bangladesh play is not like the way England or USA or Brazil play. You have got to create your own identity and own style. We want to play the style the players feel to comfort with," Ord said during his official presentation at the BFF House.

"Working hard in the training

ground is the only way. I am not a wizard and I don't have a magic wand. I can't make things happen out of nothing. We need to find good players, we need to work with them, give them some confidence and belief and get them enjoying the game again," added Ord.

Ord believes Bangladesh

should not be 193 in FIFA Ranking as Bangladesh has to be 23 good footballers.

"I'm sure we will climb up the rankings because no way we should be 193rd in the world. I saw the game last night [Federation Cup final], there were some good players. We want to improve and help the country climb out of

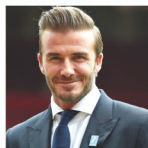
this position," opined Ord.

National Teams Committee chairman and BFF vice president Kazi Nabil Ahmed explained the reason behind appointing a coach who has no prior experience at the dug-out of a national team. "We wanted a European coach who has experience of working in Asia. We had CVs of coaches from Italy and Spain too. As he was an opposition scout for Australian national team, Ord knows how the other teams of Asia play football. Besides, he had worked with clubs in Thailand and Myanmar, so we thought he is good for Bangladesh," said Nabil.

BFF president Kazi Salahuddin, however, urged the footballers play with more dedication.

"It is about time Bangladesh footballers took charge of their own future as we can only provide them with facilities and coaches but we can't play them on the pitch. Apart from end of the day, it is the game for the players and coach, so I will request the footballers to take their job very seriously," said Salahuddin.

BFF vice president Tabitha Awal, general secretary Abu Sayem Shohag and member Sayyid Dan Rupu were, among others, present at the press conference.



—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:

'Tamin let down by teammates'

Former Bangladesh batsman and ambassador for the ICC Champions Trophy 2017 Habibul Bashar feels that Tamin Iqbal was let down by his teammates in the match against Australia.

Modric to testify at key Croatia corruption trial

Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric will appear as a witness next week at a multi-million-euro corruption trial involving former top Dinamo Zagreb officials.

Rashford determined to show Manchester unity

Manchester United youngster Marcus Rashford says his recent hospital visit to see victims of the Manchester terror attack was motivated by a desire to show the city remains united.



- Novak Djokovic was only bagged (losing a set without winning a single game) in the final set once before in 1984 career matches, against Kei Nishikori in Basel, 2011.
- In Grand Slams, the only other time the 12-time Major winner suffered a 6-0 set defeat was against Gael Monfils in the 2005 US Open, but Djokovic came back to win that match.
- Dominic Thiem will next face nine-time French Open champion and 'King of Clay' Rafael Nadal in the semifinal, and the Austrian is the only player to beat Nadal on clay this season.
- Thiem had won only one set in five matches against Djokovic leading into Wednesday's match.



Austria's Dominic Thiem celebrates his stunning victory against a defeated Novak Djokovic of Serbia (INSET) during their French Open quarterfinal in Paris yesterday.

PHOTOS: AFP

Halep pulls off a great escape

AFP, Paris

Simona Halep produced an incredible escape act to reach the French Open semifinals on Wednesday, while Karolina Pliskova ended the run of the lone remaining home hope Caroline Garcia.

Romanian third seed Halep saved a match point as she trailed Elena Svitolina 6-3, 5-1 before launching a sensational comeback to stun the Ukrainian in three sets.

Five sets Svitolina twice served for the match at 5-2 and 5-4 in the second set and then had match point at 6/5 in the tie-break.

But she failed to put away Halep and the 2014 Roland Garros runner-up powered through the decider in just 20 minutes to complete a remarkable 3-6, 7-6 (8/6), 6-0 victory.

"I don't know how I came back. It was really tough. She was playing hard and strong. I was a little bit lucky, I can say," said Halep, who grabbed the second set on a fortuitous net cord winner.

"I think I was strong mentally. I didn't give up. That's maybe why I won this match."

Svitolina, 22, had looked well-set to become the first Ukrainian woman to make a Grand Slam semifinal.

She allowed Halep just four winners in the first set and coasted to within sight of the last four, but the Romanian ran away with the set, the 13 games to average her loss in the Rome final.

"I let her back into the game a little bit,"

admitted Svitolina, who will rise to a career-high of fifth next week despite the defeat.

"I don't really need to talk about this match as bad experience.

"I'm sad today but tomorrow is another day and life continues, there's nothing I can do."

Svitolina, who had been two points from defeat in the fourth round against Petra Martic, finished the quarterfinal with 45 unforced errors.

Halep will meet second seed Pliskova for a place in Saturday's final after the second defeated Garcia 7-6 (7/3), 6-4.

Pliskova, 25, will replace Angelique Kerber as the new world number one if she makes the final, while Halep would rise to the top of the rankings should she claim the title in Paris.

The Czech edged a marathon 77-minute first set against 28th seed Garcia in a tie-break, having failed to convert an earlier set point at 5-3.

Last year's US Open final ended broke the Frenchwoman as she served to stay in the match to clinch just her second appearance in the last four at a Grand Slam.

"It was very tough. She played very well, we were both serving well. She played a great tournament, even today. It was 50-50, it came down to about two points. I'm really glad I made it," said Pliskova.

Last year's US Open finalist entered Roland Garros with just two wins in five previous visits.

Kimmich rescues Germany

AFP, Bundesliga

Bayern Munich right-back Joshua Kimmich earned Germany a come-from-behind 1-1 draw against Denmark on Tuesday in a warm-up for a World Cup qualifier and Confederations Cup campaign.

Germany coach Joachim Loew opted to reach a clutch of stars including goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, Mats Hummels and Jerome Boateng in defence, Toni Kroos in midfield and Thomas Mueller in attack.

And a lacklustre Germany were trailing for much of the game after Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Christian Eriksen put the hosts into a 19th minute lead.

Kimmich spoilt the Danes' night with the equaliser two minutes from time.

Germany have a 2018 World Cup qualifier date with minnows San Marino in Nuremberg on Saturday before the Confederations Cup begins in Russia on June 17.

Thiem stuns Djokovic

Wawrinka-Murray, Nadal-Thiem in semis



Defending champion Novak Djokovic crashed out of the French Open on Wednesday, sparking fresh fears over his appetite for the sport he once dominated as Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray made the semi-finals.

World number two Djokovic slumped to a stunning 7-6 (7/5), 6-3, 6-0 quarter-final loss to Dominic Thiem for his earliest exit in Paris in seven years.

Nadal, chasing a 10th Roland Garros title, will face 23-year-old Thiem after making the last four without breaking sweat.

But he was 6-2, 2-0 up on Pablo Carreno Busta when his Spanish compatriot quit with an abdominal injury.

Friday's other semi-final will pitted world number one Murray, the runner-up to Djokovic in 2016, against 2015 champion Stan Wawrinka.

Murray made the semi-finals for the fifth time with a 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7/0), 6-1 win over Japanese eighth seed Kei Nishikori.

Wawrinka became the oldest French Open semi-finalist in 32 years when he brushed aside Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

Djokovic, who had brought in Andre Agassi as coach in an effort to boost his flagging career, hinted he may step back from the sport to regroup even with Wimbledon fast approaching.

"Trust me, I'm thinking about many things, especially in the last couple months," he said.

"At the same time, I have responsibility to the game itself, towards others. We'll see. Obviously it's not an easy decision to make, but I will see how I feel after Roland Garros and then decide what to do next."

Wednesday's defeat to Thiem was Djokovic's first straight-sets loss at a major in four years and comes just 12 months after he completed the career Grand Slam in Paris.

He then also held all four majors and became the first man to break the \$100 million prize money barrier.

Wednesday saw him suffer a first 6-0 'bagel' at a Slam since the 2005 US Open when he defeated world number one in six sets.

"All the top players go through this. It's a big challenge but I am up for it," said Djokovic who was also runner-up

in Paris in 2012, 2014 and 2015.

Thiem had lost to the Serb in the semi-finals last year and took just one game in a straight-sets loss in Rome in May.

"It's going to be the toughest match you can imagine," admitted the 23-year-old when talking about the semi-final against Nadal.

Fourth seed Nadal recorded his 100th best-of-five-sets victory on clay - from just 102 matches.

Murray advanced to his fourth straight semi-final in Paris, defeating Nishikori to avenge his loss to the Japanese star at the US Open last year.

The Scot set up a semi-final rematch with third seed Wawrinka after beating the Swiss in four sets at the same stage a year ago.

"He's played fantastic this tournament so far," Murray said of the 32-year-old, the oldest Roland Garros semi-finalist since Jimmy Connors in 1985.

Like Nadal and Thiem, Wawrinka has not lost a set on his way to a third successive semi-final at Roland Garros.

"It was perfect today. I'm very satisfied," said reigning US Open champion Wawrinka after a 12th win in 14 meetings with Cilic.



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