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Wimbledon

Men's Round-1

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PIG PEPS UP MURRAY

Andy Murray found a new fan yesterday as he prepared to start the defence of his Wimbledon title -- cartoon phenomenon Peppa Pig. The world number one and top seed namechecked the popular children's character after losing in the first round at Queen's Club last month, saying defeat gave him more time to watch the show with his 17-month-old daughter Sophia. On Monday, Murray received a 'good luck' message from Peppa Pig. "Hello Andy Murray, have you had a good day?," Peppa said in a video message. "Do you like jumping in muddy puddles? If you jump in muddy puddles, you must wear your boots because you wouldn't want to get your tennis trainers muddy. Andy Murray -- Daddy Pig, Mummy Pig, George and I wish you the best of luck at Wimbledon. Lots of love, Peppa Pig."

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Rafael Nadal triumphantly walks off the court after cruising to victory against John Millman in their Wimbledon first round encounter yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Nadal, Murray breeze thru

AFP, London

Defending men's champion Murray celebrated the news that he's about to become a father again by reaching the second round while world number two and two-time champion Nadal secured his 850th career victory with a 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 demolition of Australia's John Millman.

The top seed and world number one downed Kazakh lucky loser Alexander Bublik 6-1, 6-4, 6-2, showing little sign of the hip problem which plagued him.

Murray next faces Dustin Brown, the man who knocked out Rafael Nadal two years ago.

Meanwhile, fresh from winning his 10th French Open title, Nadal is just the seventh player to reach the 850-win mark, joining Roger Federer, Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl, John McEnroe, Andre Agassi and Guillermo Vilas.

Nadal, seeded to face Murray in the semi-finals, will play Donald Young for a place in the last 32.

"I haven't had many matches on grass for the last few years, but I had some positive feelings," said Nadal who missed last year's tournament with a wrist injury.

Nick Kyrgios, who beat Nadal at Wimbledon in 2014, won't get another opportunity to repeat that shock.

The combustible 20th seeded Australian was 6-3, 6-4 down to France's Pierre-Hugues Herbert when he called it quits on Court Three after failing to shake off the hip injury which has plagued him in recent weeks.

Kei Nishikori, the Japanese ninth seed, beat Italy's Marco Cecchinato 6-2, 6-2, 6-0 in just 72 minutes.

Women's second seed Simona Halep, blasted off court in the French Open final by Jelena Ostapenko, downed New Zealand qualifier Marina Erakovic 6-4, 6-1.

Halep, a Wimbledon semi-finalist in 2014, next faces Brazil's Beatriz Haddad Maria.

Petra Kvitova downed Sweden's Johanna Larsson 6-3, 6-4.

Kvitova was playing just her eighth match since suffering a potentially career-ending hand injury fighting off a knife-wielding burglar at her home in December.

Former world number one Victoria Azarenka starts against Catherine Bellis of the United States and will be playing her first Grand Slam since taking time off after last year's French Open to have her first child Leo in December.

French Open winner Ostapenko, the 2014 Wimbledon junior champion, takes on Aliaksandra Sasnovich of Belarus.

Venus Williams marked her 20th Wimbledon anniversary with a 7-6 (9/7), 6-4 win against Belgium's Elise Mertens.

Bremen release Pizarro

AFP, Berlin

Veteran Peruvian striker Claudio Pizarro has been released by Werder Bremen, the German Bundesliga side have confirmed.

The 38-year-old made his debut in the German top flight 18 years ago and has had three separate spells at Werder and two stints at Bayern.

"Due to the big competition in attack and the young talent we have, whose development we don't want to hinder, we decided to not extend Claudio's contract," said Werder sporting director Frank Baumann.

Pizarro is Bremen's all-time top scorer in the Bundesliga with 104 goals.

Asia Cup hockey to be played under lights

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh Hockey Federation's (BHF) long-awaited demand to install floodlights at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium is about to be realised as the National Sports Council (NSC) is set to install 1200-lux floodlights in time for the upcoming 10th Men's Asia Cup, which will take place between October 12 and 22.

The NSC have already delegated the project worth Tk 10.48 crore to a combined firm -- Transcom, JMS Corporation and Computer World BD -- after the planning commission approved the plan last month following the Asian Hockey Federation's (AHF) precondition to mount the floodlights in order to host the tournament last held in Bangladesh in 1985.

"We have awarded the work to a joint firm who have experience installing floodlights in Bangladesh. Though the deadline of the project's completion is June next year, we expect to complete it before the start of the Asia Cup hockey," said NSC secretary Ashok Kumar Biswas yesterday.

"It will take Tk 8.82 crore for the installation of four floodlights while the rest Tk 1.61 crore will be spent to develop the drainage system," continued Biswas.

The contractors have already initiated the process and on Sunday met with BHF officials, who were ensured that the installation of floodlights will be completed within September.

"The contractors want to hand over the work within September but we have requested them to complete the installation work by 15 September," said BHF vice president Khaza Rahmatullah. "The AHF officials are supposed to inspect the progress of the works three weeks later and it will be decided at our next meeting to be held within a few days."

Meanwhile, NSC engineer Shukumar Saha informed that the contractors will run a soil test within a couple of days and then lay the foundation for four towers inside the stadium, where the lights will be set.

"The completion of installation of floodlights will depend on how fast the accessories are brought from abroad as towers are supposed to be brought from either India or China while the equipment will be brought from Germany," said Saha, adding that the process has already begun.

Apart from installing floodlights and developing the drainage system, the BHF has placed another proposal before the NSC to renovate the dressing rooms, press box and VIP gallery in addition to fitting in an elevator for the Prime Minister.

U-16 women's team to visit South Korea

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The Bangladesh U-16 women's football team travel to South Korea next week to participate in a few practice matches as part of their preparations for September's AFC U-16 Women's Championship, which beings on September 10.

The girls in red and green will fly out on July 9 to play four practice matches, which includes one against South Korea who will also take part in the AFC U-16 Championship in Thailand.

"The girls will stay at Paju National Football Centre for 10 days and play four matches -- one each against South Korea and a women's football club and two matches against school teams," said BHF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag.

The girls recently visited Japan for the second time to play three practice matches after touring China and Singapore as preparation for the eight-team championship.

The team will have their final practices in Vietnam from August 28 to September 7 and head off to Thailand directly from Vietnam for the championship.

Ex-captain Nakib suffers cardiac arrest

SPORTS REPORTER

Former national football team captain Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib was admitted to a city hospital after suffering cardiac arrest on Sunday evening.

The former national striker felt pain in his chest during a football match among former footballers at the Sonali Otit Club premise in the afternoon and was subsequently rushed to the hospital. Two rings were placed in his heart after he underwent an angiogram. His family, friends and other former footballers seek prayers from all for Nakib's immediate recovery.

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:

Holder inspires Windies to victory

West Indies captain Jason Holder led from the front with a five-wicket haul as his side snatched an 11-run win over India in the fourth one-day international in Antigua.

Chile boss defends Diaz after blunder

Chile coach Juan Antonio Pizzi defended midfielder Marcelo Diaz despite the first-half blunder which cost 'La Roja' the Confederations Cup as they lost 1-0 to Germany.

Frøome under fire over 'cheating' jersey

Chris Frøome and his Sky team were under attack again on the opening weekend of the Tour de France, but not on the road.

Neymar 'was embarrassed to speak to Messi'

Neymar Junior's transition as a Barcelona star has gone pretty smoothly. The Brazilian has excited the Camp Nou with his dazzling displays and formed the deadliest front three partnership in the world with partners in crime Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez.

Seal of approval for Russia

AFP, Saint Petersburg



Germany's Confederations Cup-winning coach Joachim Loew and FIFA president Gianni Infantino have led the calls for giving Russia the seal of approval to host next year's World Cup.

Lars Stindl's first-half goal in Sunday's final sealed Germany's 1-0 win over Chile, bringing down the curtain on the 2017 Confed Cup -- a warm-up for next year's World Cup finals.

This could be the last Confed Cup in its current format -- Infantino has said the competition is under review -- but the fortnight-long tournament proved Russia can host a World Cup.

With less than a year to go before the World Cup starts on June 14 2018, fears racism and hooliganism would blight the Confed Cup proved unfounded.

"We had been hearing before this tournament about a lot of 'problems' we would experience here," said Infantino.

"If a problematic tournament looks like this one, well, I want to have many problematic tournaments going forward," he quipped.

Germany's head coach Loew warmly praised the hosts after his inexperienced squad, minus their World Cup winning stars, came of age to beat Chile.

"Many thanks to Russia - you have been great hosts in the different cities where we have played," said Loew.

"We have seen excellent conditions at the stadiums, this has been brilliantly organised and we've met some outstanding people along the way."

The 16 matches passed off without incident off the field and the main talking points were the controversial testing of the video assistant referee (VAR) and Cristiano Ronaldo's performances for Portugal.

The Real Madrid superstar produced three man-of-the-match performances, but left the tournament when Portugal lost their semifinal to Chile -- jetting off to be with his new-born twins rather than help beat Mexico in the third-place play-off.

The VAR is a very positive tool for the sport as it helps referees avoid committing mistakes," said legendary former ref Pierluigi Collina, now chairman of FIFA's Referees Committee.

"We are aware we can improve, but it would be very surprising after so few matches if it was perfect."

Terry joins Aston Villa

REUTERS, London

Former Chelsea and England captain John Terry has joined Championship side Aston Villa, the club's owner said on Monday.

"Welcome JT to Birmingham city...Aston Villa! @AVFCOfficial Announcement shortly!," Tony Xia posted on Twitter in a sideways dig at the club's cross-city rivals, Birmingham City, who had also sought to sign the 36-year-old centre-half.

Terry became a free agent at the weekend after 22 years at Stamford Bridge where he played his entire career in the Premier League.

The Birmingham Mail and other papers reported Terry had signed a one-year deal and already flown to Villa's pre-season training camp in the Algarve to meet his new teammates.

He made his final appearance for the champions in May, leaving to a guard of honour 26 minutes into the game to correspond with his shirt number.

But, despite interest from West Bromwich Albion, Stoke City and Bournemouth, he has been persuaded to drop down to England's second tier by Villa manager Steve Bruce.

Villa are former European Cup holders who were relegated from the Premier League in 2016. Despite spending heavily under Chinese owner Xia, they failed to gain instant promotion and finished a disappointing 13th last season.

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Admission to Master of Accountancy in Taxation

Program Description

The 'Master of Accountancy in Taxation' is a specialist degree program in the Department of Accounting & Information Systems of the University of Dhaka. It is designed to meet the growing needs of taxation professionals, tax practitioners and corporate executives to deal with complex taxation issues. The program will impart fundamental knowledge of the major technical, conceptual, and research issues in the area of tax and taxation, and provide training in the practical and procedural aspects of taxation. The program will thus produce a set of relevant and transferrable skills for the job market.

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- A final list of selected candidates will be published in the notice board of the program office.

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- A number of academic exchanges are in-progress with professional bodies and foreign universities for credit transfers to respective partnering institutions.

Further Information:

- Application forms and other program related details are available from the Program Office, Room#3003, MBA Building, Faculty of Business Studies, University of Dhaka, from 10:00AM to 07:00PM. Time is 3:00PM-09:00PM on Fridays.
- Last date of application: 27 July 2017.
- Admission Test: 11:00AM, Friday, 04 August 2017.

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