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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:

Khulna Titans rope in Sarfraz, Lynn

Khulna Titans had made big steps towards a progressives BPL season having already acquired the services of Sri Lankan Maestro Jaywardene as their new coach.

Germany back atop FIFA rankings

Germany leapfrogged Brazil and Argentina to move back atop the FIFA rankings thanks to the team winning the Confederations Cup last week.

Madrid sign Hernandez from Atletico

French teenager Theo Hernandez became the first player to cross the divide between Atletico and Real Madrid in 17 years as the clubs confirmed they had reached an agreement which local media reported to be worth around 30 million euros (\$34 million).

Maradona's wild night in Naples

Diego Maradona received honorary citizenship from his beloved club Naples where he once donned the No.10 jersey for Serie A team Napoli.

United's Lukaku bid accepted by Everton

Manchester United have agreed a fee of around 75 million pounds (\$96.98 million) to sign striker Romelu Lukaku from Premier League rivals Everton.

Casillas extends Porto contract

Spanish goal-keeper Iker Casillas has extended his contract with FC Porto by a year. "Very happy to carry on for one more season with FC Porto! Impatient to face the upcoming challenges!" the 36-year-old Casillas said on twitter.



Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns against Czech Republic's Adam Pavlasek during their men's singles second round match in Wimbledon yesterday. Djokovic won the match 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Novak, Roger and a horrific injury

AFP, London



Colourful US star Bethanie Mattek-Sands suffered a horrific knee injury at Wimbledon on Thursday which left her screaming in pain and pleading for help as officials were accused of freezing in her desperate moment of need.

The distressing drama on Court 17, where the 32-year-old lay stricken for at least 20 minutes, pushed the title campaigns of Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer onto the sidelines.

"Please help me! Please! Please!" screamed Mattek-Sands as she clutched her right knee after collapsing running to the net in the first point of the deciding set of her second round match against Romania's Sorana Cirstea.

The women's tour said Mattek-Sands had suffered a serious knee injury and had been taken to hospital.

Cirstea questioned why it took so long for the medical team to arrive at Court 17 which is right next door to the tournament's famed Centre Court.

"She was in shock. Her knee was in a very weird position. I've never seen anything like this probably except in the movies," said Cirstea.

The All England Club defended their response, claiming: "The first response to Court 17 was within one minute, by a qualified ambulance technician.

In a statement, they added: "The

player was kept on court while pain relief was given.

"The player was then transferred directly to an ambulance and taken under emergency conditions to a hospital."

Djokovic shrugged off sweltering 30-degree heat to breeze past out-classed Adam Pavlasek 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 and reach the third round.

The three-time champion brushed aside the 136rd-ranked Czech to make the last-32 for the ninth year in succession.

Djokovic, the second seed whose shock third round loss to Sam Querrey at Wimbledon 12 months ago precipitated a worrying decline in form, will next face Ernests Gulbis.

Seven-time champion Roger Federer also reached the Wimbledon third round for the 15th time on Thursday with a 7-6 (7/0), 6-3, 6-2 win over Dusan Lajovic of Serbia.

Third seeded Federer will face Germany's Mischa Zverev for a place in the last-16.

"I struggled at the start and couldn't find my rhythm," said Federer who dropped his first service game to trail 2-0 to his 79th-ranked opponent.

"But once I got rid of the nerves I played some inspired stuff after that."

Gulbis sprang a surprise as the world number 589 defeated former US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3).

The 28-year-old Latvian was ranked in the top 10 in 2014 -- the year he beat Federer en route to the French Open semi-finals.

The women's event was thrown wide open when third seed and title favourite Karolina Pliskova crashed to defeat against world number 108 Magdalena Rybarikova.

Rybarikova battled back from a set down to win 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 on Centre Court, earning the Slovakian a last 32 clash with Ukraine's Lesia Tsurenko.

Pliskova reached the US Open final last year and the French Open semi-finals last month, but the Czech world number three has a dismal record at Wimbledon and for the sixth successive year she failed to get past the second round.

"For me, the tournament is over. So whatever happens happens. I'm not going to pray for somebody losing or winning. That's not my thing," said Pliskova.

Pliskova can still become world number one at the end of Wimbledon depending on the results of top seeds Angelique Kerber and Simona Halep.

Bernard Tomic may have been knocked out but the Australian was still making waves on Thursday when he was fined \$15,000 after claiming he was "bored" during his lacklustre defeat to Mischa Zverev.

Tomic also lost his racket sponsor Head as a consequence.

Window into Wimbledon

GAME, SET AND SUSHI

Demand for sushi among the Wimbledon players is doubling year on year. Catering chiefs are having to lay on evermore sushi to meet the health food fad.

Pasta was the traditional carbohydrate-heavy dish of choice for tennis professionals but demand for sushi at Wimbledon has doubled year on year, said Anthony Davies, the All England Club's head of food and beverage.

"Making sure they have what they need in order to be match fit and deliver what they need to do on court is a big part of what we do," he told AFP.

"It's all about variety. Players make their own choices about what they eat. Pasta is a very, very popular dish because of the carbs - but sushi has grown in popularity.

TOMIC LOSES HEAD, FINED ALONG WITH MEDVEDEV

Australian Bernard Tomic has been fined USD 15,000 after post-match comments saying he had been "bored" during his first round exit from Wimbledon and had faked injury.

The International Tennis Federation also handed Russian Daniil Medvedev three fines, totalling \$14,500, after he threw coins at an umpire following his defeat on Wednesday.

Tomic's comments about being bored at Wimbledon received a barrage of criticism and resulted in Head, the tennis racket manufacturer, dropping its sponsorship of the Australian player.

"It was definitely a mental issue out there. Wasn't mentally and physically there to perform. I don't know why, but, you know, I felt a little bit bored out there to be completely honest with you," the 24-year-old had told reporters.

Tomic also said he had called for medical treatment during the match against German

Mischa Zverev to "break a bit of momentum" and that he had no real injury.

Medvedev's fines focused on his second round loss on Wednesday to Ruben Bemelmans. After shaking hands with his conqueror, Medvedev grabbed his wallet and pulled out some coins before hurling them toward the foot of the umpire's chair.

"In the heat of the moment, I did a bad thing. I apologise for this," the 21-year-old Russian said in his press conference.

NUMBERS UP

54,250 -- tennis balls used during the tournament
 28,000 -- kilogrammes of strawberries eaten at Wimbledon
 2,800 -- kilogrammes of bananas that players consume
 3,000 -- afternoon tea picnics ordered for 2017
 24 -- men aged 30 or over competing in the second round, equalling the Open-era record at Wimbledon set last year.

SELECTED MATCHES (2ND ROUND)

Gael Monfils (FRA 15) beat Kyle Edmund (UK) 7-6(1), 6-4, 6-4
 Dudi Sela (ISR) beat John Isner (USA 23) 6-7(5), 7-6(5), 5-7, 7-6(5), 6-3
 Mischa Zverev (GER 27) beat Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) 6-1, 6-2, 2-6, 3-6, 6-4
 Coco Vandeweghe (USA 24) beat Tatjana Maria (GER) 6-4, 6-2
 Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS 7) beat Ekaterina Makarova (RUS) 6-0, 7-5
 Grigor Dimitrov (BUL 13) beat Marcos Baghdatis (CYP) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1



RONALDO DAZZLES MUSEUM

When you are Cristiano Ronaldo and you need to freshen up exhibits in your museum, sometimes another replica of the Champions League trophy just won't cut it. So to jazz things up at the Museu CR7 the Real Madrid star has called on the help of diamond artist Tokunbo Daniel to add a touch of sparkle to the place. The designer made three boots which take pride of place beside the rest of the Portuguese star's memorabilia, bringing a whole new meaning to the phrase 'twinkle toes'. The latest is using one of his 2017 boots with a mosaic pattern encrusted around the rim of the sock and a golden heel. The second boot is a homage to the striker's time in England but there is a curious lack of any nod towards Manchester United. It is a far cry from his third boot, the 'La Liga' model which has been specifically designed in Real Madrid colours, as well as the name of the league down the front panel.

-AGENCIES

Kvitova felt like 'slow animal'

AFP, London



Ailing Petra Kvitova, the two-time Wimbledon champion and the bookmakers' favourite for the 2017 title, said she felt like a "slow animal" in her shock second round exit on Wednesday.

The Czech 11th seed lost 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 to America's Madison Brengle who has made the third round for the first time.

Kvitova, who was playing in her second Grand Slam since recovering from a terrifying knife attack in her home, needed to call for medical assistance during the third set.

As well as having her blood pressure taken, the 27-year-old required an on-court examination by a doctor after complaining of breathing difficulties.

"I just couldn't breathe, and I was feeling a bit sick, as well," said Kvitova.

"That sometimes happens. But, yeah, unfortunately it happened at Wimbledon, which is not nice.

"But she still played what she could. She hit everything back. It was just tough for me to still have the energy to put it back and play my aggressive game."

Kvitova feared she would never play tennis again after suffering serious injuries to her left playing hand fighting off a burglar at her Czech home in December.

She returned at Roland Garros, making the second round, before winning the Birmingham grass court title.

That success prompted many to tip her for a third Wimbledon crown to add to her 2011 and 2014 victories, especially with Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova both absent.



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