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Fourth Round  
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TOMIC RIDICULES HIS CRITICS

Fresh from his controversial comments at Wimbledon, Bernard Tomic says he does not care what people think of him, saying people can only dream of the riches he has accrued. Tomic exited Wimbledon following a listless performance against Mischa Zverev, and he stunned reporters at a press conference by declaring himself "a little bored" on the most famous stage in world tennis. But speaking to the Sunday Herald Sun, Tomic insisted he deserved everything he had earned in his career so far, ahead of an anticipated plunge down the ATP rankings. "I worked 10 hours a day with my father, having no money in our life from the age of eight to 15," Tomic said. "We were driving a \$500 car to now having millions and earning millions at 24, having houses all over the world. You probably don't like me but, at only 24, you guys can only dream about having what I have at 24." —AGENCIES



U-16 women booters off to South Korea

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh U-16 women's team left for South Korea last night to play some practice matches as a part of their preparation for September's AFC U-16 Women's Championship, with the hope of gaining valuable experience as well as overcoming the fear of facing stronger opponents.

The girls will play four practice matches including one against South Korea U-16 women's team, who are one of their seven opponents in the AFC U-16 Women's Championship. That match will be the biggest test so far for the Bangladesh team since they clinched the qualifying round in Dhaka last year.

The girls in red and green have already visited Japan twice and China and Singapore once where they played a total of 17 practice matches including a few short-length games. After this 10-day trip to South Korea, the Bangladesh team will return home and will prepare for their final journey to Thailand. They will also play a few practice matches in Vietnam in August on their way to Thailand for the AFC U-16 Championship finals.

"This tour is a continuation of our preparation for the upcoming AFC U-16 women's championship. We returned home 10 days ago after playing four practice matches in Japan and worked to rectify the mistakes we made during those games. As South Korea is similar to Japan and North Korea in terms of strength, the tour will be a stage to test how far we have come since touring Japan, China and Singapore," the team's coach Golam Rabbani Choton said at a press conference yesterday.

"As we have been pitted against strong opponents like defending champions North Korea, runners-up Japan and Australia, playing practice matches against strong opponents is also part of overcoming the fear of facing such strong opponents in Thailand," opined Choton, who has been assisted on every tour by BFF technical and strategic director Paul Smalley, who is also working as an adviser to the U-16 women's team.

Apart from the match against South Korea, the Bangladesh girls will also play three matches – two against Oju Middle School and one against Yulmyun Middle School. The two school teams belong to U-17 and U-18 age groups.

According to the coach, the players have improved their running ability as the youngest player – Tahura Khatun – ran 2950 meters in 12 minutes during a Cooper test while the average of other players is 2500 to 2600 meters. The girls are also being tried in unfamiliar positions on the field so that they can handle match situations and with versatility.

BFF women's committee chairman Mahfuza Akter Kiron informed that they also demand to qualify for the AFC U-19 Women's Championship with this squad and the preparation of U-16 women's team is not only for AFC U-16 Women's championship but also to build the women's senior team.

SCHEDULE

July 11 – South Korea U-16  
July 14 – Oju Middle School  
July 17 – Yulmyun Middle School  
July 19 – Oju Middle School



After 13 years away, Wayne Rooney finally walked back through the Goodison Park hallways as he made his return to the club after a hugely successful run at Manchester United, where he became the club's all-time leading goal-scorer.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Rooney returns home

AFP, London



England and Manchester United's record goalscorer Wayne Rooney declared himself 'ecstatic' after completing a move back to Everton the club where he first starred as a teenager on Sunday.

The 31-year-old -- who had become a peripheral figure under Jose Mourinho last season -- signed a two year contract on a free transfer, bringing the curtain down on 13 trophy-laden years at Old Trafford.

Rooney -- whose move comes the day after United announced they had agreed terms with Everton over buying their leading scorer Romelu Lukaku -- will hope the switch revives his international career which also stalled last season.

"It is some time since I said that the only Premier League club I would play for other than Manchester United was Everton, so I am delighted that the move has happened," he said in a statement to the Press Association.

"Thirteen years ago I went to United with the intention of winning trophies and I have been fortunate to be a part of one of the most successful periods in the club's history.

"I have come back to Everton because I believe [Everton manager] Ronald Koeman is building a team that can win something and I look forward to playing my part in making that a reality for the club I have supported since a boy," added Rooney, who was five times United's leading scorer and on another occasion shared the honours.

Rooney also candidly revealed: "I've managed to keep it hidden all this time, but for the past 13 years I've been sleeping in my Everton PJs."

Koeman said in Rooney he was buying a player with a surefire winner's mentality.

"Wayne has shown me that ambition that we need and that winning mentality -- he knows how to win titles and I'm really happy he's decided to come home," said Koeman. "He loves Everton and he was desperate to come back. He is still only 31 and I don't have any

*He shook Old Trafford with a sublime hatrick on his Manchester United debut as an 18-year-old and Wayne Rooney remained a mainstay of then-manager Sir Alex Ferguson's triumphant squads throughout the year. After 13 years, in which time he became the club's leading goalscorer, Wazza moves back to his boyhood club Everton. Here are some stats from his time at United.*

Appearances: **557**  
Goals: **251**  
**HONOURS**  
Premier League (5): 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2010-11, 2012-13.  
FA Cup (1): 2015-16  
League Cup (2): 2005-06, 2009-10, 2016-17.  
UEFA Champions League (1): 2007-08  
Europa League (1): 2016-2017  
**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:**  
PFA Players' Player of the Year: 2009-10  
PFA Young Player of the Year: 2005-06  
FWA Footballer of the Year: 2009-10  
Premier League Player of the Season: 2009-10

doubts about his qualities. It's fantastic he's here."

Mourinho said he admired Rooney but understood his desire for playing more football and to return

to the club that nurtured his talent.

"It is no secret that I have long been an admirer of Wayne," said Mourinho. "He has been a model professional throughout his time at the club and will remain in the history books for many years to come.

"It is never easy to see a great player playing less football than he would like and I could not stand in his way when he asked to go back to Everton.

"His experience, focus and determination will be missed and I wish him well for the future."

United's vice-chairman Ed Woodward paid a handsome valedictory tribute to Rooney.

"Wayne has been a fantastic servant to United since the moment he signed for us as a prodigiously talented, explosive teenager some 13 seasons ago," said Woodward.

"Who can forget his storybook debut hatrick against Fenerbahce, the spectacular overhead kick against [Manchester] City and the countless match-winning performances in his time here? But after much discussion, the club has decided to accept his request to rejoin his boyhood team.

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:

My passion's back: Djokovic

Three-time champion Novak Djokovic admitted that he has rediscovered his passion for tennis after making the Wimbledon fourth round for the 10th time.

'Who would say no to the biggest club?'

Romelu Lukaku said he was delighted to be moving to "the biggest club in the world" after Manchester United agreed a fee to sign the Belgium international striker from Everton.

Ostapenko a serious contender

Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko is one of the best "finishers" in tennis and should be considered a favourite for the Wimbledon title.



Messi to ink €1m-a-week contract?

AGENCIES, Madrid



Lionel Messi will take football salaries to an extraordinary new level when he formally agrees a four-year contract with Barcelona later this month, with the club reportedly gearing up to pay the Argentine a basic wage worth more than one million euros per week.

With the transfer fees for footballers increasing rapidly and record fees being dished out left and right, wages of players have also risen to unparalleled levels -- bolstered by manic spending by Chinese clubs -- in recent years.

However, all that will be left in the dust as, according to a source within the club, Messi's gross salary under the new agreement announced by Barcelona has been set at an annual 62 million euros (there are 52 weeks in a year), making it a deal worth more than one million euros a week.

If the contract runs for its full term -- by which stage Messi will be 34 -- Barca are committed to paying him 220 million pounds, before performance-related bonuses.

Although the Argentine has been consistently courted by suitors in Europe and Asia, Barca insist the decision to hand him football's most lucrative playing contract was a decision which the board themselves made. They reason that the sum is a fairer reflection of Messi's ability to generate income.

Last season, Barcelona budgeted for 695 million euros of income, and according to its own analysis, Messi accounted for 20 per cent (approximately 139 million euros) of that figure.

The move will also take Messi's salary significantly higher than what Cristiano Ronaldo earns and it is all but certain that arch-rivals Real Madrid will have to table a new deal with similar terms to pacify their 'unsettled' star.

Messi's deal comes 56 years after Fulham's Johnny Haynes became the first player in England to be paid 100 pounds a week. By 1994, striker Chris Sutton was picking up 10,000 pounds at Blackburn Rovers. In 2009, Carlos Tevez topped £200,000 a week at Manchester City -- the striker now earns more than three times that with Shanghai Shenhua in China.

Wimbledon chill before Manic Monday

REUTERS, London



The All England Club was strangely silent on Sunday as Wimbledon took a pause for breath before the most intense day of the tournament -- Manic Monday.

While it seems odd for one of the world's biggest sports events to take a day off in the middle of competition, there is a good rationale for the schedule and a reward for the restraint.

Just as a fine bottle of wine benefits from being given time to breathe, the Wimbledon vintage is just that little more special after a day off.



PHOTO: REUTERS

World number 2 Rafael Nadal takes a break during a hotter-than-usual afternoon at Wimbledon yesterday, when the tournament took its traditional middle Sunday hiatus before business truly picks up today with Manic Monday.

On Monday every player, men and women, remaining in the tournament, takes to the court to fight for a place in the quarterfinals.

It's the business end of the tournament and instead of the early stages messily merging into the last 16 match-ups, the tournament presses the reset button and the pause amplifies the sense of drama to come.

"It's unlike other grand slams. Wimbledon is very unique because it's not played on middle Sunday. So Monday is a big day for all the players, both men and women," said Novak Djokovic, who takes on France's Adrian Mannarino.

"It is even more so for the tournament and fans. It's one of the days where you can get probably the most quality matches, both singles and doubles, men and women, that you can have throughout the entire tournament," said the Serb, a three-times Wimbledon winner.

Eleventh seed Tomas Berdych, beaten finalist in 2010, has an intriguing match against Austria's rising star Dominic Thiem on Court Three and the Czech believes fans with tickets for Monday have chosen wisely.

"I would say it's the best day of tennis that you can see," says Berdych. "I think if anybody asked me for a day that they want to go to the tennis, I would say the second Monday of Wimbledon, because you see men's, women's, you see last 16."

"So you see a lot of matches so you can also go to the ground courts and you're still going to see a great match up. I think it's the best day in tennis," he said.

Away from big stadium courts, fans can see title contenders such as French Open winner Jelena Ostapenko taking on fourth-seed Elina Svitolina on Court 12.

Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov has prime billing on Centre Court against seven-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer and while he is relishing that prospect he savoured the silence of Sunday.

"Everything is so calm. It's just us, the players. All you can hear is the hitting of the ball. You can just hear how the ball sits on the strings. You just hear that."

"Honestly, it's a pretty special feeling. It puts a huge smile on my face."



The Bangladesh under-16 women's football team players pose for a group photograph at the Bangladesh Football Federation premises on the eve of their departure for South Korea yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

COMMONWEALTH CHESS

Zia, Rakib held

SPORTS REPORTER

Both GM Ziaur Rahman and GM Abdullah Al Rakib were held to draws in the eighth and penultimate round of the Commonwealth Chess Championship in New Delhi yesterday.



GM ZIAUR RAHMAN

Zia drew against IM Mohammad Nubairshah Shaikh of India while GM Rakib drew with IM Sardana Rishi of India. Both Bangladeshi GMs have 5.5 points each from eight matches.

GM Niaz drew against Nayak Rajesh, GM Enamul Hossain Razib beat WIM Parnali S Dharia while WIM Shamima Akter Liza beat Thilakrathne of Sri Lanka. The trio have five points each.

In the day's other matches, FM Taibur drew against Isha Sharma of India, WIM Rani Hamid beat Arun Wahi of India, WFM Shirin beat Akshitha Goud Pally.