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POGBA PUSHES REPORTER INTO POOL

Manchester United's Paul Pogba takes every opportunity to have the time of his life. So a journalist should have known better when opting to interview the France international next to a swimming pool in LA. Pogba, along with United's new £75million signing Romelu Lukaku, have been doing a series of interviews with ESPN. And it seems the France midfielder has become a little too comfortable with the presence of journalists. As a video on social media shows, Pogba and Lukaku decide to have a game of rock, paper, scissors with a journalist. After counting to three, the duo both opt to present a pair of scissors, while the reporter makes the paper symbol with her hand. The two Red Devils stars therefore win outright, which you'd think would be enough. But no, to celebrate his victory, Pogba suddenly launches the journalist towards the pool and pushes her in. He then takes great pleasure in laughing at the soaked woman while Lukaku looks altogether a bit more shocked.

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It proved to be a truly manic Monday for Rafael Nadal yesterday as Gilles Muller fought tooth and nail with the Spaniard throughout their Wimbledon encounter. Muller eventually won an epic fifth set 15-13 to knock Nadal out in their fourth-round match.

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Starc signs with rival sponsor to Cricket Australia



Rafael Nadal was shockingly eliminated yesterday while defending champion Andy Murray reached a 10th successive Wimbledon quarter-final as fellow heavyweight Roger Federer joined him.

Two-time champion Nadal suffered a stunning 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 15-13 fourth round defeat against Luxembourg's Gilles Muller.

The 31-year-old Spaniard, finally worn down by Muller after four hours and 48 minutes on Court One, hasn't won Wimbledon since 2010 and last made the quarter-finals in 2011.

Muller, seeded 16th, will make his first Wimbledon quarter-final appearance against former US Open champion Marin Cilic.

Top seed Murray eased to a 7-6 (7/1), 6-4, 6-4 win over France's Benoit Paire.

World number one Murray will face Sam Querrey, who he leads 7-1 in career meetings, for a place in the semi-finals.

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Querrey made the quarter-finals for a second successive year with a 5-7, 7-6 (7/5), 6-3, 6-7 (13/11), 6-3 over unseeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa.

Federer reached his 50th Grand Slam quarter-final and 15th at Wimbledon with a 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 win over Grigor Dimitrov.

Seven-time Wimbledon champion Federer will face either Canada's Milos Raonic, the sixth seed, or German 10th seed Alexander Zverev for a place in the semi-finals.

Federer, 35, is also the second oldest man to make the quarter-finals at Wimbledon behind Ken Rosewall who was 39 when he reached the last-eight in 1971.

Croatian seventh seed Marin Cilic reached a fourth successive Wimbledon quarter-final with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 win over Roberta Bautista Agut of Spain.

Milos Raonic, the 2016 runner-up also reached the quarter-finals with a 4-6, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 win over Alexander Zverev of Germany.

Canadian sixth seed Raonic will face seven-time champion Roger Federer in the last-eight in a rematch of last year's semi-final won by the giant Canadian.

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Mo Farah 'sick of doping allegations'

REUTERS, London

British Olympic champion Mo Farah is "sick" of his name being dragged into doping controversies, the 34-year-old said after winning the 3,000 metres at the Anniversary Games in London on Sunday.

Russian hackers leaked documents last week showing Farah was suspected of doping in 2015 before being cleared by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) in 2016, British media reported.

"I am sick of repeating myself and you guys just making something out of nothing," Farah told reporters on Sunday.

"I work hard at what I do and I just carry on enjoying what I do, and it comes as a little distraction..."

"I said I will never fail a drugs test. That is who I am. I believe in clean sports and I just have to enjoy what I do, keep smiling. And let you guys do what you do."

"There's no secrets to what I do. My life is not as easy as people think, it is hard work. I wish you guys would understand it a bit more and write down the facts. I do what I do, keep smiling. I love you all."

Farah has fielded doping allegations repeatedly and the issue re-appeared in April after a doctor said that he injected a legal dose of a controversial substance prior to the 2014 London Marathon but it was not adequately recorded.

The long-distance runner said he would not be racing in the 1,500m event in Monaco and will instead go to an altitude training camp in Font Romeu, France to prepare for next month's world championships.

"The preparation is going well - I'm grafting and continuing to tick boxes," Farah said.

"Initially I was going to try and fit a 1500m race in between now and the World Championships, but this is my last race now."

"I'm going to Font Romeu tomorrow. I'll just knuckle down."

Farah had previously announced his plans of retiring from track events and focusing on marathons after the World Championships.

SAFF U-15, U-18 CHAMPIONSHIPS DRAW HELD

Preparations begin today

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh were pitted in Group A alongside Bhutan and Sri Lanka in the upcoming SAFF U-15 Championship, the draw for which was held at the Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday.

Runners-up India were placed in Group B, with Nepal and Maldives being the other two teams in the six-team championship.

Bangladesh are the defending champions of this tournament as they clinched the 2015 title in Sylhet by beating India in the final. The championship this time will be held from August 18 to 27 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Meanwhile, the draw for the SAFF U-18 Championship was also held during the same ceremony at the BFF House, which is also the headquarters of the South Asian Football Federation.

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SAFF U-15 CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A

Bangladesh

Bhutan

Sri Lanka

*August 18-27, Kathmandu, Nepal



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holding the tournaments for the under-15 and under-18 age groups. These two tournaments will be a platform for the AFC U-16 and AFC U-19 Championship qualifiers next year," Helal explained after the draw ceremony.

The two finalists of the previous edition were regarded as the top two seeds and drawn in different groups. The other four teams, for both tournaments, were chosen from lottery.

"There will be no prize money as such for the teams but there will be participation money and hosting money for the teams and the hosts," Helal informed.

Meanwhile, BFF spokesman

Shohag informed that preparation of the Bangladesh teams for the two tournaments already got underway: "A 30-member under-18 squad will report at BKSP tomorrow [Tuesday], where they will have training under a few local coaches as well as strength and condition coach John Whittle until July 24, when they will be released to their respective clubs for the league. Head coach Andrew Ord will take charge of the team after returning from Palestine. Meanwhile, there are preliminary training camps going on in Gopalganj and Khulna for the under-15 squad, which has been gathered from various trials."

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