



After a stunning resurgence in 2017 which saw him claim the Australian Open and Wimbledon crowns before becoming the oldest World No. 1 in tennis history, Roger Federer was honoured at the Laureus Sports Awards 2018 with two trophies -- the Sportsman of the Year and Comeback of the Year awards.

PHOTO: AFP

'Can't see one player getting 10 Slams now'

Federer says after Laureus double-scoop

AFP, Monaco

Tennis legend Roger Federer believes it will be hard for the younger generation to emulate him and fellow veterans Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic in winning multiple Grand Slams.

The 36-year-old Swiss, who holds the men's all-time record of Grand Slam titles with 20, was speaking to a small group of journalists prior to winning two Laureus awards -- 'Comeback of the Year' and 'Sportsman of the Year' -- on Tuesday.

Laureus is a global movement that uses the power of sport to tackle the most devastating social challenges in the world.

Federer, who missed the ATP tournament in Dubai this week to attend the awards, said the younger generation such as Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov and Dominic Thiem of Austria have the ability to win a Grand Slam but 10 might be beyond them.

"It is definitely hard to see one player right now getting 10 slams," said Federer. "It is much easier to say that probably a lot of guys are going to win a slam or two but winning 10 slams is not something you can predict, people didn't predict that with me to be honest.

"Maybe with Rafa (Nadal) with the French Open you say yes he is going to grab a few there. Maybe he is going to win five (he has 10 to his name) as he was an amazing junior as well like Bjorn Borg, they were the best teenagers we ever had in the game."

Federer, who came to Monaco on the back of winning the Rotterdam title where he beat

THE WINNERS

Sportsman of the Year:

Roger Federer (Tennis)

Sportswoman of the Year:

Serena Williams (Tennis)

Comeback of the Year:

Roger Federer

Breakthrough of the Year:

Sergio Garcia (Golf)

Team of the Year:

Mercedes-Amg Petronas F1 Team

Exceptional Achievement Award:

Francesco Totti

Best Sporting Moment:

Eternal Champions (Chapecoense)

Dimitrov in the final, admitted fortunes can change with the slightest of tweaks.

"Once you get rolling like Novak and I did all of a sudden you don't look back, then a few years later you do look back and you have eight or 10 Grand Slam titles, it's crazy," said Federer, the oldest world number one in ATP history. "Confidence and momentum are a big thing.

"When you unlock your game through success or a coach explains the one ingredient that is missing then that can change things."

Federer, however, believes the sport will not suffer once the likes of him, 16-time major winner Nadal, 12-time Grand Slam Djokovic, and Andy Murray finally hang up

Table tennis leagues underway

Big bucks spent on foreigners, locals

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka Metropolis Table Tennis Championships got underway at the Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Indoor Stadium yesterday amid enthusiasm from 44 participating teams.

11 teams are participating in the Senior Division League and 24 clubs are taking part in the First Division League while nine teams are playing in the Women's League. Some 211 players, including 36 female players, are taking part in the championships.

The clubs are apparently more serious about winning titles this season as a record 25 Indian players have been signed up by the cubs, although only 14 have been given clearance from their board so far. One team is still trying to rope in an Egyptian player.

The country's top players have also been given highest contracts this time as national champion Javed Ahmed, who is playing for Uttara Table Tennis Club, has been paid Tk 3.85 lakh compared to the Tk 1.8 lakh he received last season. Players like Imran Hossain Ridoy of Arunima Sports and Manos Chowdhury of Palolik Table Tennis Club got Tk 3.5 and Tk 3.2 lakh respectively.

It has also been learnt that the participating clubs of senior division spent Tk 4 to Tk 8 lakh to form their squads while the foreign players are getting 300 to 1,500 US dollars.

Explaining the reason behind spending big, defending champions Arunima Sports' manager and former national player Mohammad Ali said: "There is a general lack of quality players, so everyone tried to rope in the best players with the hope of getting good results which led to an increase in players' payments.

"This time the league will be more competitive compared to any other seasons and no one can be sure that they will lift the title. Besides, every senior division team has roped in foreign players which never happened before," said Ali, who also believes the clubs intend to do something spectacular in the championships ahead of the possible polls of the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation in June-July.

MY GRANDMA WOULD DO BETTER, SAYS MCCARTHY

Cape Town City coach and UEFA Champions League winner Benni McCarthy said his grandmother would have done better after they wasted chances in a 2-0 league loss at Baroka on Tuesday. It was the usual story for the visitors as they controlled possession and created a number of clearcut scoring opportunities, but failed to take any in northern city Polokwane. "My grandmother would have converted several of those chances," said McCarthy, who was part of the Jose Mourinho-managed Porto team that won the biggest European club prize 14 years ago. "It was such a one-sided game in which we dominated possession and played some beautiful football, but failed to put the ball in the net. Baroka had two scoring chances and converted both," the South Africa scoring record holder with 31 goals told reporters. "Our finishing is good during training, but come match days it all falls apart. My players lack the desire to score and no coach can teach that."

-- AFP



Ministry to revise BNS mega-project

SPORTS REPORTER

Advising a revision of the mega-project regarding renovation of the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS), the scrutiny committee of the Youth and Sports Ministry yesterday instructed the National Sports Council (NSC) to consult experts and stakeholders before submitting a final project paper for the country's premier multi-purpose venue.

The NSC prepared a draft project proposal worth Tk 87 crore last month which featured aspects such as installing sheds over galleries, replacement of some 23,000 chairs, renovation of four dressing rooms, upgradation of flood-lights, ground, giant screens, CCTV-based security system, PA system, installation of athletics turf, digital advertisement boards, etc.

"After seeing the proposal, I realised that we should discuss more with experts and stakeholders because the stadium should be of international standard. The meeting instructed the NSC to review the proposal again involving technical people. I personally

disagreed on some points of development in the draft proposal and asked to drop some of the works," Youth and Sports secretary Ashadul Islam told The Daily Star after the meeting.

"The ground should be of international standard as it hosts international football matches. There should be enough toilet facilities so that the spectators can use those comfortably. The meeting also instructed increasing allocation for a gymnasium," Islam said. "As the stadium is named after the father of the nation, we want to improve its facilities properly as it is not possible to bring structural changes.

"Building a museum is a good idea and we will try to form an archive full of historical information regarding sports activities at BNS," added Islam.

It may be mentioned here that The Daily Star Sport ran a story on January 30 titled 'Spending spree or spending with purpose' singling out some basic requirements that the venue needed. The article addressed, among other things, the need for a gymnasium, setting up of a sports museum, install-

ing equipments for maintaining the football pitch, reserving space for physically challenged spectators and restoring the original plan of the stadium with enough toilets and urinals in the plan.

NSC's assistant director (planning and development) Shukumar Saha informed that they took recommendations from that article positively and tried to incorporate those logically.

"There were some recommendations in The Daily Star article and we took and those positively and will try to implement those as far as possible."

"Expanding the local dressing rooms is a big decision because it would involve the removal of existing shops, however, we will standardise it as much as possible while there will be some designated spaces for disabled spectators," Saha said, adding that they would assess the current facilities of the stadium before finalising everything.

Saha expects to revise the project within a short period of time after receiving resolutions of the meeting and sending it back to the youth and sports ministry.

Neymar out for 6-8 weeks

No decision on surgery yet, adds Neymar Sr.

AFP, Paris



Paris Saint-Germain's hopes of getting Neymar back for their crunch Champions League clash against Real Madrid next week look to be over after the Brazilian's father claimed the player would be out for "at least six weeks".

Speaking to ESPN on Tuesday, Neymar Senior said: "PSG know that they will not be able to count on Neymar for the upcoming matches: his treatment will last six to eight weeks, whether there is an operation or not."

That was after PSG coach Unai Emery claimed that "no decision" had been taken on whether Neymar would require surgery and that there was a "small chance" of getting him back in time to face Real next Tuesday.

Tests confirmed that Neymar suffered a

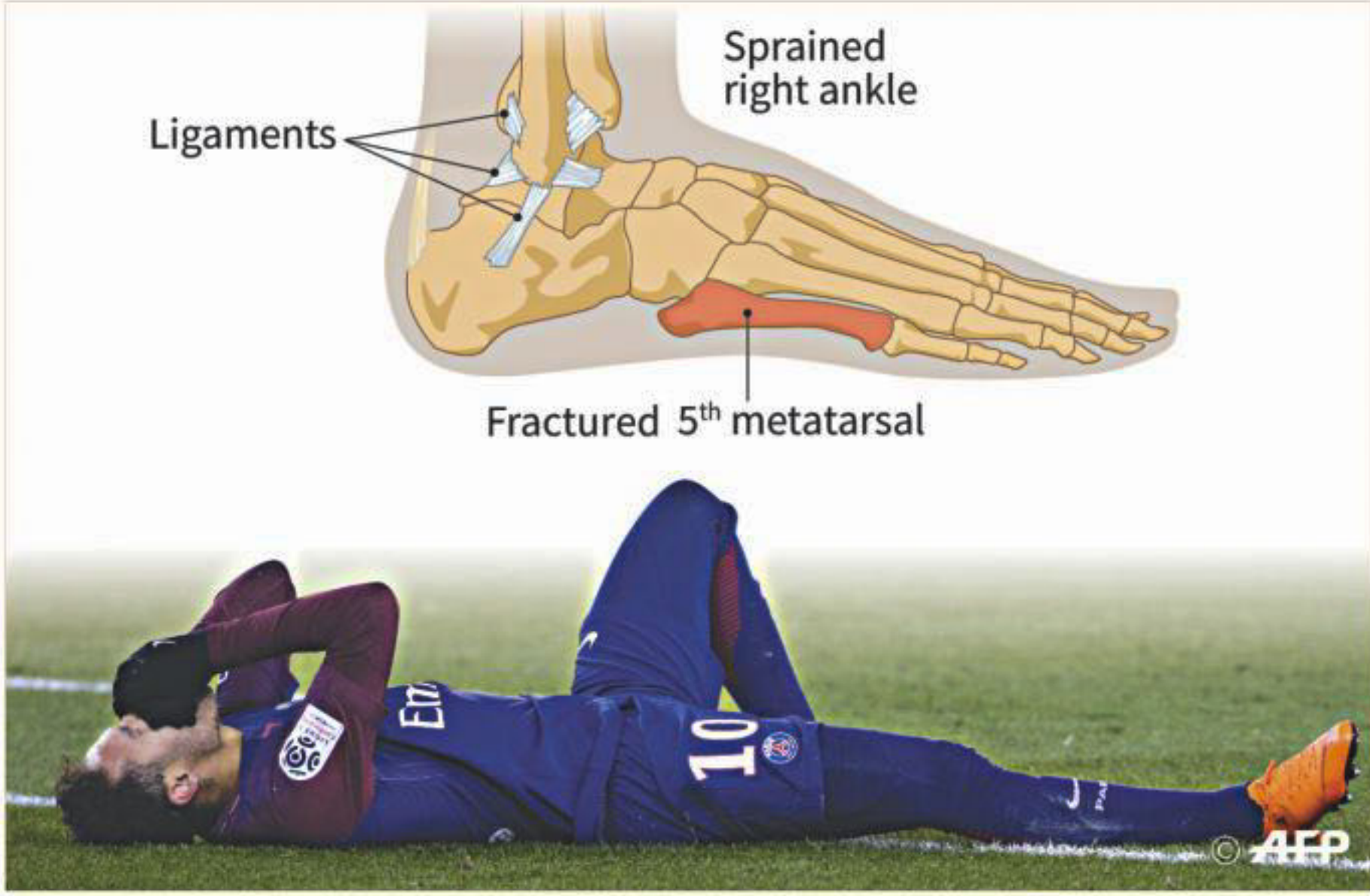
hairline fracture of the fifth metatarsal in his right foot as well as a twisted ankle late in PSG's over Marseille in Ligue 1 on Sunday.

Brazilian newspaper Globo Esporte had claimed Neymar would undergo surgery, and that he would be sidelined until May.

If his father's estimate is correct, Neymar would not return before the semifinal stage of the Champions League in late April.

On the possibility of rushing Neymar back for the Real second leg, experts say that PSG would be taking a huge risk, possibly even jeopardising Neymar's participation at the World Cup in Russia in June and July.

"It would be very risky as it's a fragile bone in the foot which is difficult to protect," Jean-Marcel Ferret, a former doctor with the French national team, told AFP. "[Playing against Real] could compromise the rest of his season."



Quetta wallop Islamabad

STAR SPORT DESK

Bangladesh all-rounder Mahmudullah Riyad was not required to bat or bowl as his side Quetta Gladiators cantered to a six-wicket victory against Islamabad United in their Pakistan Super League fixture last night.

Riyad, having sat out the first two matches, was drafted in for Quetta's third match, but his contribution was limited to only taking the catch of opposition skipper Misbahul Haque.

Powered by a blazing 34-ball 48 from Kevin Pietersen, Quetta romped to the victory target of 135 with 17 balls to spare. The win lifted Quetta to second position with four points from three matches while Islamabad remained in fifth position with two points.

SCORES IN BRIEF
ISLAMABAD UNITED: 134 for 7 (Ronchi 43, Misbah 22, Faheem 21; Rahat 1-18)
QUETTA GLADIATORS: (Pietersen 48, Nawaz 25 not out; Finn 3-35)
Result: Quetta Gladiators won by 6 wickets

CR7 gamble backfires

REUTERS, Madrid



Real Madrid rested Cristiano Ronaldo and suffered a fifth Liga defeat of the season as Espanyol's Gerard Moreno struck late for a 1-0 win over the Spanish and European champions on Tuesday.

Catalan forward Moreno wasted a number of chances but his last-minute volley took a wicked deflection off defender Raphael Varane to secure Espanyol's first victory over Real in 11 years.

Real stay third on 51 points from 26 games, seven behind second-placed Atletico Madrid, who host Leganes on Wednesday, and 14 adrift of pacesetters Barcelona who play on Thursday.

Real coach Zinedine Zidane rested Ronaldo ahead of next week's visit to PSG in the Champions League last 16, which his side lead 3-1 from the first leg, and selected Gareth Bale at centre forward in a much-changed team.

However, despite a promising start, an insipid Madrid were second-best all night at Cornellana not that Zidane thought so.

"We really didn't deserve to ship that goal," said the Frenchman. "We played really well in the first half but couldn't score. The second-half wasn't good but nevertheless we didn't deserve to concede in the final minute.

"Espanyol had few chances and we deserved more. That's football and we now have to look forward."

Bale, having struggled to get back into the side following injury, saw a header parried by



PHOTO: AFP

Espanyol's Spanish forward Gerard Moreno (L) shoots to score a last-minute winner against Real Madrid in their La Liga encounter on Tuesday.

Espanyol's former Real keeper Diego Lopez, who then scrambled away a deflected Marco Asensio cross, but that was as good as it got for the visitors.

Espanyol should have led only for Moreno to spurn a gilt-edged chance after pouncing on a wayward Varane clearance. The forward's misery was compounded when he saw a successful effort incorrectly ruled out by the linesman's flag before halftime.

After the break Espanyol defender Oscar Duarte clipped the bar before Real keeper Keylor Navas denied Moreno.

It appeared the forward was going to endure a torrid night when his left-foot effort curled past the far post with a minute left but Moreno was not to be denied at the death.

"We need to go game-by-game," Moreno said. "This victory will help us and calm things down a bit."

SL name squad for tri-series

ESPNCRICINFO

Fast bowlers Nuwan Pradeep and Suranga Lakmal have returned to the Sri Lanka T20 squad after recovering from injuries, but wicketkeeper batsman Niroshan Dickwella has been omitted in favour of Dhananjaya de Silva for the upcoming tri-series, also featuring India and Bangladesh, at home.

Sri Lanka named just two specialist spinners - Akila Dananjaya and Amila Aponso - in addition to Jeevan Mendis, the leg-spinning all-rounder.

Sri Lanka have retained the bulk of their batsmen from the Bangladesh series, which they had won 2-0.

Now that Kusal Perera is back, however, there is competition for top spots, with Upul Tharanga and Danushka Gunathilaka also vying for places in the top three.

SQUAD: Dinesh Chandimal (capt), Upul Tharanga, Danushka Gunathilaka, Kusal Mendis, Dasun Shanaka, Kusal Perera, Thisara Perera, Jeevan Mendis, Suranga Lakmal, Isuru Udana, Akila Dananjaya, Amila Aponso, Nuwan Pradeep, Dushmantha Chameera, Dananjaya de Silva.

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Date: 26/02/2018

Subject: Addendum Notice for "Setup and Establishment of International Standard Auditorium and Conference Rooms" (Contract Package No. DoE-AF-W8)

1. Following amendment/corrections are hereby included in the bid document for the package DoE-AF-W-8.

Serial No.	Reference	Original text in the bidding document	Text to be replaced with				
1.	Page 28: ITT 15.1(b) of Section 2. Tender Data Sheet	The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the Tenderer shall be Tk. 400.00 (four hundred) lac	The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the Tenderer shall be Tk. 200.00 (two hundred) lac				
2.	Page 29: ITT 18.2 of Section 2. Tender Data Sheet	ITT.14.1(a) Column No. 4 of the table <table><tr><td>Requirement for other Partner(s)</td></tr><tr><td>Same as for Leading Partner</td></tr></table>	Requirement for other Partner(s)	Same as for Leading Partner	ITT.14.1(a) Column No. 4 of the table <table><tr><td>Requirement for other Partner(s)</td></tr><tr><td>Minimum three (3) years</td></tr></table>	Requirement for other Partner(s)	Minimum three (3) years
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3.	Section 7. General Specifications: Page 22 of Annexure-2	None	Following new condition is added under clause no. 1.28: 11) The contractor shall supply necessary technical manpower required for operating the auditorium for six (6) months after completion.				

2. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.
3. This Addendum notice shall be part and parcel of the bid documents.

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