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These two 14-year-old divers from China became the youngest gold medallists at the 2018 Asian Games when they romped to victory in the women's synchronised 10-metre platform yesterday. Zhang Jiaqi and Zhang Minjie tumbled into a commanding lead from their exquisite opening dive and never looked threatened, securing the top spot with 361.38 points.

PHOTO: AFP

## BRENTFORD NOW OFFERS FUNERAL PACKAGE

The phrase 'Brentford till I die' will now take on a new meaning after the Championship club signed a sponsorship agreement with a funeral directors. Supporters of the club can now prove their loyalty lasts even into the afterlife due to the deal signed with an official funeral partner. Clients of Wembley-based G Saville & Son Funeral Directors have the chance to purchase a "bespoke coffin in club colours and sporting the Brentford FC badge" as a part of the arrangement. A long-standing Bees fan, business owner Graham Saville could be in for a lively reception on his next visit to Griffin Park. Brentford are free of any grave concerns on the pitch at present with Dean Smith's side fourth in the second tier and appearing ready to mount a promotion challenge.

—AGENCIES



## Bolt struggling to match the pace

AFP, Gosford



Sprint superstar Usain Bolt admitted Tuesday he was struggling with the tempo of professional football but is working hard to raise his fitness levels ahead of his first trial match this week.

The eight-time Olympic champion has been given an opportunity by Australia's Central Coast Mariners to fulfil his dream of a soccer career and has stepped up his training regime since hooking up with the A-League club last week.

He was put through his paces with the rest of the squad at a more intensive session at the team's base in the town of Gosford, 75 kilometres north of Sydney, on Tuesday.

After some warming up and a jog around the pitch, he took part in ball drills and while his passing was fine, he was slow to get the hang of the movement required.

The 32-year-old's lack of football fitness was also evident and he appeared to tire quickly, resting more than his teammates.

Bolt admitted to struggling with the constant stop-start of football, more used to a quick fire sprint on the athletics track

before winding down.

"The most challenging thing for me is the stop and go because I'm not used to picking up speed, going back down, then back again," he said. "It's all about practising and getting used to the system. I have time so will just learn the ways and keep pushing."

The Mariners hope to turn Bolt into A-League material in time for the start of the 2018/19 season in late October, with the club saying he can stay indefinitely to prove his credentials and earn a playing contract.

They have a pre-season friendly on Friday against an amateur side and Bolt is expected to get his first taste of a competitive game, but only as a substitute.

"I imagine he'll get some minutes on Friday," said coach Mike Mulvey, conscious that thousands of fans are set to turn up and with the match due to be broadcast on pay-tv.

He added that the Jamaican was "doing OK".

"The things we are asking him to do are things that he hasn't done for quite some years," he added. "He has played football as an athlete in between athletic meets so he has rudimentary skills. There's no problem about that. It's about being able to do it at the speed that we do it. It takes time to adjust."

## U-19 Asia Cup Primary squad named

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board announced a 23-member primary squad for the upcoming Under-19 Asia Cup, which is scheduled to begin in September in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar.

The 23 cricketers are divided into five categories: openers, middle orders, spin bowlers, pace bowlers and all-rounders.

The youths will continue the training camp under new head coach Naveed Nwaz in Chittagong and their preparations will continue until September 14.

The U-19 team is slated to play an international series after the conclusion of the Asia Cup.

**SQUAD:** Prantik Nawrose, Sajid Hasan, Pritom Kumar, Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Parvez Hossain Emon, Towhid Ridoy, Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Amite Hasan, Shamim Patwary, Md Akbar Ali Rakibul Hasan, Minhazur Rahman, Naim Hasan Sakib Shahdat Hossain Dipu, Rishad Hossain, Mrittunjoy Chowdhury, Avishek Das Aronno, Tanzil Hossain Sakib Md Ruyel Ahmed, Shoriful Islam, Asadullah Hill Galib, Shahin Alam, Mehedi Hasan.

## Serena's winning return

AFP, New York



Serena Williams made a triumphant return to the US Open on Monday, launching her bid for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam victory with a straight-sets win.

Williams, who counts six US Open titles among her 23 Grand Slams, can match Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 majors with a title.

She missed last year's edition due to the birth of a child on September 1, but showed every indication she's ready to make up for lost time in a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Poland's Magda Linette.

World number two Caroline Wozniacki also advanced, dispatching former champion Samantha Stosur 6-3, 6-2. Venus, a seven-time Slam winner,

outlasted another former champion, Svetlana Kuznetsova, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Defending champion Sloane Stephens encountered late resistance but held on for a 6-1, 7-5 victory over Russian Evgeniya Rodina.

Elsewhere on the opening day, seventh-seeded Spaniard Garbine Muguruza advanced with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over China's Zhang Shuai.

Defending US Open champion Rafael Nadal sent close friend David Ferrer into Grand Slam retirement when his veteran compatriot was forced to quit their match with injury, but former winners Andy Murray and Stan Wawrinka made successful returns.

Ferrer, a former world number three but now standing at a lowly 148, called it quits on a hot and humid night on Arthur Ashe Stadium despite leading 4-3 with a break in the second set after twice receiv-

ing treatment on a left leg injury. Top seed Nadal had taken the opener 6-3.

"This is my last Grand Slam," said Ferrer who was runner-up to Nadal in the 2013 French Open final. "I have great memories of this tournament and I am just sorry that I couldn't finish it tonight."

Nadal's potential semifinal opponent, 2009 champion Juan Martin del Potro, reached the second round with a 6-0, 6-3, 6-4 win over Donald Young.

Former world number one Murray marked his first Grand Slam tournament in 14 months with a 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 win over Australia's James Duckworth.

Murray, playing just his fifth tournament of the year after undergoing surgery in January, last featured in a major at Wimbledon in 2017.

Greek 15th seed Stefanos Tsitsipas saw off 36-year-old Tommy Robredo of Spain 6-3, 7-6 (7/1), 6-4.



Serena Williams returned to the US Open after skipping last year's edition due to the birth of her daughter and the American began her quest for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam with a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Poland's Magda Linette.

PHOTO: AFP

## Jose demands respect after Spurs battering

AFP, Manchester



Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho called for respect after suffering the heaviest home defeat of his career as Harry Kane and a Lucas Moura double moved Tottenham joint top of the Premier League with 3-0 win at Old Trafford.

A second consecutive defeat piles even more pressure on the coach as United now trail Spurs, Liverpool and Chelsea by six points and stand four adrift of champions Manchester City just three games into the new campaign.

who didn't boo his side at full-time despite the result.

"Today I had the proof the best judge are the supporters," Mourinho said.

The fans and Mourinho's response came after a dominant first 45 minutes from the hosts before Spurs took control with two goals in two minutes just after the break.

United, though, were left to rue a series of missed chances by Romelu Lukaku, particularly when the Belgian fired wide with an open goal on 15 minutes.

Tottenham hadn't even scored in losing on their four previous trips to Old Trafford under Mauricio Pochettino.

A minute later, they doubled their advantage when Christian Eriksen's cross was swept home by Lucas.

"It is a massive victory for us and I am very proud of the performance," said Pochettino. "It is difficult to beat Manchester United at Old Trafford. They were better in the first half but we dominated from then on."

Mourinho encroached onto the pitch to bellow encouragement to his charges. But the damage had already been done and the final reckoning could have been even more embarrassing for the hosts.

Lindelof, on for the injured Jones, was handed a reprieve when De Gea

## Bronze-winning billionare

AFP, Jakarta



As one of Indonesia's two richest men, Michael Bambang Hartono wants for little -- and especially now that he has an Asian Games medal in his favourite pastime, bridge.

The tobacco and banking magnate, who has amassed a net worth of 11.8 billion dollars, was instrumental in persuading organisers to include the card game, slightly incongruously, in the regional Olympics for the first time.

At the Jakarta bridge venue, the 78-year-old tycoon is comfortably equipped, as befits his status as one of the vast Southeast Asian country's most powerful men.

Hartono has his own guarded VIP area where he can receive guests and conduct interviews, with its own meeting room, a flat-screen TV and a bed where he can take a nap.

"We are equal. So no privilege at all," he said.

Special treatment or not, Hartono, who is also Indonesia's oldest competitor at the Games, is now the proud owner of an Asian Games bronze medal in the supermixed team event.

Along with his brother Robert, Hartono has been named Indonesia's richest man by Forbes which also ranked him the 75th wealthiest in the world. He amassed his wealth from tobacco, banking and communications -- using, he says, similar skills to those he employs for bridge.

"Bridge is like business. First you get the data, the information. You analyse the information, and then you make a decision. So business, real life and bridge are the same. Decision-making is the same," he said. "If you want to be a good leader, and you want to be a successful man, business man, play bridge. Never quit, never give up," he added.

Hartono has been playing bridge since he was six and loves the challenge of the game, but he says it's not his top priority.

"Number one priority is of course family. Number two is business. And if I have time I play bridge as a hobby. And also another hobby is music," said Hartono, who also enjoys tai chi.

Hartono isn't the only Indonesian business figure involved in the Games -- Erick Thohir, the media tycoon who is president of Inter Milan, is head of the organising committee.

This [holding three fingers up]. 3-0, 3-0. Do you know what this is? 3-0. But it also means three Premierships and I won more Premierships alone than the other 19 managers together. Me three, them two. So respect man, respect, respect, respect.

JOSE MOURINHO

The odds on Mourinho losing his job have been slashed in recent weeks as on top of adverse results, he has clashed with the club's executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward over a lack of signings.

However, he railed against his critics by citing his record of winning the Premier League three times over two spells at Chelsea.

"I won more Premierships alone than the other 19 managers together. Three for me, two for them. Respect!" a fiery Mourinho raged at reporters on exiting his post-match press conference.

Mourinho stood in front of Old Trafford's Stretford End at the end of the game to applaud the home fans,



Yet, the Argentine's half-time words of wisdom made a huge difference as Spurs came out a different side after the break.

David de Gea had already denied Kane and Dele Alli had seen a goalbound effort deflected wide by the time Kane rose highest from Kieran Trippier's corner to loop a header into the net.

Hugo Lloris kept his place in the Spurs goal and retained the captain's armband despite being arrested for drink driving in the early hours of Friday.

And Pochettino's faith in his skipper was rewarded when Lloris denied Lukaku again with a brilliant save to keep Spurs in front.

denied Alli after a short back pass by the Swede before Kane headed wide when unmarked from another corner.

Lucas did rub salt into United wounds six minutes from time when he outpaced Lindelof before firing into the far corner.

Mourinho was goaded with chants of "you're getting sacked in the morning" by the travelling Tottenham fans.

Woodward is not expected to bite the bullet quite so soon. But with United already facing an uphill battle just to make the top four nevermind challenge for the title, time is running out for Mourinho to get the 20-time champions of England back on track.

## 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:

### 'Ozil's treatment crossed the line'

Mesut Ozil's Germany teammate Ilkay Gunogan said that the treatment of Ozil did cross the line of racism while underlining that people in Germany were not racists. Ozil and Gundogan were subjected to jeers from German fans in warm-up games before the World Cup.

### Ronaldo Jr joins Juventus youth academy

Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo's oldest son has started training with the Juventus youth academy's Under-9 team, according to media reports in Italy.

