

ROONEY ON TARGET AGAIN

Wayne Rooney scored a stunning free-kick to keep D.C. United firmly on course for the Major League Soccer postseason on Wednesday with a 1-0 victory over Toronto FC. Former England and Manchester United star Rooney, whose arrival in Washington has transformed the club's season, curled in a superb strike from 30 yards in the 18th minute to settle the points. The victory leaves United four points clear of Montreal Impact, their closest rivals for a playoff spot, with 47 points from 32 games in the Eastern Conference standings. Montreal, who are just outside the postseason places in seventh, have 43 points from 42 games.

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An emotional homecoming

AFF, Bondy



France's World Cup star Kylian Mbappe was feted as a conquering hero on Wednesday when he returned to Bondy, the Parisian suburb where his fairytale footballing career began.

Thousands of residents turned out to greet the Paris Saint-Germain striker, back in Bondy on the outskirts of the French capital for the first time since picking up the World Cup best young player award in Russia.

After Pele he became only the second teenager to score in the final as France beat Croatia 4-2 on a heady night in Moscow.

"Kyyyyliiaannn! Welcome home" shouted one fan, to which a visibly moved Mbappe replied: "I am happier than you (to be here)."

"It's a privilege to return here amongst you, in my home, here in Bondy."

"It's the most beautiful present," he told the crowd packed in to the very ground of Leo Lagrange where he first kicked a ball in anger back in 2004 as a youth player for AS Bondy.

Among those on hand to greet the world's second most expensive player of all time was Caroline, 28, who spent the time waiting for

his appearance breastfeeding her baby.

"My son is a fan," she told AFP.

Loufi, 14, said: "He's an idol, it warms our hearts that he's still thinking about us, it's our dream to end up like him."

Mbappe, who last week made the front cover of Time magazine, talked to kids kitted out in the French colours with the name of their local hero emblazoned on their backs. "We've just seen him in person, I'm not going to wash my hands for weeks!" said one star-struck youngster, Fatoumata, aged 10.

"This is the biggest event" in our town's history, said Bondy mayor Sylvine Thomassin.

Before taking his leave Mbappe told his youthful audience: "Believe in your dreams, I hope one day one of you will be standing here and I'll come to acclaim you."

Mbappe also aired his intention to add more major international prizes to his World Cup winners' medal, with the Euros and an Olympic gold in his sights.

"I still have a lot of things to do," Mbappe told RMC Sport. "I want to accomplish everything. With France, I still have the European Championship to win. I would also, why not, like to compete in the Olympics. Then, with PSG, we all know what [the Champions League] is missing there."



French phenomenon Kylian Mbappe returned to Bondy, where his career began under his father's coaching, for the first time since winning the World Cup earlier this year. On his return to the Leo Lagrange Stadium, the 19-year-old was bombarded by fans and well-wishers.

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All-conquering girls set for a new challenge

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Although they skipped the last two editions of the AFC U-19 Women's Championship Qualifiers following a shortage of players to form a squad, the Bangladesh under-19 women's football team are all set to participate in the competition after a six six-year gap and with hopes of qualifying for the second round.

The girls in red and green are scheduled to leave for Tajikistan in the early hours today. Tajikistan will host the Group D fixtures, featuring South Korea, Chinese Taipei, Bangladesh and Tajikistan.

Bangladesh's campaign is set to begin on October 24th against South Korea.

A total of 25 countries, split into six groups, will play round-robin matches before the champions of each group as well as the two best runners-up will advance to the second round of qualification, where they will be split into two groups.

After that, the top two teams from each group will progress to the final round, which will take place in Thailand next year.

When Bangladesh had first participated in the AFC U-19 Women's

Championship Qualifiers in 2012 in Malaysia, they were eliminated from the group stages with a bottom-place finish among three teams.

In that edition, Bangladesh were beaten by India and Uzbekistan 1-0 and 2-0 respectively. After that, Bangladesh failed to form squads for the 2015 and 2017 editions due to the shortage of players and subsequently missed the tournaments.

However, the scenario for women's football in the country has changed

FIXTURES

October 24 – Bangladesh vs South Korea
October 26 – Bangladesh vs Chinese Taipei
October 28 – Bangladesh vs Tajikistan

drastically since 2016 as that was the year that Bangladesh emerged group champions in Dhaka to qualify for the 2017 AFC U-16 Women's Championship. And now, those same girls are ready to try their luck in the next level of Asian football.

These girls have been together for nearly three years and in that time they have played a few international tournaments such as the SAFF U-15 Women's Championship twice, SAFF U-18 Women's Championship, AFC U-16

Women's Championship Qualifiers and a Four-Nation U-15 women's Tournament in Hong Kong between December 2017 and October 2018. And barring the 2017 SAFF U-15 Women's Championship, they emerged as champions in all those competitions.

In the past year Bangladesh, comprised of under-16 and 19 team players as well as a few senior footballers, participated in only the SAFF U-18 Women's Championship but they clinched the title of the regional football extravaganza nonetheless.

"This group of girls played competitive matches in Bhutan this month to win the SAFF U-18 Women's Championship and it is a big inspiration for them to do well in Tajikistan. If the girls believe that they can do well, then the tournament will be easy although AFC Qualifying rounds are more challenging than the SAFF Championship," said coach Golam Rabbani Choton at a press conference at the BFF House yesterday.

"South Korea are a very strong team who play in the FIFA World Cup. So we want to perform better against them and try to beat Chinese Taipei and Tajikistan to finish at least as group runners-up, thus staying in the race to become one of the two best runners-up among six groups to progress to the next round," explained Choton.

Women get long-term sponsor

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Dhaka Bank Ltd, one of Bangladesh's leading private banks, now sponsors the entire selection of the women's football team.

They recently signed a six-year deal with the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), which is the first long-term deal made to promote the girls in red and green.

The financial institution stepped forward to sponsor each of the women's team age groups following their brilliant performances at the international level. Walton did however sponsor the teams on a tournament to tournament basis since 2016. The Dhaka Bank contract will come into effect with the U-19 women's team tour of Tajikistan, where they will participate in the AFC U-19 Women's Championship Qualifiers from October 24.

Bangladesh U-19 women's team captain Mishrat Jahan Mousumi and midfielder Maria Manda (R) pose during a sponsorship signing with Dhaka Bank. The six-year deal will be effective from next week's AFC U-19 Women's Championship Qualifiers.

PHOTO: BFF

The announcement was made at the BFF House yesterday during the Bangladesh U-19 women's team briefing about their preparations for the qualifiers.

"I want to thank this group of girls, who are going to represent the Bangladesh flag abroad. We hope they will perform better than they did recently in the SAFF U-18 Women's Championship. This group of girls are bringing more laurels to the nation than the boys and we have involved ourselves with women's football because of our patriotism and national duty," said Dhaka Bank managing director and chief executive officer Syed Mahabubur Rahman during the press conference.

BFF general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag informed that they will hold a press conference to inform the media about the contract details soon after the return of Dhaka Bank Ltd's chairman from abroad.



SHORT CORNER

Mane undergoes hand surgery

Liverpool said on Wednesday that forward Sadio Mane had undergone successful surgery on a hand injury he sustained while on international duty with Senegal.

Jurgen Klopp has a number of concerns ahead of his team's return to Premier League action against Huddersfield on Saturday, with doubts over forward Mohamed Salah and midfielder Naby Keita. Defender Virgil van Dijk has been playing despite a rib problem.

"Mane's recovery will be monitored over the next couple of days ahead of the Reds' return to action at Huddersfield Town on Saturday," said a statement on Liverpool's website.

Jose can't work miracles: Zlatan

Zlatan Ibrahimovic launched an impassioned defence of under-fire Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho, adamant no coach can work miracles and the players are to blame for their recent woes.

Mourinho has attracted significant criticism this season due to United's poor start to the campaign, winning just five of their 11 matches across all competitions. They sit eighth in the Premier League.

"Jose is doing a good job, you're as good as your team," Ibrahimovic told Sky Sports. "There is no coach in the world who can do miracles with a team."

"Of course, results speak for themselves. The results are not on top, it goes bad, sometimes goes better, it's part of the season."

"But the Premier League is not easy and if someone knows how to win it, it's him."

"Everybody criticises Mourinho and I don't think it's because of the results, it's because of the character, because of the way he is."

"I see myself also a little bit in that situation, we have our confidence, we believe in things, we say certain things. In our own way."



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Cristiano Ronaldo got back to work ahead of Saturday's Serie A game against Genoa. The Old Lady won a friendly 2-1 against Serie D side Chieri yesterday with their goals coming from Ronaldo and Nicolussi Caviglia.

"Mourinho just has to keep being himself, stand up for what he is doing, stand up for what he is. He is there because he did it his own way, because he is who he is and don't change for anybody."

Vidal fined €800,000

Barcelona midfielder Arturo Vidal has been hit with a 800,000 euros fine by a Munich court after being found guilty of assault during a nightclub fight last year.

Munich district court fined the Chile international based on 80 days worth of wages, calculated to be 10,000 euros per day for the Barcelona player, who left Bayern Munich in August after three years with the German giants.

The 31-year-old was not in court in Munich to hear the judge's verdict. Vidal and his half-brother were both found guilty after attacking another man at Munich's Crowns Club in September 2017, which was reportedly caught on security camera.

ZIM TOUR OF BD Tickets on sale

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Tickets for Zimbabwe's tour of Bangladesh are now on sale at match venues, subject to availability, as well as online, the Bangladesh Cricket Board confirmed yesterday.

Tickets will be available on match days while UCASH will provide online purchases.

The ticket prices for the ODI match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur will range from Tk1,000 to Tk 100 while the Test match prices will vary from Tk500 to Tk50.

At the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram prices range from Tk 1,000 to Tk 100.

ODI at SBNCS: Grand Stand: 1000, VIP Stand: 500, Club House: 300, Southern/Northern Stand: 150, Eastern Stand: 100. Test at SBNCS: Grand Stand-500, VIP Stand-300, Club House-200, Southern/Northern Stand-80, Eastern Stand-50.

ODIs at ZACS: Grand Stand-1000, Rooftop Hospitality-1000, International Stand-500, Club House-300, Western Stand-150, Eastern Stand-100. Test at SICS: Grand Stand-500, Club House-200, Eastern Gallery-80, Western Gallery-50, Green Hill Area-50.



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