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NEYMAR TO STAY AT PSG?

Neymar is to stay at Paris Saint-Germain after seeing his transfer back to Barcelona fail, according to press reports. "Se queda," Spanish for he's staying, read the L'Equipe headline on its front page. "Faced with the impossibility of completing his transfer to Barcelona, Neymar had informed his entourage he has decided to end the season at PSG," the daily said. Spanish sports newspaper Mundo Deportivo carried similar news. Madrid sports newspaper Marca said: "Barcelona neither have the financial muscle to meet PSG's demands nor have the French side been in any rush to do the Catalans any favours." Failure to sign Neymar will likely leave a lot of damage to repair between Neymar and PSG, Barcelona's board and the fans, and Barcelona players who were offered to PSG as part of a potential deal.



—AFP



Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang stretches to expertly turn in Matteo Guendouzi's cross and equalise for Arsenal in the 71st minute of the North London Derby. Tottenham had secured a 2-0 lead going into half-time during the Premier League but the points were ultimately shared between the bitter rivals.

PHOTO: TWITTER

Emery 'proud' of Gunners' stunning turnaround

AFP, London

Unai Emery saluted Arsenal's fighting spirit after they hit back from two goals down to salvage a pulsating 2-2 draw against Tottenham in Sunday's north London derby.

Spurs preyed on the Gunners' vacant midfield early on as Christian Eriksen tapped home at the end of a flowing counter-attack before Harry Kane's penalty doubled the Champions League finalists' lead.

Arsenal were always a threat going forward and, after Alexandre Lacazette reduced arrears in first-half stoppage time, were well worthy of a point after the break. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang got the equaliser 19 minutes from time and Arsenal had the ball in the net again through Sokratis Papastathopoulos, only to see celebrations cut short by the offside flag.

However, it was Spurs who passed up a host of promising positions to snatch the winner in stoppage time with Kane seeing appeals for another penalty waived away when he fell under pressure from Sokratis.

"The defender made a tired tackle. On halfway I think I'd get that foul,"

added Kane. "The ref probably thinks I'm looking for it. It is 50-50, I could get it in some games."

"When you go 2-0 up you expect to win whoever you are playing. The goal before half-time changed the momentum," said Kane.

"If a few final balls would have been better, we would have created more. It is a shame we couldn't kill it off. But it is the Premier League and if you don't kill teams off they come back at you."

Arsenal head into the international break in fifth place, with just one defeat from their first four matches. Tottenham are two points behind their rivals and have won only once in their opening four fixtures.

"I'm pretty proud of our work. We played with our heart, sometimes more than our head. We need the balance," Emery said. "We need to be clearer in our mind. We made some mistakes in the first half. The fans pushed us and helped us. The first goal for us was the key. We deserved to win over the 90 minutes. The match was amazing for everyone watching."

Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino has been frustrated by the decision to allow European clubs to buy players after the Premier League transfer deadline. His Denmark

playmaker Eriksen has been keen to leave, creating an unsettling effect. But with the European deadline looming on Monday, Pochettino hopes Tottenham will be more unified once Eriksen's future is settled.

"In the first half it was a great 45 minutes and I was a little bit ashamed to concede before half-time," Pochettino said. "We have massive quality and from tomorrow we will all be on the same page. With Christian Eriksen we have to wait but it shows it was the right decision to play him."

"He showed a great performance and helped the team to get a point here. I am optimistic and happy to work with the squad and try to fight for big things for the club. It is about drawing a strong line for the future. It's important to move on and learn from the past."

RICHARLISON FIRES EVERTON Richarlison bagged a brace as Everton earned a dramatic 3-2 win over Wolves on Sunday.

The Brazil forward scored the winner with 10 minutes left to hand the Toffees their second win of the season. Summer signing Alex Iwobi scored the other goal, netting for the second successive game. Romain Saiss and Raul Jimenez had twice drawn the visitors level.

U-17 National Gold Cups underway

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Both the Bangabandhu Under-17 (boys) National Gold Cup and Bangamata Under-17 (girls) National Gold Cup football tournaments kicked off amidst a festive mood at the Tangail District Stadium yesterday.

Organised by the Youth and Sports Ministry in an effort to uncover talented players, this is the second edition of the boy's competition while yesterday marked the inaugural edition of the girl's event at a nation-wide level.

In the first match of the day, Kakua Union beat Silimpur Union 1-0 in the boy's event with Hafizur Rahman scoring the solitary goal just five minutes into the match.

In the women's section, Tangail Sadar Upazila overcame Nagarpur Upazila 5-0 with Asha and Mehnaz scoring two goals each while Oishee scored the other.

Osaka dominates, then consoles Coco

AGENCIES, New York



Defending champion Naomi Osaka consoled a tearful Coco Gauff after a crushing US Open victory Saturday in a showdown billed as "the future of women's tennis" while Rafael Nadal cruised into the last 16.

World number one Osaka overpowered 15-year-old Gauff 6-3, 6-0 in 65 minutes to keep her title defense on track before sharing a warm embrace with an opponent overwhelmed by the occasion in the New York spotlight.

After the match, in a move not seen often in tennis, Osaka embraced Gauff and asked the teen if she would share her interview with her on court at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Gauff initially said she didn't want to do it, because she knew she would cry.

"She encouraged me to do it," Gauff said through tears. "I'm going to learn a lot from this match. She's been so sweet to me, so thank you for this."

After Gauff finished her interview, she said: "Thank you, Naomi. I don't want people to think that I'm trying to take this moment away from her, because she really deserves it."

Before Osaka could be asked a question, she went up to Gauff and gave her another hug, which drew roars from the crowd. When asked what it was like to mentor someone like Gauff, Osaka said: "I don't think I'm a mentor."

She then turned to Gauff's player box, which included the teen's parents. Both Osaka and Gauff live in Florida and have known each other for a few years. "You guys raised an amazing player," Osaka said

through her own tears.

"I remember I used to see you guys training in the same place as us. For me, like the fact that both of us made it, and we're both still working as hard as we can, I think it's incredible. I think you guys are amazing. I think, Coco, you're amazing."

In her post-match press conference with reporters, Gauff said: "After the match, I think she just proved that she's a true athlete. For me the definition of an athlete is someone who on the court treats you like your worst enemy but off the court can be your best friend. I think that's what she did."

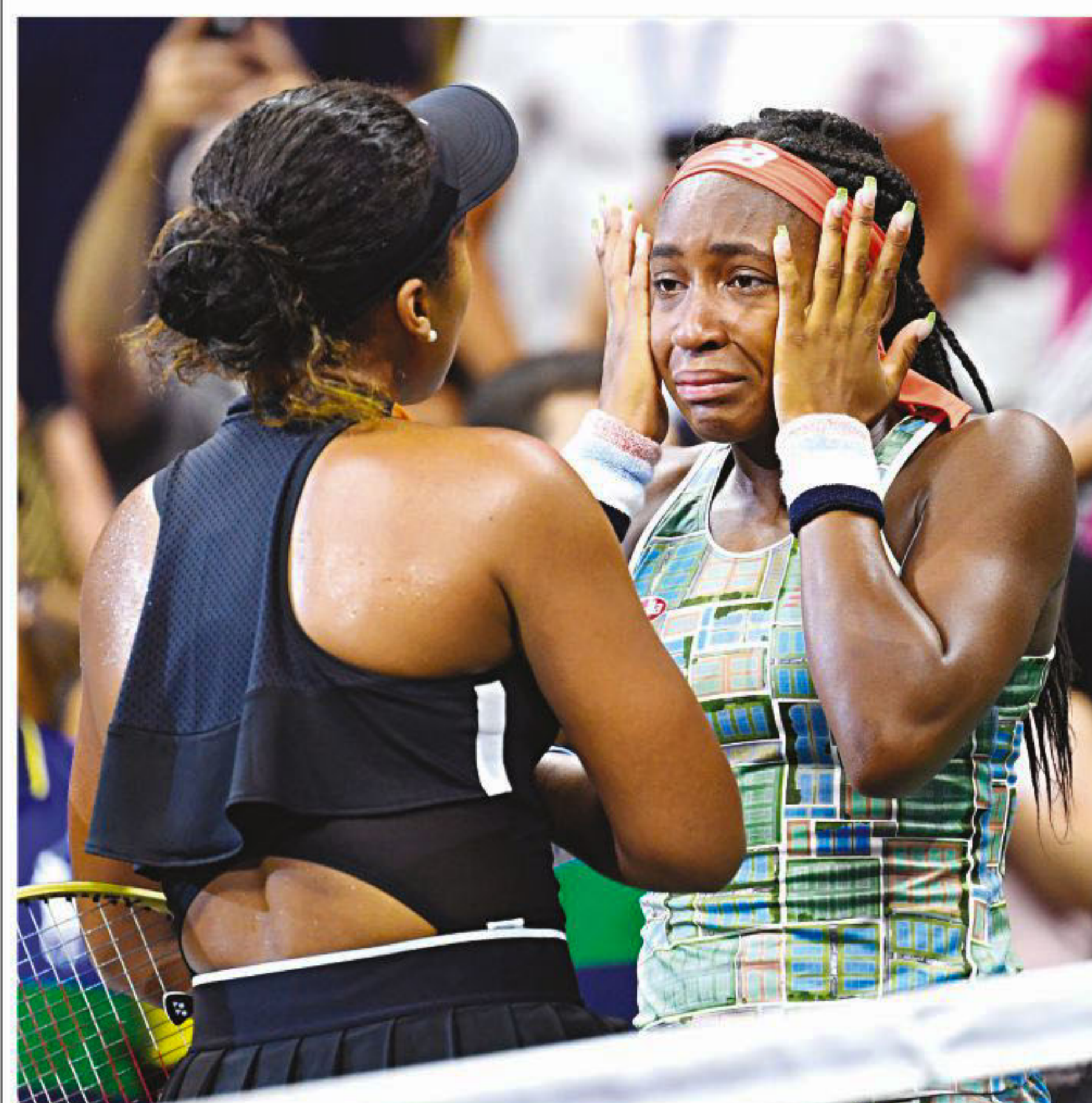
"She told me it's better than crying in the shower," Gauff continued. "She convinced me multiple times to stay. I kept saying no. Finally I said, 'OK, I'll do it.' Because I didn't know what to do. I'm happy that she kind of convinced me to do it because, I mean, I'm not used to crying in front of everyone."

Osaka said her decision to ask Gauff to do the interview with her was instinctive.

"It was kind of instinctive because when I shook her hand, I saw that she was tearing up a little. It reminded me how young she was," Osaka said. "I wanted her to have her head high, not walk off the court sad. I want her to, like, be aware that she's accomplished so much and she's still so young."

Later on Sunday, Roger Federer advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating Belgian 15th seed David Goffin 6-2, 6-2, 6-0.

"I thought it was very nice to see camaraderie at the highest level in sports. They both have a bright future ahead of them. I'm sure they'll have a great rivalry," Federer remarked on the moment between Osaka and Gauff



15-year-old Coco Gauff broke down under the New York spotlight after being comfortably dispatched 6-3, 6-0 by Naomi Osaka in their US Open third round encounter on Saturday. However, the World No. 1 comforted her rival, inviting her to the post-match interview and offering words of praise to return the smile to her opponent's face.

PHOTO: AFP

Scholastica clinch inter school title

SPORTS REPORTER

Scholastica became champions of the Inter School Football Tournament with a 2-0 over Sunbeams in the final at the APBN (Rab) field in Uttara yesterday. The two-day competition, organised by the Scholastica senior campus in Uttara, began on August 30 with nine schools participating in the Under-19 category.

Muhtasin Fahat Areef clinched the player-of-the-final award while Tahseen A. Priyo was the top scorer and Aneeq Islam was the best goalkeeper of the tournament, which was sponsored by Summit Group and Shamsul Alamin Real Estate.

Scholastica Uttara campus Principal Ms. Farah Sophia Ahmed was present alongside the director of Summit Group, Selim Khan, and executive director of Shamsul Alamin Real Estate, Ayasfin Alamin, during the closing ceremony.



(Clockwise from R) Cristiano Ronaldo pulled out a cheeky celebration after putting Juventus up 3-0 against Napoli in the 62nd minute of their Serie A encounter on Saturday night, asking the crowd to tone down on celebrations and gesturing that VAR would still have to perform relevant checks. However, an inspired Napoli did the unthinkable and levelled the scoreline, with Giovanni di Lorenzo scoring the third in the 81st minute. When it seemed that the drama was done, however, Napoli defender Kalidou Koulibaly kicked the ball into his own net in the 92nd minute and immediately fell to the ground, perhaps hoping it would open and swallow him up. After all, he had just cost The Partenopei the match against their main rivals for the Serie A title.

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ASIAN TABLE TENNIS C'SHIPS

Men's, women's squads trimmed

SPORTS REPORTER

In a change of approach, the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTF) have decided to trim both the men's and women's squads for the Asian Table Tennis Championships, a four-day affair which is set to begin on September 19 at the Amonggoro sport stadium in Indonesia's Yogyakarta province.

In the past, the game's local governing body sent four-member squads to all international competitions. However, this time around the BTF elected to send three-member men's and women's teams. The BTF cited financial constraints as a driving force behind the decision despite the fact that the tournament organisers will bear the accommodation and food expenses for all participating players and officials.

The men's team features Mahbub Billah, Manosh Chowdhury and Muhtasin Ahmed Ridoy while the women's team consists of Sonam Sultana Soma, Moumita Alam Rumi and Rahima Khatun.

Asked about their contingency plan should any member of the team fall sick or become injured during the championships, BTF general secretary Sheikh Mohammad Jahangir Alam said that the financial situation has left them with little to no options.

"Actually, we don't have anything to do because the financial condition of the federation is not good, so we can't send an additional player with the squad. We haven't even managed the sponsors and we are arranging the air tickets for the players. We have to bear all expenditures except accommodation and food," said Alam.

Alam also informed that the officials who will accompany the team will bear the cost of their own expenditures.