

Sheikh Jamal slip up

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2013 runners-up Sheikh Jamal, who made a flying start with a 3-0 win over Bangladesh Air Force...

Uttar Baridhara, who lost the first match 1-0 to Sheikh Russel, also kept alive slip hopes of booking a quarterfinal berth.

Unlike their first match, Uttar Baridhara yesterday fielded three foreign players -- Egyptian forward Mostafa Mahmoud Hammad and the Uzbek duo of midfielder Evgeniy Kochnev and defender Saiddoston Fozilov -- and looked much better but struggled due to poor finishing.

It was Baridhara who created the first opportunity in the 10th minute when a powerful drive from Samin Yeasir was blocked by the defence

before Sheikh Jamal goalkeeper Mohammad Nayem thwarted a free-kick from Fozilov in the 14th minute.

As both teams struggled to break the deadlock, Papon Singh was booked for elbowing Sheikh Jamal forward Jonov Otabek before Otabek himself was booked for a

rough tackle on Hammad.

Sheikh Jamal launched their first attack of the match in the dying minutes of the first half but Shonaur Rahman headed Sohel Rana's cross straight to goalkeeper Saiful Islam as a good chance went begging.

The second half of the match

could be deemed dull compared to the first, but Sheikh Jamal twice came close twice scoring. Solomon King first headed Atiquzzaman's cross straight to the goalkeeper in the 80th minute before Otabek saw a brilliant free-kick come off the crossbar two minutes from time.

Woods says lucky to be alive

AFP, Miami

Tiger Woods refused to put a timetable on his return to tournament golf on Tuesday in his first public appearance since a serious car crash earlier this year that left him "lucky to be alive".

Speaking to reporters in the Bahamas ahead of the Hero World Challenge, Woods said he would never regain full strength in his right leg, which was left shattered after the crash in Los Angeles in February.

Woods, 45, told Golf Digest in an interview on Monday his days as a full-time professional golfer were over, saying that he would pick and choose tournaments from now on.

On Tuesday, the 15-time major winner gave no indication of when he expected to be fit enough to play a full 72-hole professional event, repeatedly emphasizing that his recovery was ongoing and that he still felt pain in his back and leg.

"As far as playing at the tour level, I don't know when that's going to happen," Woods said.

"Now, I'll play a round here or there, a little hit and giggle, I can do something like that," Woods said.

Woods reiterated that he expects his post-accident career to mirror that of golfing great Ben Hogan, who was badly injured in a 1949 accident.

Hogan, who won 64 PGA Tour events and nine majors, never played more than nine tournaments in a season following the accident.

"I don't foresee this leg ever being what it used to be, hence I'll never have the back what it used to be, and clock's ticking. I'm getting older, I'm not getting any younger," Woods said.

"All that combined means a full schedule and a full practice schedule and the recovery that would take to do that. I don't have any desire to do that."

"But to ramp it up for a few events a year as Mr Hogan did, and he did a pretty good job of it -- there's no reason that I can't do that and feel ready."

"I may not be tournament-sharp in a sense that I haven't played tournaments,

but I think if you practice correctly and you do it correctly, that I've come off surgeries before.

"So I know the recipe for it, I've just got to get to a point where I feel comfortable enough where I can do that again."

Although Woods would not speculate about a possible target for return, he admitted he would be keen to play at next year's British Open, which will mark its 150th anniversary at St. Andrews, the home of golf where Woods has won twice before.

"Yeah, I would love to play at St. Andrews, there's no doubt about it," Woods said.

"Physically, hopefully I can. I've got to get there first. Tournament's not going to go anywhere, but I need to get there."

"It's my favorite golf course in the world. To be a two-time Open champion there, just being a part of the champions dinner is really neat."

Woods meanwhile declined to comment directly on his memories of the crash, which left him unable to walk unassisted for several months.

However, he revealed that amputation of his mangled leg, which suffered two compound fractures, had been "on the table".

"I'm lucky to be alive but also still have the limb. Those are two crucial things. I'm very grateful that someone upstairs was taking care of me, that I'm able to not only be here but also to walk without a prosthesis," said Woods, who said his rehabilitation had been harder than his multiple comebacks from back and knee surgeries earlier in his career.

"The knee stuff was one thing. That's one level. Then the back. With this right leg... it's hard to explain how difficult it is. Being immobile for three months. Just to lay there. I was just looking forward to getting outside. That was a goal of mine. Especially for a person who lived his entire life outside, that was a goal," he said.

"I transitioned from a wheelchair to crutches and now nothing. It's been a lot of hard work."



England hit Latvia for 20

REUTERS, Doncaster

England chalked up their biggest ever competitive victory with a 20-0 humiliation of Latvia in a Women's World Cup qualifier as Ellen White broke the Lionesses's scoring record on a busy night for the scorekeeper at the Keepmoat Stadium on Tuesday.

White bagged a hat-trick to take her tally to 48 from 101 caps for England, beating Kelly Smith's mark by two goals.

Ten different players found the back of the net in a one-way encounter with 21-year-old Lauren Hemp striking four times for her first goals with England.

Beth Mead and Alessia Russo also claimed hat-tricks with Ella Toone, Georgia Stanway, Bethany England with a double, Jill Scott, Jess Carter and Jordan Nobbs completing the demolition.

England's previous record win dated back to 2005 when they beat Hungary 13-0.

England top Group D with a maximum 18 points from six games ahead of Austria and Northern Ireland on 13.

They have now scored 53 goals in the qualifying campaign for the 2023 finals in Australia and New Zealand without conceding, leaving goalkeeper Mary Earps virtually unemployed.

Latvia are bottom without a point have conceded 46 goals and scored twice in their five matches.

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Novak not being blackmailed, says Australian official

AFP, Melbourne

Novak Djokovic is not being "blackmailed" by Australian Open organisers, a senior official said Wednesday, insisting a requirement for players to be vaccinated was about safety.

The 34-year-old world number one would be bidding for a record-breaking 21st Grand Slam title in Melbourne in January, but he has refused to say if he has been jabbed against coronavirus.

His father Srđjan told Serbian television on Sunday his son "probably won't" play the opening Grand Slam of the year over the mandatory inoculation rules.

"Of course he would want to go with all his heart," he said.

"But I really don't know if that will happen. Probably not under these conditions, with this blackmail and when it's done that way."

Martin Pakula, sports minister in Victoria -- the state where the Australian Open is held -- said he was keen for the nine-time champion to defend his title.

But he told reporters: "If you're a visiting international tennis player or a visiting sportsman of any kind, it's about your responsibility to the community that you are being welcomed into."

"And that's why we are asking those international tennis stars to follow the same requirements as Victorians are. It's not about blackmail, it's about making sure the Victorian community is protected."

Tournament chief Craig Tiley made clear last month that all players must be inoculated and there would be no concessions.

The Australian Open went ahead this year but players were forced to spend two weeks in hotel quarantine, crowds were restricted and a five-day snap lockdown was called mid-event.

Organisers expect it will run as scheduled in 2022 from January 17.

They have said fully vaccinated players can enter Australia without being quarantined or confined to bio-secure bubbles, although that scenario could be complicated by the emergence of the new Omicron coronavirus variant.

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