

Richarlison responds angrily to racist abuse

AFP, PARIS

Richarlison responded angrily on Wednesday to racist abuse after he scored as Brazil thrashed Tunisia in a friendly in Paris.

“As long as you continue to “blah blah blah” and don’t punish, it will continue like this, happening every day and in every corner. No time left, man!” he tweeted in Portuguese.

Richarlison was pelted with objects from the stands after putting Brazil ahead for the second time as they thrashed Tunisia 5-1 at Parc des Princes on Tuesday.

The Tottenham forward celebrated in front of the Tunisian supporters, who responded by throwing a banana and plastic cups in his direction.

Brazil midfielder Fred kicked the banana off the pitch, before extra security guards took up residence on the side of the field.

“Unfortunately... a banana was thrown on the pitch towards Richarlison, scorer of the second Brazilian goal,” the Brazilian football confederation (CBF) said on Twitter, including a photograph of the banana lying by the touchline.

“The CBF reinforces its position to combat racism and repudiates any prejudiced act.”

Another Brazil scorer, Pedro responded to more boos and missiles from the crowd by bowing in front of them in celebration.

“It’s a shame, it’s difficult to see images like that,” said Brazil captain Thiago Silva, whose team posed for a team photo before the match with a banner bearing an anti-racism message.

“Unfortunately it seems that we can’t change people’s mentality.”

“I hope they will realise that this doesn’t work, it’s the past, we have to change. Unfortunately, people continue with this mentality.”

The scene for a bad-tempered match was set when the vast numbers of Tunisia fans jeered the Brazilian national anthem before kick-off.

“I was puzzled, I was saying ‘No, it’s a lack of respect’. Football is a sport that promotes inclusion,” said Tite.

The match was also briefly interrupted in the first half following the use of laser pointers aimed at the players.

Last week, another Brazil star Vinicius Junior, was the target of racist chants when Real Madrid visited neighbour, Atletico. Spanish has justice opened an investigation.



Argentina superstar Lionel Messi celebrates one of his two goals during his side's 3-0 victory over Jamaica in a World Cup warm-up friendly in New Jersey on Tuesday.

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Argentina two shy of Italy’s world record

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Lionel Messi marked his 100th international victory with two goals as Argentina edged closer to Italy’s world record unbeaten streak with a 3-0 defeat of Jamaica in a World Cup warm-up friendly in New Jersey on Tuesday.

Paris Saint-Germain superstar Messi took his international goals tally to 90 in 164 appearances after coming on as a second-half substitute at the Red Bull Arena.

Messi’s goals capped an emphatic win for the South Americans, who have now gone 35 games unbeaten in a streak stretching back to 2019 – just two shy of Italy’s world record unbeaten run of 37 set between

2018 and 2012.

Messi, who also scored twice during a friendly win over Honduras in Miami on Friday, delighted the crowd with an electrifying cameo after coming on in the 56th minute for Inter Milan’s Lautaro Martinez.

He bagged his first of the night in the 86th minute, darting forward before caressing a shot into the bottom corner past Jamaica goalkeeper Andre Blake.

The 35-year-old seven-time Ballon D’Or winner then produced an impish second goal, craftily curling a low shot underneath the Jamaican wall into the bottom corner from a free-kick.

Messi’s presence left the crowd in a frenzy. On three different

occasions spectators sprinted onto the pitch in an effort to get close to the Argentinian icon. One shirtless fan attempted to get Messi to autograph his back before he was bundled to the floor by security staff.

Messi’s late double crowned another assured performance from Lionel Scaloni’s Argentina, who are rapidly emerging as one of the favourites for the World Cup in Qatar in November.

The Argentinians had dominated throughout a one-sided first half, and took the lead on 13 minutes when Martinez jinked past Jamaica’s Damion Lowe and cut back for Manchester City’s Julian Alvarez, who tucked away a low finish from close range.

‘When we had to stand up, we did’

AFP, PARIS

Alvaro Morata’s late goal earned Spain a 1-0 win in Portugal and the last place in the UEFA Nations League finals on Tuesday, while the Czech Republic were relegated from the top tier after losing in Switzerland.

Portugal, winners of the inaugural Nations League in 2019, needed just a point in Braga to finish top of Group A2 but dropped to second as Morata tapped in Nico Williams’ header on 88 minutes.

Spain join the Netherlands, Italy and Croatia in the finals which are scheduled for June next year.

Switzerland, who beat Spain 2-1 in Zaragoza on Saturday, were indebted to goalkeeper Yann Sommer as he saved a second-half penalty to preserve victory over the Czechs.

Remo Freuler and Breel Embolo scored within a minute of each other in the first half in St Gallen, but Patrik Schick pulled one back before the break.

Schick saw his second-half penalty kept out by Sommer as the Swiss won 2-1, condemning the



Czech Republic to relegation to League B.

Scotland clinched promotion to League A after a 0-0 draw against Ukraine in Krakow, having beaten the same opponents 3-0 last week in Glasgow.

Serbia took top spot in Group B above Norway as forward pair Dusan Vlahovic and Aleksandar Mitrovic got the goals in a 2-0 victory in Oslo.

Sweden will drop into League C after a 1-1 draw with Slovenia in Solna, where Emil Forsberg cancelled out Benjamin Sesko’s opener for the visitors.

Greece made it five wins from six in Group C2 as they beat Northern Ireland 3-1 in Athens. Kosovo thrashed Cyprus 5-1 in Pristina.



Time to address issues and not gloat over ‘confidence gained’

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“For us, preparation was very important. We got good facilities here [in the UAE] and all our players utilised these seven days very well. The two matches we played here [against UAE] will help us build confidence ahead of the World Cup,” Bangladesh all-rounder Mehedi Hasan Miraz said after wrapping up the two-match T20I series with a 32-run victory in the final game against the UAE in Dubai on Tuesday.

Miraz spoke about how a 2-0 series win against the UAE – which included a nervy seven-run victory in the first game – would help the team ‘build confidence’ ahead of the T20 World Cup next month in Australia.

The concern is whether it will be the same type of confidence that Bangladesh had taken to Oman and the UAE last year for the previous edition of the T20 World Cup.

Just about a year ago, then T20I skipper Mahmudullah Riyad gloated about how ‘historic’ series wins against Australia and New Zealand on slow and low Mirpur tracks had helped inject confidence in the side ahead of the last edition of the T20 World Cup.

How that confidence boost panned out for Bangladesh is known to the world – with a humbling in the qualifiers against Scotland and an exit following zero wins in the Super 12s. Mahmudullah is no longer on the scene, but does Miraz’s claim of gaining confidence from wins against a T20I side ranked four places below Bangladesh – who themselves are languishing in 9th place – suggest the Tigers are again garnering a false sense of confidence ahead of yet another marquee T20 event?

It is probably time the Bangladesh cricketers

called a spade a spade and treat this tour of the UAE as what it was meant to be: a scope for mere practice after training sessions at home were hampered by showers recently.

Even on what should have been an easy tour for Bangladesh, they survived a major scare in the first T20I. After that game, Miraz lauded Afif Hossain’s knock of unbeaten 77, which indeed was an innings worthy of praise and helped Bangladesh make a turnaround from a batting collapse that should not have happened in the very first place.

The next assignment for Bangladesh is in New Zealand, where they will play a tri-nation series also involving Pakistan. The series, which will begin on October 6, will act as a prelude to the World Cup for all three involved teams.

Going head to head against top-ranked teams like New Zealand and Pakistan surely provides the Tigers with the perfect opportunity to assess their calibre in conditions similar to what they will face down under.

But Bangladesh still have plenty of issues to fix. If anything, the matches against UAE showed how far off the pace Bangladesh are in the T20 format. Headaches range from squandering simple catches to not yet finding a stable opening duo as Sabbir Rahman fails to justify the gift of a callback to the national team, which came in spite of the batter having very little to show in the domestic circuit during his time away from the national set-up for over two years.

Probably the best way to do that would be to not obsess over confidence gained from wins over a feeble UAE and to instead start addressing how to approach the tri-nation series so that they can get at least some things in order before the mega-event in Australia.

BCB keen on Sri Lanka model

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Bangladesh Cricket Board president Nazmul Hassan Papon spoke to the media yesterday and what could be surmised from his words is that the Tigers are going through a rebuilding phase ahead of the T20 World Cup in Australia. That rebuild will continue after the World Cup and Sri Lanka appear to be the model to follow judging from the board president’s remarks.

It could be ascertained that some players who have not been able to cement their places will be given time. The likes of Afif Hossain, Yasir Ali, Nurul Hasan Sohan and Liton Das have made big strides in recent times and the BCB president was looking to form a core group with such players.

“There are many players in our team who are doing well. They will have to be given time. Afif has not become Mushfiqur [Rahim] or Mahmudullah [Riyad]. We can’t make these mistakes [of comparing them to veterans], even Sohan has not become like them. But the thing is these players have that potential. Liton Das hasn’t isn’t close to Tamim [Iqbal] yet,” the BCB president said yesterday, perhaps trying to temper expectations.

With the BCB president saying experimenting with the squad would be reduced, it was evident the team management may now look to find a sustainable line-up. The Sri Lanka team had been struggling in T20s for the past few years but have now found a unit from such phases of struggle.

Skipper Dasun Shanaka, openers Kusal Mendis and Pathum Nissanka, middle-order batter Bhanuka Rajapaksa and Wanindu Hasaranga in lower-middle order are players who have taken up the reins.

Talking about Bangladesh’s current batch of players in T20s, Hassan said: “We have done a lot of experiments last year and if we can minimise that, as Sri Lanka did, there are possibilities. Sri Lanka worked with a side for three and a half years and then got results.”

DJOKOVIC WANTS BIGGEST RIVALS AT HIS SWANSONG

Novak Djokovic said he wants his biggest rivals to be by his side when he brings the curtain down on his career, much like Roger Federer’s emotional goodbye to the game last week. “There is definitely one thing that I will wish to have, other than, of course, my family and the close people in my life, I would love to have my biggest rivals and competitors there. Because it added something more special, added more importance to that moment.”



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