

NEWS IN BRIEF



Cole: It's good to be back



Chelsea playmaker Joe Cole has sounded his delight after his return to top form in Saturday's thrashing of Blackburn.

Having recovered from a serious knee injury suffered in January, the former West Ham star made his first league start and dazzled as Sam Allardyce's side were demolished 5-0 in West London.

Chelsea want Cole to become the latest player at Stamford Bridge to commit to a new long-term contract and if his form from the weekend continues that desire is likely to increase.

(Source: Skysports)

Jonzon ends long wait



Sweden's Michael Jonzon birdied the final hole to break a 12-year title drought with victory at the Castello Masters.

The 37-year-old closed with a four-under 67 for an overall total of 20-under-par, enough for a one-shot win over compatriot Christian Nilsson and Germany's Martin Kaymer at the Club de Campo del Mediterraneo. Jonzon, whose only previous European Tour triumph came at the 1997 Portuguese Open, began the final round one ahead and looked in control for most of the day before a late wobble.

A front nine of 31, including three birdies and an eagle at the par-five eighth, gave him some breathing space.

(Source: Skysports)

Boro appoint Strachan



Middlesbrough have confirmed that Gordon Strachan will succeed Gareth Southgate as their new manager.

Southgate was surprisingly sacked following last Tuesday's 2-0 Championship victory over Derby County at The Riverside.

Although that win meant Boro were just one point off the top of the Championship table chairman Steve Gibson opted to wield the axe.

(Source: Skysports)

Persepolis crawling to top



Tehran Times Sports Desk

TEHRAN — Persepolis football team beat the brave squad of Traktorsazi of Tabriz in the 14th week of the Iran Professional League here at the Azadi Stadium on Monday.

In the match played in front of many Tabrizi fans, who traveled to Tehran to see their favorite team's performance, Persepolis came out victorious and won the home match 2-1.

The visitors were the better team in the first half. They kept control of the ball and created many good opportunities, but failed to score.

Persepolis made some changes after the interval and put its rival under pressure. The Reds' striker Mojtaba Zarei opened the goal in the 67th minute. He slotted the ball past Hassan Rudbarian through his legs.

Hawar Mulla Mohammed doubled the scoreboard with four minutes remaining. He chipped the ball over Rudbarian's head.

However, the game was not over.

Marseille, PSG game postponed due to swine flu

Marseille, France (Sports Network) — Paris Saint-Germain's match at Marseille in France's Ligue 1 on Sunday was postponed because two players have the swine flu.

The league said Saturday the game would be played despite confirmation two PSG players had the swine flu, but on the recommendation of the league's medical staff, decided Sunday to postpone the match.

"I would like to apologize in the name of the LFP to the public, to the clubs, to the supporters and the TV broadcasters,"

Traktorsazi's Farhad Kheirkhah, who was a member of Persepolis last season, pulled a goal back in the injury times.

In the IPL rankings Persepolis is fourth with 23 points. Sepahan is first with 25 points, Esteghlal is second with 24 points and one game in hand, and Paykan is third also with 23 points, but with a better goal average than Persepolis.

Other 14th week results are as follows:

- * Rah Ahan 0 – 1 Sepahan of Isfahan
- * Abu Moslem of Khorasan 2 – 2 Steel Azin of Tehran
- * Mes of Kerman 3 – 2 Saipa of Karaj

Tuesday's fixture:

- * Zob Ahan of Isfahan – Esteghlal of Tehran
- * Pas of Hamedan – Foolad of Khuzestan
- * Saba Battery of Qom – Moghavemat of Shiraz
- * Shahin of Bushehr – Paykan of Qazvin
- * Esteghlal of Ahvaz – Malavan of Bandar Anzali

French Ligue 1 President Frederic Thiriez said in a statement released on the league's website. "It's clear that the players' health should be our main priority."

The date of the rescheduled match has yet to be decided.

In games played Sunday, Moussa Sissoko and Andre-Pierre Gignac scored to lead Toulouse to a 2-0 win over Lens, and Daniel Niculae scored the game-winner in the 82nd to lead Auxerre to a 3-2 win over Lille.

(Source: Sportsnetwork)

Iran's Arabi wins silver in World Wushu Championship

Tehran Times Sports Desk
TORONTO — Iran's Farshad Arabi claimed a silver medal in the 10th World Wushu Championship.

Arabi won the silver in talou (form), scoring 9.72 points. An athlete from Hong Kong finished first with a score of 9.75, and the South Korean participant came third with 9.69.

About 1000 athletes from 73 countries are participating in the tournament which started on Saturday and will end on Thursday in Toronto, Canada.

A total of 20 Iranian men and women athletes represent the country in the event.

Doosti-Mehr satisfied with Iran's U-17 performance

Tehran Times Sports Desk
CALABAR — Iran's Under 17 football coach Ali Doosti-Mehr is satisfied with his team's performance against Gambia in the FIFA U-17 World Cup.

Iran beat Gambia in its opening game of the FIFA Under-17 World Cup on Sunday.

"We had a difficult match against African champions but defeated them. We will go through step by step and are fully ready to get good result against Colombia on Wednesday," Doosti-Mehr said.

"Hopefully Iranian players show their potentials in Nigeria. We play to defend the reputation of our country in the tournament," he concluded.

Iranian Nursing Organization director:

Health Ministry Approves Reduction in Nurses' Working Hours



is bound to execute the law even if it cost more than the mentioned sum.

In the bylaw, the words "the government can" was omitted and it was decided that the stipulations in the bylaw to be executed, the official said, adding that the only change in the bylaw was that the work coefficient in the afternoon shift of nurses was not approved to be 1.2, so it will be the same as the morning shift, but the night shift coefficient was approved to be 1.5.

Enforcing the law will be beneficial for nurses and medical staff as they will be granted benefits of hard and unhealthy jobs.

Employers, whether in governmental or in private sector, has no right to force their staff to extra work of up to 100 hours a month. Committees for investigating administrative violations of medical science

With the bylaw passed and taken effect, some 17,000 new nurses and medical staff will be employed and the average working hours of nurses will decrease by four hours a week

universities are responsible for the proper implementation of the law.

Meanwhile, the nursing organization and the health ministry will submit reports to the parliament every six months on the good performance of the law, Mirzabeigi noted.

Based on the bylaw, medical per-

sonnel working in the burn, mental, emergency and special care wards will be offered two months leave of absence a year. Also, all the nurses and medical staff working in state-run and private sector units should not work for over 12 hours continuously.

The director of Iranian Nursing Organization explained that this special situation will be granted exclusively to nurses, personnel of the armed forces, and charity foundation.

Through recruiting 15-17 thousand new nurses and medical staff in the first phase, the shortage of medical manpower will be removed, and the figure would reach 6-7 thousand per year to attain standards in the governmental section of the medical treatment sector.

The private sector will certainly welcomes the law, because the new tariffs will be imposed for medical and nursing services which will improve their financial status.

The law will be implemented as a pilot plan in a province and after removing the probable deficits, it will be executed across the country.

The full text of the productivity improvement bylaw of medical staff which has been approved by the health ministry is as follows:

Article 1: Clinical staff is referred to those medical personnel who are working in state-run and private centers (civil servants and armed forces) and offer services directly to patients. The group includes nurses, paramedics, midwives, physicians, and technicians at operation rooms.

Article 2: The working time would be 44 hours a week and the period can be reduced by eight hours considering the hardness of job, the years of service, and

working in uncommon work shifts based on the instruction of the health ministry which is enforceable both in state-run and private sectors.

Article 3: Clinical staff of mental



and burn hospitals who are subject to the article one, as well as mental diseases experts of hospitals can use up to one month extra leave of absence for working at uncommon environments in addition to the ordinary period instructed by Ministry of Health and Medical Education. This leave of absence can not be reserved or transferred.

Note: Clinical personnel who work permanently in mental and burn wards of governmental hospitals will be included in the mentioned law.

Article 4: Jobs of clinical personnel working mental and burn wards of hospitals and the employees included in the article 16 of the nursing law are considered as hard and unhealthy jobs. The instruction related to hard and unhealthy jobs has been prepared by the health ministry in cooperation with affiliated organizations mentioned in the paragraph 5 of the human re-

source development department of presidential office.

Article 5: The working hours of clinical staff at state-run and private centers will be accounted with applying a coefficient of 1.5.

of state-run and private sectors included in the wards mentioned in the article 1 is constant and based on performance and will be defined according to the tariffs of medical services in the governmental sector and the private sector.

Article 7: Benefits will not be accrued to those who work simultaneously in state-run and private sectors. Agreements have been prepared by the health ministry, which are signed with employees, according to which they are committed to work for either state-run or private sector.

Article 8: The credit required for the implementation of the law is included in the budget act and allocated to related organizations.



Those who are included in the law should not work for 12 hours continuously and can work up to 100 hours as extra time in accordance with the employer. So, no employee is allowed to spend time for sleeping during night shifts and holidays.

Note: One hour is considered as the time for transferring responsibilities to next working shifts.

Article 6: The method of paying salaries and benefits to employees

Article 9: The department for human resource development at presidential office should recruit personnel to compensate the manpower deficit resulting from the implementation of the law according to the article 51 of the civil services law. Meanwhile, signing contracts with real persons is allowed observing stipulations of the article 32 of the said law to compensate the manpower shortage.

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