

FG Urged To Reopen Sporting Activities

BY SALIFU USMAN, ABUJA

Federal government has been urged to gradually reopen sporting activities, especially non-contact sports to aid the citizens overcome the threat of COVID-19 pandemic.

Acting secretary of the FCT Social Development Secretariat and director of sports development, Mrs. Dilichukwu Onyedinma made the call while speaking to newsmen in Abuja.

The former chairperson of the Nigeria Women Football League and NFF board member, said the COVID-19 pandemic has been a major setback for the sporting industry but urged Nigerians to take their destiny into their own hands by fighting back to

defeat the pandemic.

She said sports offers Nigerians opportunity to overcome the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic and advocated for gradual reopening of sports activities, especially non-contact sports.

"I have had cases where people complained of dying gradually becomes they could not exercise especially people in their 50th and 60th. Sports used to be their only means of escaping boredom and exercising their bones make their system active, but that has been taken away from them due to lockdown on sports activities," she said.

While speaking further, she noted that the impact

of the lockdown on professional athletes cannot be over emphasized.

"The professional athletes are suffering the most because they are used to spending their abundant energy on the track, football field or getting engaged in one sporting activity or the other. But that is not possible anymore. So, if religious and market activities can be allowed to resume there is nothing stopping non-contact sports from resume."

She commended the minister of FCT Muhammad Musa Bello and Minister of state, Hajiya Ramatu Tijani for the efforts they have made so far in assisting the populace during the lockdown.

Napoli To Sign Osimhen For €70m, Gabriel €30m

Italian club, Napoli are confident they have won the race to sign Super Eagles forward, Victor Osimhen and his teammate at Lille of France, Gabriel for a combined price of €100 million.

Osimhen, a 21-year-old, and Gabriel, a 22-year-old defender, travelled from Lille, where they have resumed training, to Italy yesterday to start talks with Aurelio De Laurentiis, the Napoli owner and his sporting director, Cristiano Giuntoli.

The offer made by the Serie A club is split €70m for Osimhen and €30m for Gabriel, which meets Lille's asking price.

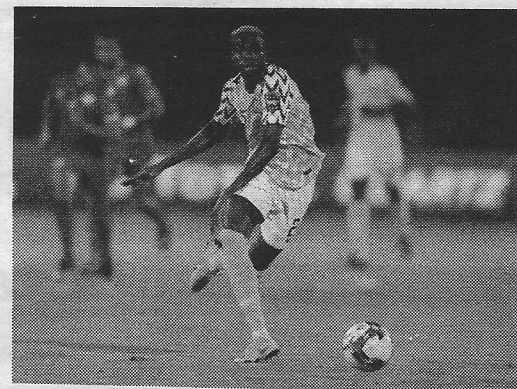
The two players are set

to stay in the south of Italy for a few days, where they will hold talks with Napoli manager Gennaro Gattuso and a deal could be finalised quickly.

Two of the revelations of the 2019-20 Ligue 1 season, they are among the most coveted players in Europe this summer and Napoli are edging towards recruiting them, in what would be a great coup for the club.

Nigeria international Osimhen only joined Lille last summer from Charleroi for just €12m but had an excellent season in France with 13 league goals.

Sources have told ESPN that he would prefer a move to the Premier



League where he dreams of playing. Chelsea and Manchester United are

two clubs interested in him but are yet to make an offer. However, sources have told ESPN that Napoli are confident they can convince him to move to Italy.

Brazil under-23 international Gabriel has also attracted a lot of interest,

especially from England. Everton and Chelsea have both spoken to his agents but he is keen to move to Italy.

Barcelona youngster Marc Jurado has confirmed his departure from the Catalan club after running down his contract ahead of a move to Manchester United this summer.

COVID-19: NNL Clubs Vote For Cancellation Of 2019/20 Season

BY OLAWALE AYENI, ABUJA

After match-day 5, the Nigerian National League (NNL) clubs have voted for the cancellation of the 2019/20 season due to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

At a two-day video-conferencing which started on Monday and ended yesterday, the 43 club chieftains agreed that no team will be promoted or relegated from the first division league.

According to the statement signed by the president of Nigerian National League Club Owners Association (NALCOMA), Abdul Sule, the body said it will support any decision by the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) on ending the football activities for the year.

"In all ramifications, we will support the NFF in any decision for the good of the game but NNL and its club owners should always be carried along in decisions affecting it for better synergy" the statement read.

"The 2019/2020 NNL season should be cancelled following the effect of COVID-19 and restriction on sporting activities by the federal government, which does not make the expected resumption of the League feasible".

"None of the 43 (Forty-three) clubs in the second tier League will go on relegation or be promoted. This ended the agitation by some leading clubs to be promoted to the NPFL as majority of 13 clubs voted against 12".

"That there will be no registration fee to be paid by the clubs in the 2020/2021 NNL Season," he said.

However, the clubs called for the restructuring of the league to international standard in order to attract investors while urging the NNL organisers to address the issues bordering on poor officiating of the league.

"There is urgent need to rebrand the League and give it a fresh face, with the intent to attract partnerships/sponsors without further delay, as this was part of what put the League on hold in the first instance"

"We have agreed to constitute a strong committee that will critically look into the problems associated with poor officiating in the NNL as this was one of the reasons the league was placed on endless stop"

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The Internal Revenue Service with the gracious approval of his Excellency, the Governor, Rt. Hon. Umaru Ahmadu Fintiri is offering specific Tax reliefs and deferral measure to support taxpayers in cushioning the effect of Covid-19 Pandemic. The service is hereby granting to its esteem Taxpayers an extension of deadline for filing Annual Income Tax Returns within 90 days from the commencement of every year of assessment (i.e. by 31 March of every year), Annual / bi-annual updating of vehicle particulars, among others.

The Covid-19 Taxpayers Support Services are granted as follow: -

- Extension of Timeline for filing Return from 31st March 2020 to 30th June, 2020.
- Extension of Timeline for filing withholding Tax Return from 21st day to the last working day of the month following the month of deduction
- 50% reduction on Personal Income Tax (PIT) of Informal Sector Taxpayers made before 31/12/2020
- Use of electronic platforms (Remita and other Internal Portals) for payment of Taxes and processing of Tax Clearance Certificates.
- Automatic discharge of vehicle update arrears beyond one year of expiration ending 31/12/2020.
- Automatic waiver of 50% arrears volume on back duty assessment

Remitted before September, 2020

- Filing of tax returns by non-informal sector Taxpayers without audited financial statement which must be submitted within two months of the revised due date of filing
- Allow installment payment on tax due to informal sector taxpayers into agreed segment of deferral settlement program
- Submission of tax Return on designated email airsofficedirect@gmail.com
- There is no interest or penalties to be charged on deferral time line (however full payment of Principal liability qualifies you for the waiver)
- Suspension of Minimum Tax provision up to 30th September, 2020.
- Waiver of late returns penalty for taxpayers whose returns submitted after 30/06/2020
- Suspension of field audits, however desk reviews and tax audit request information will be communicated through emails.

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