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Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit (R) holds aloft the World Athletics Championships flag while IAAF president Lamine Diack (L) and acting president of the Berlin 12th IAAF World Athletics Championships 2009 Organising Committee Clemens Prokop (C) look on during the closing ceremony of the 11th edition in Osaka on Sunday.

## Curtain falls on Osaka WC

### USA fire Olympic warning to China

**Athletics**

AFP, Osaka

Nine days of sweat and tears at the World Athletics Championships ended with the United States firing a clear warning to China ahead of next year's Olympics.

China have made noises about wanting to overhaul the Americans at the top of the medals table in Beijing, but they won't be making much of a dent on the track and field. As expected, the United States led the medal haul here with 14 gold. Kenya came second with five, thanks to their incomparable distance runners, while Russia was third. China was a distant 11th with a single gold to Liu Xiang.

In a meet where no world records fell, Tyson Gay was the standout performer, clinching gold medals in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relays to cap a breakthrough season and set himself up as the potential star of the Olympics.

He plans to return to Asia some time this season to continue his preparations for the 2008 Games.

"I'm looking forward to coming back to Asia and running some 100s," said the 25-year-old

American who joined an elite group to win three gold in the same championships.

"I still have some things I want to work on and go into next year in a positive frame of mind."

His key sprint rival, 100m world record holder Asafa Powell, had a disappointing championships, finishing third in the blue riband event, and knows he has work to do to haul in Gay.

"My championship is over right now but I'm still looking forward for better things to come," said the Jamaican.

"Right now I'm just looking forward. I'm trying to keep my head up and stay focused."

The women's 100m crown went to Jamaica's Veronica Campbell while American Allyson Felix claimed the 200m title. Felix also won gold in the 4x100m and 4x400m relays to match Gay's medal tally.

At the height of the Japanese summer, athletes had intense heat and humidity to deal with and Africa's endless staple of distance runners coped best.

Ethiopia's Tirunesh Dibaba came from the back of the field to retain her world 10,000 metres title in a thrilling race, overcoming stomach cramps

to reinforce herself as a major talent and firm favourite for Olympic gold.

Her irrepressible compatriot Kenenisa Bekele won the men's version for a third straight time and appears unbeatable.

The 25-year-old said he would have a crack at his own world record in Brussels later this month, and attempt the 5,000-10,000 double in Beijing.

"After Osaka my big goal is the Beijing Olympics," he said.

"Three years ago (in Athens) I missed being double champion. If I can I would love to try to do that again at the next Olympics."

With Bekele opting out of the 5,000m here, Kenyan-born American Bernard Lagat won on the final day for a rare double after also capturing the 1,500m.

Another Ethiopian, the flawless Olympic champion Meseret Defar, timed her run to perfection to win her first 5,000m title.

She too is toying with the double at the Olympics.

It was a Kenyan sweep in the marathon with Catherine Ndereba claiming the women's title and Luke Kibet the men's.

Other standouts were China's

gangly Liu Xiang who won the 110m hurdles title for the first time and heads to the Olympics with massive pressure on him as Asia's leading hope.

### Bangladesh take

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will face the home side today and two-time champions South Korea on Thursday.

The remaining clashes against two regional heavyweights means Mahbub Harun's boys have little chance to add any point but the two wins have already fulfilled the preliminary target of the coach.

A fourth-place finish in the group will give Bangladesh a chance to play in the 5th-8th place play-offs.

In another Pool B match, captain Hu Hui Ren slammed six goals to lead China to a 13-0 win over Thailand after leading 7-0 at the break. Meng Jun and Yu Yang scored a brace each as China, who lost to India 1-0, kept their semifinal hopes alive with six points from three games.

In Pool A, Japan routed Hong Kong 7-1.

### Dighinala reach DC Cup final

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Dighinala reached the final of the Second Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup football tournament when they ousted defending champions Khagrachhari Sadar in tiebreakers in the semifinals here yesterday.

The regulation period ended in a 1-1 draw at the local stadium and the 30-minute extra-time failed to change the fate of the game, taking it into a marathon penalty shootout.

Dighinala, who won 8-7 in sudden death, will take on the winners of Manikchhari-Ramghor second semis in the final.

### Raju fires 7 goals

UNB, Dhaka

Raju Mia slammed a double hatrick while Khalilur Rahman a treble as Rainbow SC crushed Mirpur Chalanitika SC 11-1 in yesterday's Third Division Football League at the Outer Stadium.

Raju netted seven goals while Khalilur added four for the winners while Jewel scored the consolation goal for Chalanitika.

In the day's other match, Rahmatganj SC beat Shantinagar Club 2-1 with Jahangir and Khoraiaching Marma finding the target for the winners. Rana reduced the margin for the vanquished.

### Youth kabaddi from tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The eight-team final round of the Fresh IGP Cup National Youth Kabaddi championship will begin at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court tomorrow.

Seven zonal champions along with holders Dhaka will play in the final round.

The seven zonal qualifiers are Gopalganj, Tangail, Rajshahi, Jessore, Pirojpur, Dinajpur and Comilla.

### Road named after Rana

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A Khulna city road was yesterday named after Manzarul Islam Rana, the national cricketer who died in a road accident in March this year.

Khulna City Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman unfurled the plaque of renaming the Mujgunni main road as Manzarul Islam Rana road.

Jamila Khatoun, mother of Rana, expressed her disappointment over Bangladesh Cricket Board's delaying in naming a gallery of the Khulna Divisional Stadium after her son's name according to its commitment.

"The BCB must come forward without any further delay to perpetuate the memory of my son," she demanded.

Rana played six Tests and 25 one-day internationals before his untimely death in his hometown.

### Ponting in doubt

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remain behind and may join the squad later in the week.

Watson has a hamstring injury, while Clark's son has been taken ill. Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland said "a private family issue" had arisen with Ponting during the weekend.

"The situation is expected to be clearer later in the week, at which time Ponting's availability would be re-assessed," Sutherland said.

### Dhoni equals

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Matt Prior after he lost his balance and lifted his back foot for a few fleeting seconds off Sourav Ganguly before accepting Kevin Pietersen's outside edge off Zaheer Khan.

And he then took a sharp catch to dismiss Ian Bell as England lost three wickets in seven runs and lost its way.

Dhoni, in fact, had a hand in each of the first five wickets that England lost before picking his sixth victim when he held a skier from Jonathan Lewis off Ajit Agarkar.

### Proteas' chance

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Smith remained coy about South Africa's main challengers but said teams who were able to adapt to the different demands of the new format would prosper.

"I think it will probably be the team with the most imagination that does best. One good performance can close the game down, and the unorthodox players come into their own in a tournament like this," he said.

Boucher was also fined for questioning the importance that players attached to the tournament, while India has notably rested stars such as Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly.

## It's wide open: Colly

AFP, London



England captain Paul Collingwood believes the inaugural Twenty20 World Championship, which gets underway later this month, is wide open.

And the Durham all-rounder is uncertain how much the fact that the professional Twenty20 game was pioneered within the English county set-up will help his side in South Africa.

"The funny thing about the Twenty20 World Championship is that I don't think anybody really knows who the winners are going to be," Collingwood said. "There are going to be different approaches from different teams."

"Whether spinners are going to be good, as they are in domestic cricket, we won't know until after the tournament."

"That's the exciting thing. We are kind of going into the unknown a little bit. But I guess certain one-day principles apply and I think we've got the players in that squad who cover all those principles."

England, who failed to reach the semi-finals of this year's World Cup in the Caribbean and have never won a major international one-day

tournament, have found some form during their recent series with India. But the selectors had to name their squad for the Twenty20 before that campaign started.

And the likes of batsman Ian Bell and pace bowler James Anderson, who have helped England into a 3-2 lead in the seven-match series, have failed to make it into the party.

Instead, England have opted to include several Twenty20 specialists such as off-spinner Jeremy Snape and batsman Darren Maddy, neither of whom have flourished during their previous England appearances.

"You can't say you wish they were going now," replied Collingwood when asked about the omission of Bell and Anderson.

"The squad has been selected and it's a very exciting one. There are individuals picked in there to do certain jobs. I think we've got all Plan As and Plan Bs covered. Time will tell."

England are in Group B along with World Cup holders Australia, South Africa and minnows Zimbabwe.

They have so far had mixed fortunes in Twenty20 contests against old rivals Australia, whom they meet again in Cape Town on September 14.

England thrashed Australia by 100 runs at Southampton two years ago, a prelude to England's 2005 Ashes success.

But it was a different story in January when Australia won the second Twenty encounter between the two teams by 77 runs at Sydney.

"They've obviously got a lot of skills and power so they're going to be a massive threat," the 31-year-old Collingwood said of Australia.

"I'm sure they'll come up with plans of how they're going to attack the Twenty20 format -- it'll be interesting to see."

"We'll go in with our own ideas and see who comes out on top."

Collingwood, who has won one and lost one of his two Twenty20 matches leading England, both against the West Indies at The Oval in June, said the compressed nature of the format made life tough for captains.

"It's difficult," he said. "I think you have to be very well prepared as captain, certainly on field placings, where you're going to bowl, have a Plan B and sometimes even a Plan C."

"It's hectic, a bit mind-boggling at times."

## Twenty20 timeline

AFP, Johannesburg



Twenty20 cricket international records

ahead of the inaugural World Championships in South Africa from September 11-24:

**First Twenty20 international:**  
February 17, 2005, Eden Park, Auckland  
Australia 214-5 (R. Ponting 98 not out) bt New Zealand 170 all out (S. Styris 66, M. Kasprovicz 4-29)

**Most matches played:**

6 -- England  
5 -- Australia, New Zealand, South Africa  
3 -- Sri Lanka, West Indies  
2 -- Pakistan  
1 -- Bangladesh, India, Zimbabwe.

**Most matches won:**

3 -- Australia

2 -- England, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka

**Highest innings totals:**

221-5 -- Australia v England, Sydney, 2007

214-5 -- Australia v New Zealand, Auckland, 2005

209-3 -- Australia v South Africa, Brisbane, 2006

208-8 -- West Indies v England, Oval, 2007

**Lowest innings totals:**

79 (14.3 overs) -- Australia v England, Southampton, 2005

114 (18.3 overs) -- South Africa v Australia, Brisbane, 2006

115 (18.2 overs) -- Sri Lanka v New Zealand, Auckland, 2006

**Most sixes in an innings:**

14 -- Australia v England, Sydney, 2007

### KNOW-HOW

AFP, Johannesburg

How Twenty20 cricket is different from the regular 50-overs-a-side internationals:

\* As the name suggests, each side gets to bat for 20 overs instead of the normal 50 overs.

\* It's fast and furious. The match lasts only three hours, including a 20-minute break between innings. One-day internationals take almost seven hours to complete with a 40-minute break.

\* A minimum of five overs a side are needed to constitute a match, as compared to 15 overs for one-day internationals.

\* To avoid time wasting, the incoming batsman gets only a minute and 30 seconds to be ready to receive the next ball. No wonder that teams are seated in dugouts near the boundary line instead of in the pavilion when a match is in progress.

\* Fielding restrictions apply for the first six overs when only two fielders can be placed outside the

30-yard circle. For the remaining 14 overs, not more than five fielders will be outside the circle.

\* Bowlers can send down a maximum of four overs each, instead of the 10 in regular internationals.

\* Free-hit: When the bowler sends down a no-ball, the next delivery will be a free hit for the facing batsman. The batsman cannot be dismissed off the free hit, except being run out. No change in field placement is allowed for the free-hit.

The umpire will signal a free hit after his no-ball signal by raising one arm and moving it in a circular motion.

\* Bowl out, cricket version's of the penalty shoot-out, will be applied if the semi-finals or final are tied.

Each team will nominate five bowlers who will take turns to hit the wickets at the other end. There will be no batsman facing. The team which achieves the maximum strikes will be the winner.

## India keep series alive

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hopefully they are not as bad as what they might seem.

"Freddie is coming to training on Tuesday, as is Ravi, but the medical staff will assess them over the next couple of days and make a decision."

By the time star batsman Kevin Pietersen fell for nought, caught by Dhoni off fast bowler Zaheer Khan, England were in trouble.

Ian Bell, who made 44, then saw an edged cut well caught by Dhoni, standing up, off Ganguly.

England, at 145 for five, saw Bopara come in as scheduled at No 7 despite his injury.

Collingwood defiantly hit Tendulkar for two sixes in as many

balls on his way to a 41-ball fifty.

Bopara though, who scored 43 not out at Old Trafford, was caught and bowled by Powar for 11.

India cut loose in the sixth over with Tendulkar striking four fours in five balls off Flintoff's replacement Jon Lewis before he was dropped by Prior on 33.

Tendulkar, still without a Test or ODI hundred this tour, was caught behind, driving, by wicketkeeper Prior -- standing up -- off Lewis to end a 59-ball innings featuring 13

fours.

Ganguly completed his fifty before being caught off spinner Monty Panesar's fifth ball by Cook on the mid-wicket boundary.

Gambhir was dropped on by 19 by Pietersen in the covers and reprieved again on 40 by Bopara.

Yuvraj exited when he lofted Collingwood to Anderson at long-on.

The series continues at The Oval on Wednesday.

### SCOREBOARD

### Nadal moves into qtrs

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when he struggled with his fitness and needed court-side treatment.

Things were improving, he said, but Nadal admitted that the pain was still a factor he had to deal with.

His next opponent will be compatriot and close friend Ferrer, who saved a match point against Argentina's David Nalbandian before winning a gruelling 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 7/6 (7/5), 7-5 encounter that lasted just short of four hours.

Also winning a marathon was Chela, one of a record five Argentinians playing their third-round ties in the bottom half of the draw on Sunday. He finished stronger to beat Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Life was much simpler for the fast-rising Monaco, who trounced

Lleyton Hewitt's conquerer Agustín Calleri and will next go up against third seed Novak Djokovic of Serbia, who had a routine 6-1, 6-3, 6-4 win over 18-year-old Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina in the featured night match on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court.

Moya, at 31 playing in his 12th US Open, reached the fourth round for the fourth time with a gritty four-hour 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7/5), 4-6, 6-4 win over Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber.

He will have the chance to avenge compatriot and eighth seed Tommy Robredo, who was upset 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 by Ernests Gulbis, a 19-year-old Latvian newcomer whose grandfather played basketball for the old Soviet Union.

Scoreboard of the fifth one-day international between England and India at Headingley on Sunday:  
**INDIA:** 324 for 6 in 50 overs (Ganguly 59, Tendulkar 71, Gambhir 51, Yuvraj 72, Dhoni 24, David 24)

**ENGLAND**  
Cook c Dhoni b Agarkar 4  
Prior st Dhoni b Ganguly 46  
Bell c Dhoni b Ganguly 44  
Pietersen c Dhoni b Zaheer Khan 0  
Collingwood not out 91  
Shah c Dhoni b Powar 15  
Bopara c and b Powar 11  
Broad c Karthik b Chawla 1  
Lewis c Dhoni b Agarkar 17  
Anderson not out 1

Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-3, nb-6) 12  
Total: (For 8 wickets in 39 overs) 242  
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-97, 3-102, 4-104, 5-145, 6-193, 7-196, 8-240.  
Did not bat: M Panesar

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer Khan	8	0	44	1
Agarkar	7	0	58	2
Ganguly	7	0	26	2
Chawla	5	0	31	1
Tendulkar	5	0	35	0
Powar	7	0	45	2

**Result: India won by 38 runs (D/L method).**

**Man-of-the-match: Sourav Ganguly.**

**Toss: England**

### REMAINING FIXTURES

Sept 05: 6th ODI, The Oval  
Sept 08: 7th ODI, Lord's