"He (Bolt) is not human. Eventually earth. It's ridiculous. That guy is The measure of respect that tors show to him is evident by Kitts and Nevis' veteran Collins found himself looking lightning fast Jamaican broke Wednesday. Collins finished a



he'll come back down to the business."

Usain Bolt's competithe comments of St sprinter Kim Collins. at Bolt's taillights as the the 200m sprint record on distant seventh.

Academy go down again

UNB, Dhaka

GP-BCB National Cricket Academy conceded a 27-run defeat to hosts South Africa Academy in the second one-day match at Tukkies in Pretoria yesterday.

Chasing 281, the tourists were dismissed for 254 in 48.1 overs with Nasir Hossain scoring a run-a-ball 73 runs while Shamsur Rahman made 45 off 57 balls.

Recovering from 22 for five, the South Africa Academy made 280 for 9 in 50 overs.

Delwar Hossain finished with three wickets for 41 runs while Shafaq Al Jabir, Ziaur Rahman, Nasir and Marshall Ayub all took one wicket each for the BCB Academy side.

The tourists suffered a 19-run defeat to their South African opponents in the first one-day on Wednesday.

The third and last one-day match will be held on August 24 at Lenasia in Johannesburg.

Koreans in both finals

SPORTS REPORTER

Gwung Eun Byun and Hi Hoon Son won their respective semifinal matches to set an all South Korean final in the boys' singles event of the Prime Bank ITF under-14 Asian Tennis Championship at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday.

Gwung Eun Byun beat Malaysians Merzuki Mohd Assri 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 while Hi Hoon Son defeated Abdul Razak Ahmed Deeda of Malaysia 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

In the girls' singles, Korean Jung So Hee moved to the final with a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Indian Amrita Mukherjee.

In the second semifinal, South Korean Choi Ji Hee moved to the final by defeating compatriot Num Yean Jun 6-4, 6-4.

The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games medal is

designed with inspiration coming from "bi",

China's ancient jade piece inscribed with

Mathew Hayden

"It's pretty humbling, isn't it? For an old fisherman and surfer in

Queensland, who now and then

After record-breaking Jamaican

sprinter Usain Bolt said Hayden

Beijing Olympic Games

Men's Football Final

Argentina v Nigeria

Live from 10:00am

Aquatics Team Final

Live from 1:00pm

Women's Handball Final

Live from 1:45pm

Women's Volleyball Final

Live from 6:00pm

Men's Hockey Final

Live from 7:30pm

ESPN

English Premier League

Liverpool v Middlesbrough

Live from 8:00pm

STAR Sports

English Premier League Tottenham v Sunderland

Live from 7:55pm

Fulham v Arsenal

Live from 10:30pm

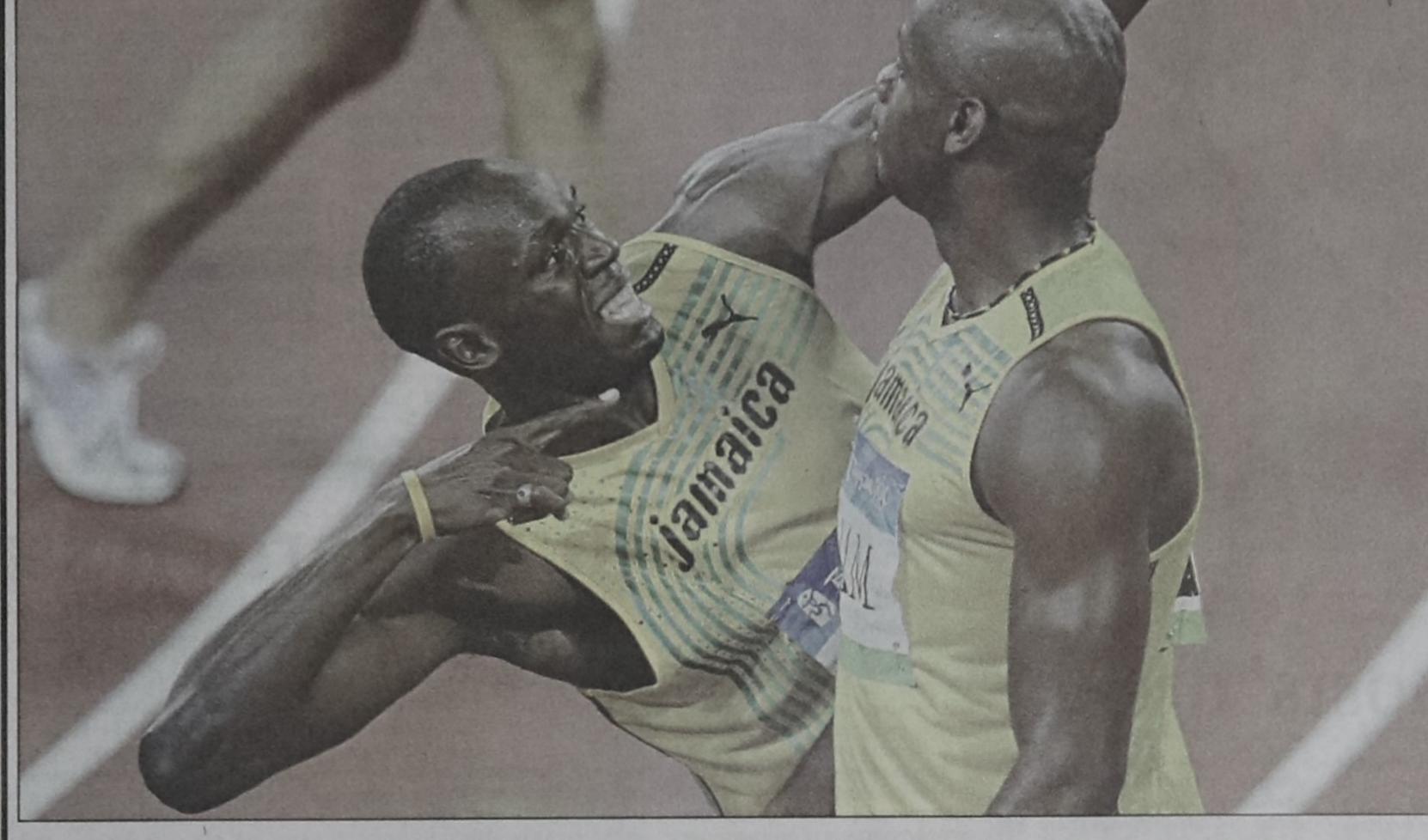
was his favourite cricketer.

(Australian batsman)

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dragon pattern.





THE SIGN OF LIGHTNING: Jamaican super-sprinter Usain Bolt (L), with teammate Asafa Powell, celebrates winning the men's 4x100m relay of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in his trademark style

Bolt's third lightning

AFP, Beijing



Usain Bolt completed an unprecedented worldrecord breaking golden treble at the Beijing Olympics on Friday, as Ethio-

pian Tirunesh Dibaba claimed a landmark longdistance running double.

Bolt, who set world records of 9.69 and 19.30 seconds to win the men's 100m and 200m, ran the third leg of the Jamaican 4x100m relay squad that won a maiden gold in the event in 37.10sec, breaking the United States' 15-year-old record.

"It's wonderful. Three world records, three gold medals," said the 22-year-old Bolt. "What I did out there I did for myself, my fans and my country.

"I was just trying to have fun out there and doing what I do."

Nesta Carter, Michael Frater, Bolt and anchor leg Asafa Powell coasted to victory ahead of Trinidad and Tobago, aided by the absence of a US team that failed to advance to the final after dropping the baton in qualifying.

"It's a great feeling. I was really excited to go out there and give Usain his third world record," said Powell.

In other medal events, long jumper Maurren Maggi landed Brazil its first ever Olympic track and field medal, American Bryan Clay won the decathlon and Australian Steve Hooker claimed the men's pole vault crown.

Dibaba, 23, who last week won

the 10,000m crown, produced a scintillating final lap of 59.54sec to win the women's 5000m gold 15min 41.40sec at the packed 91,000-capacity National Stadium.

Turkey's Ethiopian-born Elvan Abeylegesse claimed silver in 15:42.74, with defending champion and current world champion Meseret Defar finishing with bronze at 15:44.12. Dibaba's double is a landmark

for women runners and the first since male compatriot Miruts Yifter's feat over the same events at the 1980 Moscow Games.

"I am very happy," said Dibaba. "I will remember the Beijing Games forever because I won two gold medals here.

"It's a big achievement for me. When I came from my country, I didn't think I'd win both titles. I just thought I'd be a good competitor in both events."

In the 10-discipline event of the decathlon, Clay finished with 8791 points to add to the silver he won in Athens in 2004, a massive 240pts ahead of Belarussian Andrey Krauchanka, with Cuba's Leonel Suarez third on 8527.

Injury-hampered reigning world and 2004 Olympic champion Roman Sebrle of the Czech Republic finished sixth on 8,241 points, weeping and pounding his fist on the track after the concluding 1,500m race.

In the field, the 32-year-old Maggi, who served a two year drugs ban in 2003, won the long jump with a best first effort of 7.04m, 1cm further than defending champion

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Focus on positive batting

Cricket

TIGERCRICKET.COM, Darwin

business again for the Tigers. With the third match against the spirited Australian Institute of Sports (AIS) Bangladesh team trained at the everygame. Marrara Oval in the afternoon yesterday.

replaced the injured Nazimuddin, had his first practice in Australia since arriving on Wednesday evehe was hit on the chin by a thebatting approach. Shahadat Hossain bouncer. After the pitches and conditions here when he goes to open with Tamim innings was the perfect example." Iqbal in Saturday's game at the Gardens Oval. Left-arm spinner

bowler Dollar Mahmud. The AIS will miss the services of and therefore it was a memorable

Queensland quick bowler Grant Sullivan who pulled a hamstring after bowling just nine balls in the second match and hobbled off the field.

Tigers vice-captain Mashrafe After a full day's rest it was back to Bin Mortaza, who made a matchwinning unbeaten 56 in the second game and shared 97 with wicketkeeper Dhiman Ghosh felt coming up on Saturday, the the team was getting better with

"We bowled a lot better in the second match. We were aggressive Zunaed Siddiqui, the left- and went all out. Shahadat was fast handed opening batsman who had and hostile and Razzak came back brilliantly after going for a few in his early overs. It is very difficult to keep the runs down on such a good ning. There was a torrid welcome track but we showed improvefor Zunaed at the centre wicket as ment," said Mortaza who also liked

"The batsmen were positive given all clear by the physio Zunaed throughout and attacked. That was batted in the practice nets and was very good. Everyone has looked in rammed in the gloves by a delivery touch in the two matches. We just from a local net bowler that need the guys to play smart cricket in jumped from length. He will get the middle oversand not take unnecanother opportunity to adjust to essary risks. Runs will come on this pitch if you just stay there. Dhiman's

Later in the morning, Tigers skipper Mohammad Ashraful was Abdur Razzak and batsman the guest of honour at Palmerston Mehrab Hossain are likely to be High School where he paid a visit. It rested Saturday along with pace is not often that international teams tour the Northern Territory

experience for the children at the school to have Test cricket's youn-

gest centurion in their midst. The trip was organised by Iqbal Faruque, a Bangladeshi teacher at

the school. Palmerston High School was Northern Territories' school cricket champions in 2005 and 2006. It has about 1000 students from Middle School and Senior School to Diploma level. Sports is greatly encouraged here and the school prides itself in sporting facilities that encourages youngsters in choosing any sport.

Around 300 students gathered along with school staff to greet Ashraful and Bangladesh Team officials during their visit. The most anticipated part was the question and answer session where students asked the Bangladesh captain about his career and cricket philosophy.

"You have to have a dream. When I was very young I had big dreams and saw myself playing against Sachin Tendulkar, Ricky Ponting and Brian Lara. The next step is to work hard in the proper way. You should always work harder on your weaknesses and know your strengths," Ashraful said when asked what it takes to become an international sportsman.

The school's choir sang a SEE PAGE 18 COL 5

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

SL ready to host

PTI, Colombo

With the International Cricket Council (ICC) finding it tough to convince apprehensive cricketers on touring Pakistan for next month's Champions Trophy, Sri Lanka today said it was ready to hold the tournamentevenatashort notice.

"We are ready to hold the Champions Trophy as we are the alternate venue for the tournament," Sri Lanka Cricket Chief Executive Duleep Mendis said.

"We are in a position to hold the Champions Trophy as Sri Lankans the alternative venue for the ICC event," he added.

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LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER

Menzis Krira Chakra registered a 34-12 victory over Bhratitwa Samaj Kalyan Sangha in the 14th Cute Premier League Handball match at the Outer Stadium handball ground yesterday.

The winners dominated the first half 17-4. Santh scored six goals for

Menzis and Anik top scored for the SEE PAGE 18 COL 6

Bukola inspires MSC



SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan let everyone know why they are always fearsome opponents in any tournament when the black and whites destroyed fellow quarterfinalists Arambagh Krira Sangha 4-1 in yesterday's Citycell Federation Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Having ensured their places in the last eight, both sides came to the Group D decider level on six points after winning their previous matches.

Arambagh, however, proved no match for their mighty rivals who rode on Nigerian striker Alamo Bukola's three goals. Robin maintained his consis-

tency by adding the other, the young striker's third goal in as many appearances while Imrul scored a consolation goal for Arambagh.

With nine points, Mohammedan emerged group champions and await Group Arunners-up on way to the semifinals. In their quarterfinal clash, Arambagh will take on Group

A winners, which could well be looked to find the magic touch up Muktijoddha or Farashganj.

Mohammedan, who struggled to win 1-0 against Sunrise and 3-2 against Rahmatganj -- in both cases the winning goals came inside the last three minutes --

front as Bukola opened scoring just after ten minutes.

Robin, taking the ball from Arman Aziz, set the chance for his Nigerian partner when he beat one

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Sharif (L) looks on as an ecstatic Nasir Hossain jumps onto fellow Mohammedan striker Alamo Bukola's shoulders in celebration of the hattrick hero's opening goal against Arambagh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

England 170-3

STAR SPORT MONITOR

England, choosing to bat, were well placed at 170-3 in 39 overs in the day-night first one-day international against South Africa at Headingley yesterday.

Captain Kevin Pietersen was batting on 41 and Andrew Flintoff kept him company with 31 after they were given a good start by Ian Bell (35) and Matt Prior (42).

For the Proteas, seamer Jacques Kallis took two wickets for 25 while spinner Johan Botha had the other.

Harmison to play ODIs

AFP, London

England fast bowler Steve Harmison is to play in the one-day cricket series against South Africa. which starts on Friday, reversing a decision of two years ago not to participate in the one-day international format.

The 29-year-old Durham fast bowler made a comeback in the traditional version of Test cricket earlier this month, taking four South African wickets at The Oval.

Harmison played the last of his 46 one-day internationals during SEE PAGE 18 COL 1 | Beijing on Friday.



the Champions Trophy in India two | MERMAIDS: Team USA form an octagon during their synchronised swimming routine in the technical team even at the National Aquatics Center in

The price of art

INTERNET, undated



They flew to Beijing with suitcases full of sequin-spangled swimsuits, waterproof makeup, nose clips and gelatine to make

When speed swimmers were perfect formation for spectators. fretting about whether a new hitech swimsuit could help them finish a few fractions of a second faster, the Spanish team were fighting a ban on their new battery powered, light-up costumes.

Synchronised swimming is an cate movements, even when you event that many sports fans find hard to take seriously, especially at a time when other athletes are running faster, jumping higher or at least pinning their opponents to make the pain look fun. the ground.

mock them.

drug testing an athlete walked by and saw us. He asked 'why do you need to do that, you don't even break a medallist Anastasia Ermakova.

But to reach the Games the complete with goose stepping intro. women face gruelling training sessions up to 10 hours a day, six

days a week. They swim, of course, but also do weights, gymnastics and endurance workouts.

lot less and get a lot more money than us. They're obviously cleverer," said Spanish duet silver medallist Andrea Fuentes with a wry smile. The routines themselves are

punishing, with lung-busting

"The water polo players train a

periods underwater while kicking, water each hair would stay in place. spinning and twirling their legs in "You have to stay calm, and tell yourself its going to be ok, it just

hurts," said U.S. duet finalist Christina Jones. "You still need control over the fine muscles to execute very intri-

have no feeling in your legs." And unlike sprinters, cyclists or wrestlers who can grimace their way to gold, the swimmers have to

All that smiling, and the "artistic Even some fellow Olympians merit" portion of the judging rile critics of the event who say art does "In Athens when we were getting not mix well with a tank of chlori-

nated water. The sport's low point was probably in 1996, when France's governsweat'," said Russian multiple gold ment had to step in to stop its team from portraying the Holocaust,

> But swimmers now stick to less SEE PAGE 18 COL 2