

Bolt storms home

Athletics

AFP, Stockholm

World and Olympic champion Usain Bolt cruised to victory in the 200m at Friday's Diamond League meeting here while American 400m runner LaShawn Merritt returned after a 21-month doping ban, insisting he's a clean athlete.

Bolt won in a time of 20.03sec in an unfavourable headwind in his last outing before he defends his sprint titles at the world championships in Daegu, South Korea, from August 27.

The Jamaican superstar came into the straight comfortably ahead to celebrate his first career victory in the Swedish capital after two previous failures over 100m.

Olympic champion Merritt marked his return to the track with second place in the 400m and insisted he is now clean.

The 25-year-old clocked 44.74 sec with Jamaica's Jermaine Gonzales claiming victory in 44.69 sec, a season best. Chris Brown of the Bahamas was third in 44.79 sec.

"I wanted to come out and get a race, knock off the cobwebs. I feel good physically and I now want to get ready for the world championships," said Merritt.

"I am clean. My mother and my team believed in me and they will keep believing in me. Now I will go home and work on a few things and get ready for the worlds.

"At the worlds, I will be a contender, I always thought that and with a time today of 44.7, I can't complain."

Olympic and world champion Merritt tested positive for the anabolic steroid DHEA in three tests between October 2009 and January 2010.

Last October an American Arbitration Association (AAA) panel declared that his ban would end on July 27, less than the usual 24-month ban, thereby making Merritt eligible to compete prior to the world championships.

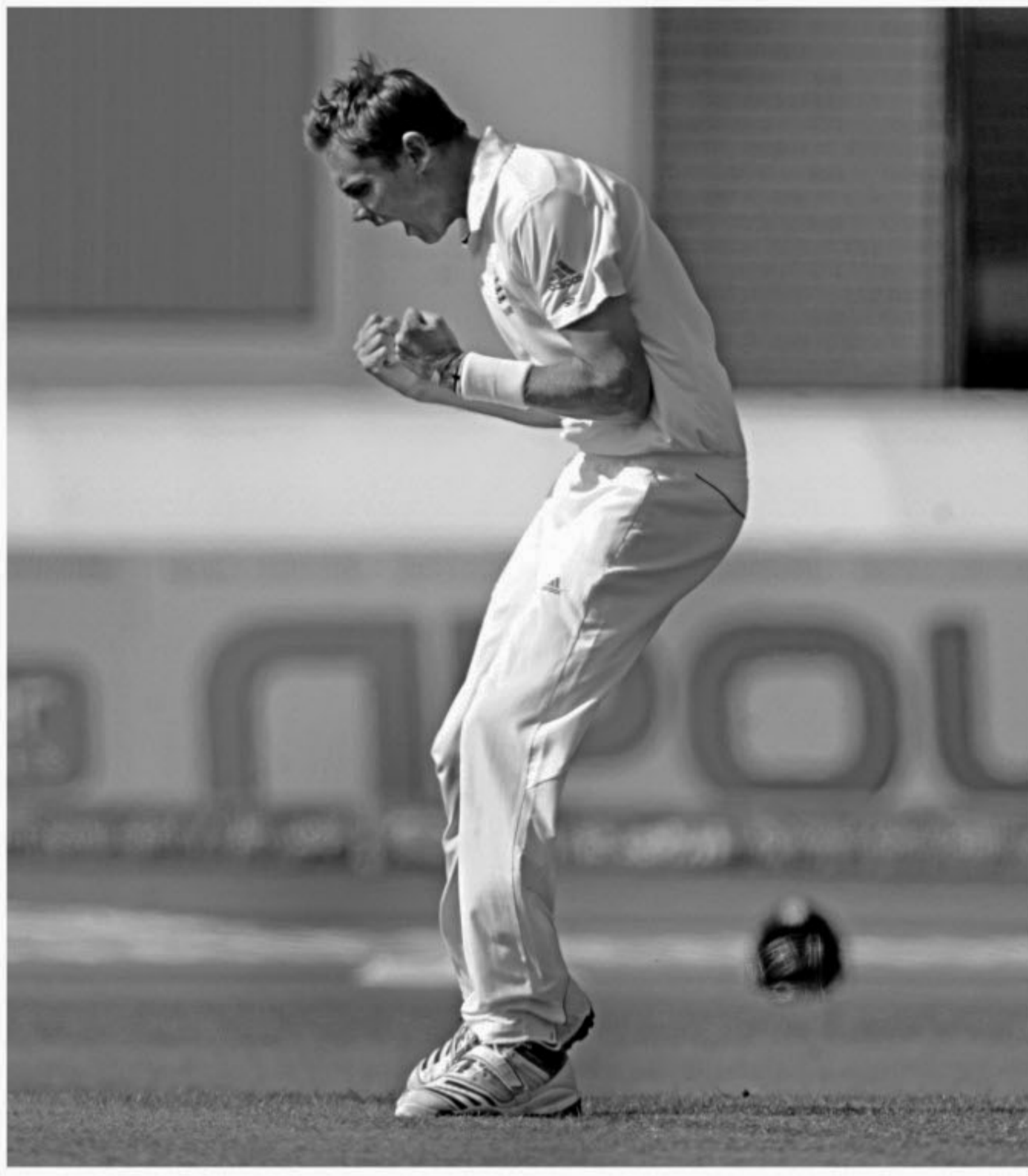
The arbitrators stated they believed his positive test stemmed from an inadvertent action and was not intended to produce a competitive advantage.

Merritt, who was not able to take part in the US national championships, was named in the US team last month for the world championships.

South Africa's 800m world champion Caster Semenya endured a miserable night on Friday, finishing eighth in her event in a time of 2min 01.28sec, with Jamaica's Kenia Sinclair claiming victory in 1min 58.21sec.

Meanwhile, Olympic 110m hurdles champion Dayron Robles pulled out of his eagerly-awaited head-to-head with this year's world leader, the American David Oliver.

Robles injured his ankle last week in Barcelona and with the world championships in mind, he preferred not to risk running in Stockholm.



Stuart Broad took 6 for 46, including a hat-trick, to bring England back against India on the second day of the second Test at Trent Bridge yesterday. Here the young fast bowler celebrates the wicket of Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who was the first of Broad's hat-trick victims that also included Harbhajan Singh and Praveen Kumar.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Broad hat-trick brings England

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Chris, was only the 12th England cricketer in 134 years of Test cricket to take a hat-trick and the first bowler from any country to achieve the feat at Trent Bridge.

In the midst of this stunning collapse, Dravid, second only to Tendulkar in Test cricket's list of all-time run scorers, was ninth man out when an uppercut off Tim Bresnan flew straight to Alastair Cook at third man.

Dravid, opening the innings after Gautam Gambhir was ruled out because of an elbow injury, batted for over six hours and faced 235 balls with 15 fours.

Previously, Tendulkar, who came in and walked out to a standing ovation, fell for 16 to his sixth ball after lunch when he edged a cut off Broad, to England captain Andrew Strauss at

first slip.

The departure of Tendulkar, whose 51 Test hundreds and 48 in one-day internationals are both world records, left India 119 for three with Dravid then 44 not out.

There was still time before stumps for England to lose Cook before Strauss and Bell, batting at No 3 after Jonathan Trott suffered a shoulder injury, saw the hosts to the close.

SCORES IN BRIEF

ENGLAND: First innings 221 (Broad 64; Kumar 3-45, Sharma 3-66, Sreesanth 3-77)

INDIA: First innings 288 (Dravid 117, Yuvraj 62, Laxman 54, Tendulkar 16; Broad 6-46, Bresnan 2-48, Anderson 2-80)

ENGLAND: Second innings 24-1 (Strauss 6 not out, Bell 9 not out, Sharma 1-9)

Franklin and Phelps win

Swimming

AFP, Shanghai

Michael Phelps eased his World Championships heartache with a 100m butterfly win Saturday as 16-year-old Missy "Missile" Franklin exploded onto the scene with another two gold medals in Shanghai.

Drug-row Brazilian Cesar Cielo earned his second sprint title and Olympic champion Rebecca Adlington broke Britain's gold medal duck in the women's 800m, as Franklin helped the United States win their first 4x100m medley in more than a decade.

Phelps, the world and Olympic champion and world record-holder, was third halfway through

the 100m butterfly but he swept through the field to win in 50.71sec, ahead of Poland's Konrad Czerniak and America's Tyler McGill.

With nemesis Ryan Lochte watching from the stands, Phelps extended his record number of world titles to 25, including three in Shanghai, alongside two silver medals and one bronze.

Phelps returned to China looking for a possible seven golds, to follow his eight from the 2008 Olympics, but he was beaten by Lochte in the 200m freestyle and again in the 200m individual medley, where his team-mate set a world record.

Phelps now faces the challenge of returning to peak condition for his swansong at next year's London Olympics, after acknowledging he has neglected training and spent too much time playing golf following the Beijing Games.

Waiting for Tamim

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After missing out on the last Under-19 World Cup, he kept plugging on for the Southern Rocks, one of the franchises in Zimbabwe's domestic structure.

It is understandable that Vitvory was kept away from playing against the Tigers in the three-day practice match. Much more than his recent success, it is the angle that could pose a different proposition to the Tigers who have traditionally struggled against unconventional bowlers (left-arm seamers, leg-spinners, part-timers).

But it will be a proud moment for Vitvory, whose parents, brother and sister will come to Harare to see the game.

The guy sitting next to him yesterday, Chimyemgetere Robertson, was a close friend and also a Southern Rocks teammate. "I am eight years older than him but we are good friends. We've played a lot of cricket together and I'm here especially to see him play the Test match," said Robertson.

Interestingly, Vitvory will not be the first Test cricketer from Masvingo. Blessing Mahwire, another paceman, was the first but never had a long career.

As Zimbabwe changes rapidly and after the advent of the franchise system in domestic cricket, youngsters from the smaller towns are taking up cricket as a profession.

Later on, Tamim walked by and the look in Vitvory's eyes shifted from slight awe to pride. The realisation that he will indeed be playing a Test match for Zimbabwe is slowly sinking into this youngster from a cricketing backwater.

Zurkhaneh

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the gold and Mostafa Hossein Nejad of Iran secured the silver medal.

Saidmahmud Zamirov of Tajikistan clinched the gold in the 60-70kg while Mostafa Noorshahani of Afghanistan finished second to secure silver and Farshad Heidar Rezaei of Iran got the bronze in the event.

In the 90+kg, Iranian Ashkan Mardani became champion to secure the gold while Farhod Anakulov of Tajikistan secured silver and Yousuf Riaz of Pakistan and Kim Unam of South Korea jointly won the bronze.

Earlier in the morning the World Congress of IZSF was held at the conference room of the National Sports Council (NSC) tower with representatives from 38 countries taking part.

Heavyweight

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"We are planning to hold this tournament every three years, and apart from this we have a plan to start leagues in the divisional cities."

There have so far been three premier basketball leagues in the last 14 years, including the one which concluded a month ago. Let's hope the league continues on a regular basis and the game is taken to schools and colleges outside Dhaka so that the enthusiasm is not all lost.

England's tea chat worked

Cricket

INTERNET, Nottingham

Stuart Broad admitted on Friday evening that a conversation over tea had led to England's fightback against India on Day One of the second Test against India at Trent Bridge.

The hosts slumped to 124 for eight after two sessions of play as India's bowlers took full advantage of the swing and seam on offer, but an attacking 73-run stand between Broad and Graeme Swann spared England's blushes as they went on to a total of 221.

"Certainly India won three quarters of the day -- I thought they bowled brilliantly," said Broad, who finished with 64.

"At tea it was India's day 100 per cent, but we are delighted to have wrestled our way back into the game.

"We had a little chat at tea, and thought we needed to grab the momentum back. That was by playing our natural games.

"If there was any sort of width on the ball, I was going to throw my hands at it.

"There was still a little bit of swing there, so it was quite hard to go hell for leather.

"But I knew we had to get the Indian bowlers off their line and length -- which they'd bowled so well all day.

"So that was the tactic, and it paid off for a little while."

With that partnership wrestling a bit of the initiative back from India, who then lost Abhinav Mukund to the first ball of their reply, Broad is optimistic looking forward.

"At 100 for six, we're delighted to finish on 221. I think we've got a really good shout," added Broad.

"To be just two down at lunch was fantastic. Strauss (captain Andrew Strauss) batted brilliantly

"You can't blame too many of our batsmen for throwing away their wickets. I thought there were some good deliveries in there.

"India will probably be the happiest of the two camps. We knew we'd have to battle hard, after losing the toss.

"But the bowlers are chomping at the bit to get out there."

Mushfiqur stands tall

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before Shahriar Nafees joined him back in the pavilion, the left-hander also caught at slip.

When Shakib fell leg-before, it was 31 for five, bringing together Mushfiqur and Riyad.

The pair led the initial repair work by adding 36 for the sixth wicket before the all-rounder fell to seamer Njabulo Ncube. He made 21 off 64 balls with the help of two boundaries after the Tigers were 53 for five at lunch.

Mushfiqur continued his good work, reaching a well-deserved half-century, ending with 64 off 143 balls with the help of eight boundaries.

He battled for more than three hours and looked to be in good touch throughout, hardly driving through the line and when he did, he did so lightly without forcing the issue.

Among his boundaries, the pulled boundary off Ncube stood out but the moment he tried to accelerate fell to the same bowler in an attempt to lift him over mid-on.

What also stood out was Nasir's contribution. He added 72 for the seventh wicket with the wicketkeeper, striking a confident 38.

Nasir was dismissed when Prosper Utseya, captaining in place of the injured Vusi Sibanda, decided to bring himself on. The young all-rounder from Rangpur struck four boundaries in his 60-ball stay before offering a simple catch to Malcolm Waller at short-leg a while before the tea interval.

After Mushfiqur became the eighth Bangladesh wicket to fall, the tail added 21 runs with Shafiqul Islam hitting 16 off 13 balls.

Among the bowlers, Ncube ended with three wickets but it was the first spells of Meth, Jarvis and Chatara that had the Tigers in trouble.

SCORES IN BRIEF

BANGLADESHIS: First innings 188 (Mushfiqur 64, Nasir 38, Mahmudullah 21; Ncube 3-40, Jarvis 2-20, Meth 2-36)

MUMBAI XI: First innings 42 for 4 (Mawoyo 17; Shafiqul 2-21, Robiul 1-8)

Bangladesh

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However, the losing side were not convinced that the game was conducted impartially and they walked out during the second quarter causing the match to be halted for a few minutes. They alleged that the referee was partial.

"There was clear partiality from the referee. Each time we took the ball in their half, the referee blew the whistle against us and waived their fouls," West Bengal coach Nitai Banerjee said after the match.

Minister for Trade Faruk Khan MP distributed prizes among the participants after the match. The general secretary of FIBA Dato Yeoh Choo Hock and CEO of sponsors Citycell Mehbub Chowdhury were present, among others.

Zabeer of Maldives was adjudged the best player of the tournament while the Malaysian side were nominated the most disciplined side of the tournament.

Full-strength Argentina, Nigeria expected

SPORTS REPORTER

Argentina and Nigeria are expected to arrive with their full-strength sides for the friendly match to be held in Dhaka on September 6, said Anwarul Haque Hela, chairman of the organising committee after his return from India yesterday where he had a meeting with the Celebrity Management Group.

"Argentina will only be playing this match and the match in Kolkata on September 2 before their World Cup qualifying campaign starts. So they will be making sure they make most of the opportunity, especially under a new coach.

"However, Nigeria will be arriving on September 4, a day after Argentina due to their Nations' Cup commitments and they will skip one training session and will only take part in the official training session. But Nigeria too are expected to come with a full strength side ahead of World Cup qualifiers," said Hela.

Meanwhile an inspection team combining Argentine and Nigerian representatives will arrive on August 15 to inspect the ground, logistics, accommodation and other requirements.

"In a bid to attract spectators to the semifinals and final of the GP Supercup, Bangladesh Football federation joined hands with Walton Group in rewarding the spectators who would brave the scorching heat to support their favourite clubs. There will be a raffle draw for the spectators of the three matches scheduled to be held on August 2, 3 and 6 with lucrative prizes up for grabs.

At a press conference held at the BFF House yesterday, Walton said they would provide one refrigerator and five mobile sets for each of the two semifinals and one 110 CC Fusion motorcycle, one 26-inch LCD television and one colour television for the final.

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