

**Akram named Pak bowling coach**

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan appointed former p ace man Mohammad Akram as their bowling coach on Friday on a one-year contract as they seek to build on a solid run in international cricket.

The 37-year-old replaces another former fast bowler, Aaqib Javed, who left the job in March this year to take up a coaching assignment in the United Arab Emirates.

"We have appointed Akram as our bowling coach for a period of one year after shortlisting two candidates," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) director international cricket Intikhab Alam told media.

Alam was one of three members of a coaching committee that was assigned to find a suitable candidate to replace Javed.

England's Stuart Barnes was also among the candidates but was not available for the limited overs series against Australia, starting in United Arab Emirates from August 28.

"Akram will join the squad in the UAE for the series against Australia," Alam said.

Akram brings rich experience as a bowler, having played nine Tests and 23 one-day for Pakistan between 1995-2001 and also represented Northamptonshire, Essex, Sussex and Surrey on the English county circuit.

**Armstrong**

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The UCI had no immediate comment to make when contacted by AFP on Friday but said it would respond.

If the UCI confirm that the rider is stripped of his Tour de France titles, they face a potential headache of choosing the new Tour winners, as a number of cyclists who finished behind the American have also been implicated in doping scandals.

Armstrong, who retired from cycling last year, said he passed hundreds of drug tests during his career and adhered to the rules in place at the time of his Tour de France wins.

"The bottom line is I played by the rules that were put in place by the UCI, WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) and USADA when I raced," Armstrong wrote.

**Ashwin, Ojha**

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Thursday, completed his half-century when he turned Bracewell to mid-wicket for three runs.

Pujara, 119 overnight, continued to gather runs comfortably against the New Zealand attack and played some handsome shots as he hit two fours in an over from Boult and then pulled Bracewell for a boundary to reach 150.

**SCOREBOARD**

**INDIA:** First innings (overnight 307-5)

Gambhir c Van Wyk b Boult	22
Sehwag c Guptill b Bracewell	47
Pujara c Franklin b Patel	159
Tendulkar b Boult	19
Kohli c Guptill b Martin	58
Raina c Van Wyk b Patel	3
Dhoni c Bracewell b Patel	73
Ashwin st Van Wyk b Patel	37
Zaheer c Van Wyk b Boult	0
Ojha not out	4
Yadav run out	4
Extras: (b-6, lb-4, w-2)	12
Total: (All out in 134.3 overs)	438
Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-77, 3-125, 4-250, 5-260, 6-387, 7-411, 8-414, 9-430.	

**Bowler**

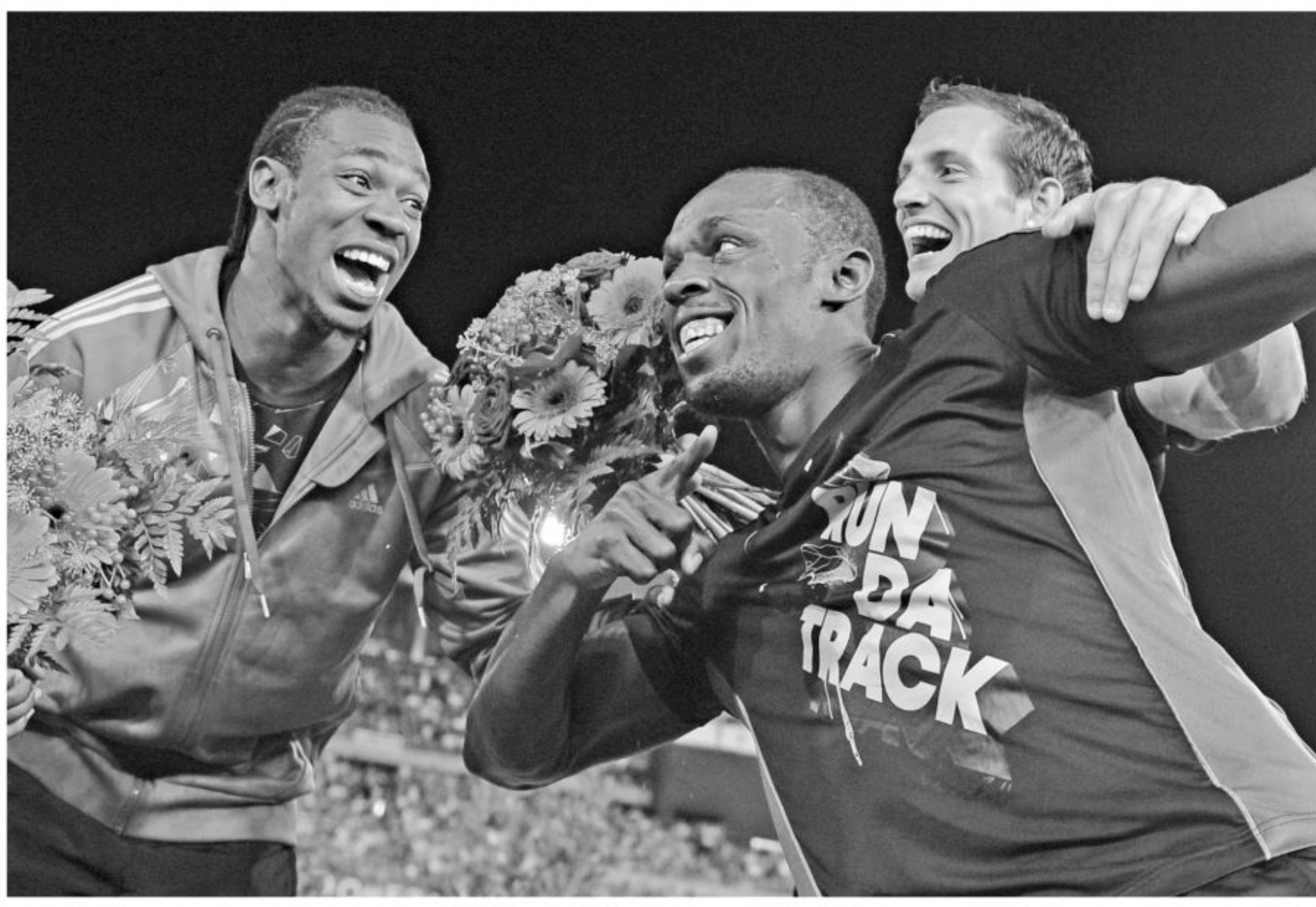
Martin	27	4	76	1
Boult	27	4	93	3
Bracewell	19.1	1	88	1
Franklin	13.2	0	40	0
Patel	41	9	100	4
Williamson	7	0	31	0

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings

McCullum c Kohli b Ojha	22
Guptill c Kohli b Ashwin	2
Williamson c Sehwag b Ojha	32
Taylor c Kohli b Ashwin	2
Flynn lbw b Ashwin	16
Franklin not out	31
Van Wyk not out	0
Extras: (lb-1)	1
Total: (For five wickets in 42 overs)	106
To bat: Bracewell, Patel, Martin, Boult.	
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-29, 3-35, 4-55, 5-99.	

**Bowler**

Zaheer	5	1	20	0
Yadav	3	0	4	0
Ojha	15	4	35	2
Ashwin	14	3	30	3
Sehwag	2	0	4	0



(L to R) Jamaica's Yohan Blake, Usain Bolt and France's Renaud Lavillenie celebrate their victory at the end of Diamond League meet in Lausanne on Thursday. Bolt eased to victory in the 200m while Blake became the second fastest 100m sprinter of all time.

PHOTO: AFP

**Blake storms, Bolt cruises**

**Athletics**

AFP, Lausanne

Usain Bolt eased to victory in the 200m at the Lausanne Diamond League meeting on Thursday as Jamaican teammate Yohan Blake became the second fastest 100m performer of all time.

Bolt, fresh from his second successive triple gold haul at the Olympics, took victory in 19.58sec, ahead of Dutch runner Churandy Martina and compatriot Nickel Ashmeade.

"I am definitely very pleased. It was a good run for the end of the season. I just wanted to have fun," said Bolt.

Earlier, Blake became the second fastest man over 100m when he clocked 9.69sec.

World champion Blake, who was silver medallist behind Bolt at the London Olympics, finished ahead of America's Tyson Gay in 9.83sec with Nesta Carter of Jamaica in 9.95sec.

Blake, 22, improved his previous

personal best of 9.75sec to move into second place on the all-time performers list which he now shares with Gay who has also run 9.69sec.

Only Bolt -- with 9.58sec and 9.63sec -- has run faster.

"I am delighted," said Blake. "I have been sick all week with flu but I am glad I recovered. My coach (Glen Mills) had told me that I could run faster than 9.75sec, a lot faster."

Bolt said he always knew Blake would dominate Thursday's 100m.

"I saw him in training and I could tell he was going to run fast," said Bolt. America's Carmelita Jeter edged the women's 100m, thrillingly turning the tables on Olympic champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce of Jamaica.

Fraser-Pryce had defeated Jeter in the final at the Games earlier this month, but she took victory on Thursday, dipping just at the right time at the line with both runners clocking 10.86sec.

"I always want to win and when you do it feels pretty good," said Jeter.

"It was just like the Olympic final, I

had to fight to the finish because Shelly-Ann has had such a great season. She's a great starter and fantastic competitor.

"She always brings her A-game so you have to bring yours."

Jeter also reflected on the United States women's 4x100 metres relay win at the Olympics which shattered one of the longest-standing and most controversial world records.

The American quartet, anchored with a stunning final leg by Jeter, sliced more than half a second off the 27-year-old record set by the former East Germany in 1985.

"It was an epic moment. Everyone said it could not be done," said Jeter.

America's Jason Richardson won the 110m hurdles in 13.08sec in a race devalued by the disqualification of Olympic champion Aries Merritt for a false start.

Qatar's Moutaz Essa Barshim Ahmed, a bronze medallist at the Olympics, won the high jump, getting the better of Games gold medallist Ivan Ukhov.

**US Open draws made**

AFP, New York



Defending champion Novak Djokovic will avoid Roger Federer and Andy Murray until the final while the Williams sisters could meet in the semi-finals as a result of the US Open draws made on Thursday.

On the men's side, where Spanish star Rafael Nadal is absent because of continuing knee trouble, the draw set up a possible rematch of the Wimbledon and Olympic finals in the semi-finals with Murray and Federer in the same half of the draw.

World No. 1 Federer, who won his 17th Grand Slam title by beating Murray in last month's Wimbledon final, won five US Open titles in a row from 2004 through 2008.

He will start against American Donald Young.

Top seed Federer could face Czech sixth seed Tomas Berdych in the quarterfinals while Murray, the third seed who beat Federer for Olympic gold earlier this month at Wimbledon, opens against Russian Alex Bogomolov.

Murray could meet French fifth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the last eight.

Serbian second seed Djokovic, who opens against Italy's Paolo Lorenzi, could face Argentina's seventh-seeded Juan Martin Del Potro in the quarterfinals and Serb eighth seed Janko Tipsarevic or Spanish fourth seed David Ferrer in the semi-finals.

Del Potro, the 2009 US Open champion, opens against compatriot David Nalbandian and could meet 2003 winner Andy Roddick in the round of 16.

On the women's side, seven-time Grand Slam winner Venus Williams lurked as a

dangerous unseeded floater and ended up in the same quarter of the draw as Polish second seed Agnieszka Radwanska.

Venus also was slotted into the same half of the draw as her sister Serena, meaning they could only meet in a semi-final with Russian third seed Maria Sharapova and Belarus top seed Victoria Azarenka in the opposite half.

A key factor standing in the way of a Williams-Williams meeting is Germany's sixth-seeded Angelique Kerber, who ousted Venus at the Olympics and ended the 19-match win streak of Serena last week at Cincinnati.

Kerber, who opens against Britain's Anne Keothavong, has a second-round date against either Venus Williams or US wildcard Bethanie Mattek-Sands.

If Venus gets into the third round, her highest-rated rival before the last eight would be 10th seed Sara Errani of Italy. But then could come Radwanska followed by her sister Serena.

Serena, who opens against US rival Coco Vandeweghe in a rematch of last month's Stanford final, might meet Danish eighth seed Caroline Wozniacki in the quarter-finals.

Top seed Azarenka opens against Russia's Alexandra Panova and could meet defending champion Samantha Stosur of Australia in the quarter-finals.

Stosur begins her title defense against Croatian Petra Martic and would meet a qualifier in round two but could face a fourth-round matchup against three-time US Open winner Kim Clijsters in the Belgian's farewell event.

Sharapova, the 2006 US Open champion, opens against Hungary's Melinda Czink and could meet Czech Petra Kvitova in the last eight.

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excellent achievement after it had finished 16th and last in its debut appearance two years ago in New Zealand.

In the fifth-sixth position play-off match, Sam Wood produced a fine all-round performance--first hit a quick fire 104 and then picked up two wickets--to help England defeat the West Indies by 13 runs.

In the other match of the day, Scotland defeated Ireland by five wickets to finish 11th.

The final of the tournament between defending champions Australia and

India will take place at the Tony Ireland Stadium tomorrow.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**PAKISTAN UNDER-19S:** 235-8 in 50 overs (Mohammad Nawaz 82, Shahid Ilyas 44, Faraz Ali 43; Taskin Ahmed 3-80, Al-Amin 2-28, Dewan Sabbir 2-38)

**BANGLADESH UNDER-19S:** 239-5 in 46.2 overs (Anamul Haque 128, Litton Das 53; Ehsan Adil 2-32, Mohammad Nawaz 2-48)

**Result:** Bangladesh won by 5 wickets.

**Man-of-the-match:** Anamul Haque.

**Booters get**

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home soil.

Satyajit Das Rupu, a member of BFF National Teams Committee, believes such training camps would help the players regain their fitness before joining their clubs and it would help developing the understanding between the players.

The players will stay at the tents of Ababahi, Mohammedan and dormitory of Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium and train at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, BSMKS, astro-turf, the grounds of Military Museum and the Physical Education Institute.

**Clarke sure of Aus rise**

**Cricket**

AFP, Dubai

Michael Clarke on Friday said he was confident that Australia can regain the top spot if they play well after slipping to fourth in the world one-day rankings for the first time in three years.

The four-time world champions begin their quest to regain the lead with the first-ever one-day match against Afghanistan in Sharjah on Saturday before three one-day and as many Twenty20 internationals against Pakistan.

Skipper Clarke, 31, said he was optimistic that they can fight back.

"When we left England (in July this year) we were still the number one-ranked team in the world but because of other teams playing, we've slipped back down to four," Clarke told a press conference.

"But to me it's about playing really good consistent cricket all around the world and I know we'll get back to being number one," said Clarke.

Clarke brushed off speculation that he will move up the batting order, saying he had not received any official indication.

But he added: "I have made it very clear since taking over the captaincy that I'll bat wherever is best suited for the team. In this

series if me batting three is the right option, that's what I'll do."

Clarke agreed Afghanistan had more experience of the pitch in Sharjah and said he was relishing the prospect of playing against the minnows.

"It's an opportunity for them to come out with nothing to lose and plenty to gain and I think it will be good cricket," said Clarke.

Clarke said once they finish Saturday's game his team will think about Pakistan, who are currently ranked sixth in one-day cricket.

"No doubt Pakistan's on my mind but our focus as a team has been on Afghanistan. After Saturday's game we'll sit down then and look at the Pakistan side.

"Pakistan also know the conditions well and these are pitches where, as the game goes on, there'll probably be a little bit more spin," he added.

All one-day matches will start at 6:00 pm local time (1400 GMT) to avoid oppressive heat in the United Arab Emirates.

"We don't really know what it's going to be like starting a match at six o'clock at night. We haven't done that before in one-day cricket. It's a lot different," said Clarke.

"You have to ask me after the first match but it's going to be a big challenge for both the teams, also for Pakistan."

**Injury mars Caroline win**

AFP, New Haven

Four-time defending champion Caroline Wozniacki advanced to the semifinals of the WTA New Haven Open on Thursday but a slight right knee injury put a damper on the celebration.

"I decided straight away after I felt it," she said. "I played one more point and decided I needed to see the trainer because I felt a sharp pain in there. I needed to treat it."

The Danish third seed, who is set to be the eighth seed in next week's US Open, defeated Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova 6-2, 6-1 in the quarterfinals and remained unbeaten at New Haven, improving to 20-0.

But Wozniacki felt a twinge in her right knee during the first game of the second set and called for a trainer.

After a Cibulkova double fault on the next point, Wozniacki walked to the chair umpire and pointed to her knee. She sat down and got a bag of ice from a cooler.

She continued with the knee wrapped and won with ease, improving to 8-3 all-time against Cibulkova, but planned to have the knee examined before deciding if she would play on Friday.

Wozniacki is scheduled to face Russian seventh seed Maria Kirilenko, who beat Olga Govortsova of Belarus 6-1, 6-2 in another quarter-final Thursday.

**Berdych, Tsonga advance**

**Tennis**

AFP, Winston-salem

Czech second seed Tomas Berdych and US seventh seed Sam Querrey advanced to a semifinal matchup at the ATP Winston-Salem Open with three-set victories on Thursday.

Former Wimbledon runner-up Berdych ousted Belgian Steve Darcis 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 while Querrey outlasted Ukraine fourth seed Alexandr Dolgoplov 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7/3), firing 20 aces in the match to win after two hours and 11 minutes.

Berdych had to come from behind to beat Darcis on the hardcourts at Wake Forest University.

Querrey, who won a title last month in Los Angeles, has won 13 of his last 16 matches and leads the US Open Series standings.

Berdych is the sixth seed at the US Open and will begin play next week in the year's final Grand Slam tournament against Belgian David Goffin.

Querrey, seeded 27th at Flushing Meadows, will open against Taiwan's Lu Yen-Hsun next week and could see Berdych in the third round.

Dolgoplov, the US Open's 14th seed, will open against American Jesse Levine and could face defending US Open champion Novak Djokovic in the round of 16.

In the other side of the draw, French top seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga cruised past sixth seeded Marcel Granollers of Spain 6-1, 6-2.

Tsonga hammered five aces and won 77 percent of his first-serve points in a 53-minute match.

"I'm very happy because I played a bit less than the two (previous) matches and also because I played very good tennis. For me, it's good. It's good for the rest of the tournament," said Tsonga.

Tsonga's victory booked him a berth in the semis against third-seeded John Isner who defeated Goffin 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 on Thursday.

Tsonga won the first five games of the match and broke Granollers two more times in the second set, going four for five on break point chances. This will be his first semi-final since Wimbledon where he lost to Andy Murray.

Defending champion Isner overpowered Goffin with 21 aces, winning 33 of 38 points on his first serve.



PHOTO: AFP

Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic acknowledges the crowd after her win over compatriot Lucie Safarova at the New Haven Open in Connecticut on Thursday.