



Usain Bolt laid waste to the best of the rest in the sprinting world to win a third straight 200m gold on Thursday, remaining on course for a historic 'triple-triple' of sprint titles.

PHOTO: REUTERS

QUOTES OF THE DAY

'Trying to be one of the greatest'

ATIQUE ANAM from Rio de Janeiro

You should always want to be the best. I respect him [Andre De Grasse] for that but I tell every youngster, I don't allow young kids to beat me.

Usain Bolt after his third successive 200m gold medal.

Maybe I come back to Turkey with a medal, maybe my mother will say 'My son is incredible'.

Turkey's Yasmani Copello after winning bronze in the men's 400m hurdles.

I don't need to prove anything else. What else can I do to prove to the world I am the greatest? I am trying to be one of the greatest. Be among [Muhammad] Ali and Pele. I hope after these Games I will be in that bracket.

On his eight gold medals

All of them are special. The 200m is my favourite event. There is a lot of focus. I am relieved.

On the race

I was not pleased with my time. Even if you run a world record you still want to run faster, but my legs decided they

aren't having it and I was so tired I lost my form on the last part of the race. But the key thing is that you guys know I won and the only thing that matters is the gold medal.

On how his feats compare to swimmer Michael Phelps

Swimming and track and field are totally different. I wanted to run a faster time but I knew it was going to be difficult to break the world record. My legs decided as I came off the corner that I wasn't going to go any faster. I am happy that I got the gold medal.

On his legacy in the sport

I've just proven to the world that you can do it clean, with hard work and determination. I've made the sport exciting, made people want to watch the sport. I've just put the sport

on a different level and put it on a different pedestal.

On what is next for him

I am definitely going to run the 100m and 4x100m [relay] in London [at the World Athletics Championships 2017]. I know my coach will try to convince me to run the 200. We will see what happens.

On the future of the sport

The younger kids have definitely stepped up. [Andre] De Grasse has been on the right track. I have made the sport exciting; I have made people want to see the sport. I have put the sport on a different level."

On what he will do when he retires

I want to stay in the sport, I want to stay around the sport. We will see what happens. Definitely not as a coach though. I don't know what I am going to do; you just stress me out.

On his original Olympic ambitions

When I went to Athens in 2004 I just went there and I didn't go through from the first round. All I wanted to do was run the 200m and win an Olympic gold medal once. So to be the eight-time Olympic gold medallist is a big deal and I've worked hard to be the best.

On his thoughts as he crossed the finish line:

I was saying goodbye. It's my last individual event at the Olympics. In the relays you never know what will happen. So I just wanted to say goodbye.

WHAT THEY SAID

Of the 30 fastest 100m times, 21 are by athletes who've tested positive for drugs. The other 9 are all Usain Bolt.

- Scott Timlin

Haven't seen anyone run faster than Usain Bolt since Ryan Lochte.

- Leigh Ellis

Bolt said he would have moved faster if he'd had someone faster in front of him? Who would be in front of him? Quicksilver? Flash?

- Myron Medcalf

Will we ever know how fast Bolt can run? Doesn't even have anyone to challenge him.

- Benjamin Watson

Woken up to see Bolt won the 200m. Man is a phenomenon. Not just the sport category, but humans who have ever lived.

- George Benson



Rahmatganj slay Ctg Abahani Baridhara battered by Feni

SPORTS REPORTER

OUTSIDERS Outsiders-turned-contenders Rahmatganj MFS produced another upset in the JB Bangladesh Premier League when they handed high-flying Chittagong Abahani a 2-0 defeat at Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Mehbub Hasan Nayan put the giant-killers ahead in the sixth minute of the fast-paced game before Congolese hitman Siyo Zunapio wrapped up the victory in stoppage time of the second half to help the Old Dhaka outfit join league leaders Muktijoddha Sangsad and Sheikh Jamal DC with 12 points each.

Chittagong Abahani, who could claim the top spot with a win, came close twice, but were denied by the woodwork on both occasions and tasted their first defeat in six matches but remain glued to second with 11

**UPPER BARIDHARA 1 - 4 FENI SOCCER
RAHMATGANJ 2 - 0 CTG ABAHANI**

2013-14 season, had promised to stay in the top-flight by putting up better displays and their stunning 1-0 win over big-spending Sheikh Russel KC in their opening match was evidence of their promise.

However, since then nothing went right for Baridhara, conceding 19 goals in their

next five matches, and they lost to Feni by their second-largest margin after a 6-1 hammering at the hands of Chittagong Abahani in their previous game.

Though Baridhara made a brilliant start by taking the lead in the 10th minute with a strike from Rohit Sarker, their lead lasted only one minute. Nigerian Uche Felix equalised for Feni in the 11th minute before Akbar Hossain Ridon provided the team from the South-Eastern district the lead on the half-hour mark.

After the break, Feni exposed Baridhara's backline time and again but they could cash in on only two opportunities with Chowmin Rakhaine and Felix extending the lead in the 57th and 70th minute respectively to raise Feni's tally to eight points from six matches. Meanwhile, Baridhara are at 11th position with three points from six outings.

BCB sacks Kalpage

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh assistant coach Ruwan Kalpage's contract has been terminated by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), informed a BCB official yesterday.

The BCB had earlier served Kalpage a notice and asked him to join the Bangladesh camp by August 16. However, according to the BCB, Kalpage did not communicate with the board. As a result, the board decided to sack the Sri Lankan.

"His contract has been terminated. The CEO has already informed him of the termination. It's unfortunate that he couldn't continue with us. We wanted him to and we also gave him time till the 16th. However, things didn't work out," BCB director Jalal Yunus told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We aren't thinking of hiring a replacement as yet. We will in the future, but hiring a new assistant coach is not something on our agenda at the moment," he added.

Kalpage, like the other foreign coaches, delayed his return to the country following the terror attack in Gulshan on July 1. However, while the rest of the team management joined the Bangladesh camp a month later, he did not arrive.

Kalpage had joined the Tigers in August 2014. His now terminated contract was renewed earlier this year following a two-year stint.

Dalilah takes hurdles gold

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Dalilah Muhammad powered to a brilliant victory in the women's 400m hurdles Thursday to become the first winner of the event from the USA in Olympic history.

The 26-year-old blasted out of the blocks and held on to a commanding lead for a deserved gold in 53.13sec.

Sara Slott Petersen of Denmark took silver in 53.55sec while Muhammad's team-mate Ashley Spencer claimed bronze in 53.72.

IND-WI TEST Second day abandoned

AFP, Port of Spain

A sodden outfield and more rainfall in the afternoon forced the abandonment of the second day's play without a ball being bowled in the fourth and final Test between the West Indies and India at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad on Friday.

Rain and a saturated field had limited play to just 22 overs on the opening day on Thursday.

West Indies are 62-2 in their first innings after winning the toss and choosing to bat, with Kraigg Brathwaite 32 not out and Marlon Samuels unbeaten on four.

India lead the series 2-0, but need to win the fourth Test to prevent Pakistan from overtaking them at the top of the world rankings.

SCORES IN BRIEF

WEST INDIES: First innings 62 for 2 (Brathwaite 32 not out, Samuels 4 not out)

NZ bowlers take control

AFP, Durban

OUTSIDERS New Zealand's bowlers held the advantage on the first day of the first Test against South Africa at Kingsmead on Friday.

South Africa struggled to

236 for eight at the close of play after deciding to bat in overcast conditions, with the floodlights on for most of the day.

Left-arm opening bowler Trent Boult struck two telling blows, making the first breakthrough when he had Stephen Cook caught behind for 20, then dismissing top-scorer Hashim Amla for 53.

Fellow left-arm seamer Neil Wagner finished the day with the best figures of three for 47, while left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner halted a promising fightback by



PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

The three-man England security team walk across the turf of the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong -- where a leg of England's upcoming tour of Bangladesh will be held -- with BCB officials and security personnel in tow. The team are on a routine visit to assess the security situation in Bangladesh and yesterday's visit to Chittagong was the third day of their stay. They are expected to leave for England tonight.