



Jamaican sprint legend Usain Bolt (C) joined the cheerleaders in a dance and struck his trademark pose after winning the men's 100m event of the IAAF Diamond League in Monaco on Friday.

'I'm going in the right direction'

Bolt says after winning Diamond League 100m

AFP, Monaco

Jamaican sprinting legend Usain Bolt insists he is on the right path as he targets the defence of his 100m crown at next month's world championships in London.

In his swansong season, the 30-year-old has struggled to light up the track.

In his outings over the blue ribbon event so far this season, Bolt had clocked 10.03sec in Kingston and 10.06 in Ostrava against relatively weak opposition before finally dipping under the 10sec barrier at Friday's Diamond League meet in Monaco.

A season's best of 9.95 seconds to win at a packed out 17,000-capacity Stade Louis II was just the tonic, the towering Jamaican said of his second appearance in Europe in his farewell season.

"I'm going in the right direction, although there is still a lot of work to do," he said after running a time that now moves him up to joint seventh on a 2017 world list headed by Christian Coleman of the United States with 9.82.

"Running sub-10 is always good. It was an exciting race, there was lots of energy."

As in Ostrava, Bolt suffered a sluggish start before opening up and easing through the line ahead of American Isiah Young by 0.03sec.

Bolt, winner of eight Olympic and 11 world gold medals, will bring down the curtain on his glittering career at August's world championships in London.

And he acknowledged that his final season on the track was an emotional one.

"I am always here for the fans, and of course I will miss the vibe around the track," he said. "There are mixed emotions always -- happy for my career, sad that it is ending."

When asked what his plans were after the world championships, Bolt was unwilling to disclose too many details.

"I'm planning to chill with my family after London," he said. "And my plan after this season? I'm not sure."

Bolt said he was touched by the efforts meet organisers had gone to to make his farewell appearances special.

Monaco's Prince Albert II presented the Jamaican with a giant golden figure of Hercules after video clips of his medal-winning career were shown on the stadium's big screens following his victory.

That came after Bolt had delighted hordes of screaming fans by joining in a synchronised cheerleading dance, which ended with his trademark pose.

A bemused Bolt, however, was denied the chance of a lap of honour as the men's 3000m steeplechase, won by American Evan Jager, was staged just after, meaning the Jamaican was hustled off the track.

QUICK SINGLES

The following are a few samples of stories that did not make the print edition. However, if they pique your interest, you can always read them online on The Daily Star website by simply scanning the QR codes listed below:

Mushfiqur visits Muktamoni

Bangladesh Test captain Mushfiqur

Rahim visited 12-year-old Muktamoni, who is suffering from an "unknown" disease and undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Van Niekerk wins 400m

South African Wayde van Niekerk fought off a late surge from Botswana's Isaac Makwala to win the 400m at the Diamond League in Monaco.

Doohan dies after short illness

Australian Peter Doohan, who famously upset

Boris Becker at Wimbledon, has died at the age of 56, Tennis Australia said. Doohan passed away from motor neurone disease diagnosed just nine weeks ago.

Milan thrash Bayern 4-0

AC Milan's big summer signing Leonardo Bonucci

enjoyed a winning debut for his new club as the Italians thrashed Bayern Munich 4-0 in a pre-season game in China. Bonucci moved from Juventus last week.

Neymar saga close to its conclusion

STAR SPORT DESK

The transfer saga surrounding superstar Neymar may reach its conclusion within the week as reports emerged that he had informed Barcelona of his decision to leave. It was also reported that Paris Saint Germain would pay his buyout clause -- a record-shattering 222 million euros -- in the next few days.

On Saturday Neymar and Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu had a much-anticipated meeting in New Jersey, but reports indicate that it did not go well as the Brazilian made his intentions to leave crystal clear. According to AS, the meeting lasted just under 15 minutes before Bartomeu stormed out of the room with a scowl on his face.

However, Barcelona players and manager Ernesto Valverde have put on a brave face and have been publicly backing the 25-year-old. Nobody in the club wants the Brazilian to leave and it is reported that Luis Suarez was first to personally speak to Neymar in the US and each member of the squad has been taking turns trying to convince him.

Nevertheless, it is reported that Neymar has been quiet since returning to training and his teammates have gotten the impression that they cannot change his mind. PSG also have more pull as the four Brazilians in their squad are reportedly key to Neymar's desires to move to the club from the French capital.

Valverde on Saturday spoke about his team's love for Neymar, but conceded he did not know what the future held.

"This is a time of rumours, we understand that, but Neymar is with us and he is a player that we love a lot for his football and for what he brings to the dressing room," he told reporters. "I have not spoken with him about his future, we have talked about tactical questions. We count on him absolutely."

On the other hand reports have emerged that Barcelona have accepted that they will lose out on their Brazilian superstar and are targeting Juventus' Argentine striker Paulo Dybala.

It was reported that Dybala has an agreement in place with the Old Lady that would allow him to fulfil a dream and link up with



Neymar reportedly told the Barcelona president on Saturday of his decision to leave the club.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Lionel Messi for 110-120 million euros.

However, the Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri says he that he is not fearful of losing Dybala, but even he did not seem too sure of his answer.

"I am not worried about losing Dybala," said Allegri on Saturday. "On the other hand I do not know what is happening between Neymar and PSG, and so I do not know whether it will be the case that Barcelona will need to buy a replacement. This is something that I cannot control and so I am not worried about."

Neymar may be even more drawn to the Parc des Princes as PSG grow increasingly confident of signing Alexis Sanchez after holding talks with the Arsenal forward in the French capital.

The Chilean has less than 12 months to run on his existing deal at the Emirates and although Arsene Wenger has publicly insisted he is not for sale, there is an acceptance from the Gunners that they can do little to prevent Sanchez's departure if he pushes to leave.

Batshuayi shined as Chelsea prepare to be joined by Spanish striker Alvaro Morata, who could make his debut against Bayern Munich on Tuesday following his reported 80-million-euro transfer from Real Madrid.

Batshuayi scored his second goal within five minutes of the second half, deftly one-timing a low pass from Marco Alonso from just outside the area to fire a curving shot past Ospina.

Willian opened the score sheet from just

inside the area in the 40th minute, taking a low shot with an Arsenal defender in front of him to beat a diving Ospina.

Former cricketers who played five years or more for the national team. A team or in the Premier League will play for six franchises -- Expo All Stars, Dhaka Metro Masters, Acme Rajshahi, Bashundhara Dhaka Division, Titans Khulna Masters and Ispahani Chittagong Masters.

Chelsea thump Arsenal

The victory gave the Blues some measure of revenge after Arsenal stunned Chelsea 2-1 in the FA Cup final in May to deny the Premier League champions a double trophy season.

Pedro lay on the ground within half an hour with blood in his nose, lips and right ear after colliding with Colombian keeper Ospina, who slammed into the Spaniard who leapt to clear a long ball with both fists.

After a few minutes of medical attention on the ground, the Spanish international walked off the pitch and did not return to the game.

Masters Cricket from July 26

SPORTS REPORTER

The Walton Masters' Cricket Carnival will begin from July 26 at two venues of the Sheikh Kamal International Cricket Stadium in Cox's Bazar.

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Annual Report, Notice of the Annual General Meeting, Proxy Form and Attendance Slip will also be available at the Share Meeting Division, Proxy Form as website of the company i.e. www.jamunabankbd.com.

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