

SPORT

BRILLIANT BOLT

2007 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Silver	200 metres	19.91	
Silver	4 × 100m relay	37.89	
2008 OLYMPICS			
Gold	100 metres	9.59 WR	
Gold	200 metres	19.30 WR	
2009 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Gold	100 metres	9.58 WR	
Gold	200 metres	19.19 WR	
Gold	4 × 100m relay	37.31 CR	
2011 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Disqualified	100 metres	N/A	
Gold	200 metres	19.40	
Gold	4 × 100m relay	37.64 WR	
2012 OLYMPICS			
Gold	100 metres	9.63 CR	
Gold	200 metres	19.32	
Gold	4 × 100m relay	36.84 WR	
2015 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Gold	100 metres	9.77	
Gold	200 metres	19.66	
Gold	4 × 100m relay	37.36	
2015 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Gold	100 metres	9.79	
Gold	200 metres	19.55	
Gold	4 × 100m relay	37.36	
2016 OLYMPICS			
Gold	100 metres	9.81	
Gold	200 metres	19.78	
Gold	4 × 100m relay	37.27	
2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Bronze	100 metres	9.95	
8th	4 × 100m relay	DNF	



LEGEND IN HIS OWN WORDS

At first, I ate a box of 20 for lunch, then another for dinner. The next day I had 70 boxes for breakfast, one for lunch and then another couple in the evening. I even grabbed some fries and an apple to go with it.

— On his eating habits before the 2008 Olympics.

I stopped worrying about the start. The end was the important.

— After taking gold in the 100m at the 2012 London Olympics.

I am Lightning Bolt! I am not Flash Gordon or anybody. My name is Bolt, Lightning Bolt.

— After smashing Michael Johnson's 200m world record at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

People come to see you run fast, but they also come to see a show, a performance... That's what I give them.

— On his showmanship

I'm now a legend, I'm also the greatest athlete to live. I am in the same category as Michael Johnson.

— Bolt after winning the 2012 Olympic 200m.

I just imagine all the other runners are big spiders, and then I get super scared.

— On race tactics.

When I'm at the gym, I think about chicks, going to the beach, and looking good. I do it for the girls.

— On working out

Last 10 metres, you're not going to catch me, no matter who you are, no matter what you're doing, no matter how focused you are, no matter how ready you think you are, you're not going to catch me, because that last 10 metres is going to take me three and a half strides to pass the finish line.

— On his last 10 metres

I work hard and I do good and I'm going to enjoy myself. I'm not going to let you rest me too.

— About his lifestyle critics

A lot of people, a lot of legends, have come before me. But this is my time.

— Ahead of the 2012 Olympics

What I always wanted was to be great for me, being great means being remembered. People talk about sports all the time, and I want to be a part of that conversation. When they talk about greats it's always Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan, Babe Ruth to be a part of that conversation. So when they talk about the greats they say Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan, Babe Muhammad Ali.

— On what he wants his legacy to be

The trademark grin is replaced with a grimace. It's a rare sight for Usain Bolt, the greatest sprinter the world has produced. The Jamaican legend failed to complete his last race – the 4x100m relay – because of a cramp sustained while anchoring his team and running the final straight at London Stadium on Saturday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Not the end the world envisioned

STAR SPORT DESK

Usain Bolt has captivated the world with his speed and charisma for nine years. Ever since his first 100m Olympic gold in Beijing's Bird's Nest, the giant Jamaican sprint legend lived up to his reputation as 'Lightning Bolt'. He has won everything, including a never-experienced before triple-triple in the Olympics. And on Saturday the capacity crowd in London and the watching world wanted him to ride off into the sunset.

But the glitter that has cascaded upon the greatest athlete throughout his incredible career was nowhere to be seen. Instead the eight-time Olympic champion was spiked with bad luck that led to a disaster.

Anchoring Jamaica in the final of the 4x100 metre relay at the World Championships, Bolt pulled up with a leg injury down the home straight as he took the baton in third place and with plenty of work to do.

60,000 people gasped as their hero jumped, hobbled and then crumpled to the floor, as Great Britain sprinted away to a maiden gold medal with the USA and Japan in tow.

Grimacing in pain after that fatal cramp, Bolt limped to the finish line long after the race was done and dusted. He walked off with a blank look up at the sky, leaving his fans around the world stunned in silence.

After all no one had expected or wanted such an anti-climatic finish to a magnificent fairytale career. Bolt did not utter a word as he was understandably disappointed.

But his teammate Yohan Blake was the first of the Jamaica's through the media mixed zone, slamming his fists on a barrier in front of two Japanese reporters who looked completely unsure if they wanted to provoke him further with a question.

"I really wanted to send him off in style, send him off with a gold medal. All of us were doing our best to make that happen, but unfortunately, injuries are a part of this sport and it's devastating what happened, but we have to find a way to deal with it."

Forté linked Bolt's injury to the longer-than-

usual wait they had in the call room pre-race.

"We were in there getting ready to go for quite a while. It's not the warmest weather. It's not the sort of thing that any of us from Jamaica are accustomed to. I think it's something they really need to look into and I definitely think that's what caused the injury."

Even Bolt's perceived rival Justin Gatlin conceded the drop in temperature had an effect.

But Bolt, a clean athlete with so many cheats around him, still limped off with his head held high not only as a true entertainer but for upholding the true spirit of the game.

BD women off to Khulna

SPORTS REPORTER

The 25-member national women's cricket team will participate in a two-week training camp in Khulna.

Rumana Ahmed and her troops will travel to Khulna today where they will be divided into Red and Green teams, which will contest two one-dayers on August 18 and 20 respectively, and as many T20 matches on August 22 and 23 respectively.

They will return to Dhaka on August 24.

SQUAD: Rumana, Jahana, Khadija, Sanjida, Fargana, Salma, Nuzhat (wk), Ritu, Lata, Aysha, Sharmin, Supra, Fahima, Shailla, Nahida, Panna, Sharmin, Supra.

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Problem of plenty in pace

SPORTS REPORTER

The upcoming two-Test series against Australia is expected to be played on spin-friendly tracks, which has produced a sweet dilemma for the Bangladesh team management about who to choose in the playing eleven from a strong group of pacers.

The pacers also have a role to play and it is expected that the team management will go with two seamers in the line-up.

Left-arm fast bowling sensation Mustafizur Rahman is the sure shot for the first Test starting in Mirpur from August 27, but there is some stiff competition for the other spot. The likes of Subhassish Roy, Shaiful Islam, Taskin Ahmed, Rubel Hossain and Kamrul Islam Rabbi are in contention.

Chief selector Minhajul Abedin informed that they are yet to settle on a combination, but was enjoying the

wealth of choice in the pace department.

"I think it's a very good thing for us as all the pacers are almost at the same level at the moment which will ultimately help to form a better team," Minhajul told The Daily Star over phone yesterday.

Subhassish was part of the Tigers' previous Test, the historic 100th in Colombo in March this year when he gave a good account of himself in a famous win. The tall pacer has the ability to hit the deck hard and managed to get bounce on a slow surface, which impressed head coach Chandika Hathurusingha.

Speedster Taskin Ahmed has always been the X-factor in the Bangladesh fast bowling department with his ability to bowl fast, and can also make an impact against top side like Australia.

The right-arm seamer who played the first Test against Sri Lanka earlier this year, however, was dropped from the next game but he can surely make an impact on his day.

Rubel, meanwhile, is at a bit of a

disadvantage as he played his last Test against New Zealand in January this year, but with the slinging bowling action he can offer variety in the Tigers line-up and has also been in fine rhythm lately.

Kamrul made his Test debut against England last year and is also in consideration for his ability to bowl with the old ball and was the pick of the pacers in the two-Test series in New Zealand, bagging six wickets.

Making the competition even hotter, Shaiful has recently given a reminder of his abilities with a scaring five-wicket haul in the recently-concluded three-day practice match in Chittagong.

"Whatever the pitch is going to be the pacers will have to take responsibility. If the wicket offers help to the spinners our role will be to help them and if we can give some early breakthroughs that will make the job easy for the spinners. Whatever the pitch is like there is an important role for the seamers and we have a very strong fast bowling line-up," Shaiful told the reporters at the Sher-Bangla National Stadium after practice yesterday.

Hazlewood eager to lead

REUTERS, Durban

Josh Hazlewood is ready to lead Australia's pace attack during the two-Test series in Bangladesh in the absence of injured fast bowling colleagues Mitchell Starc and James Pattinson.

Left-arm Starc suffered a stress fracture in his foot on the tour of India and missed the third and fourth tests. He returned for June's Champions Trophy in England but later felt the injury had not healed properly.

Pattinson was suffering inflammation around an area of his back where he had a previous stress fracture.

"There's only going to be a couple of quicks in the team and a few spinners (but) as long as we're working together, I think we'll be okay," Hazlewood told reporters at a team camp in Darwin on Sunday.

"I see myself as a leader amongst the group now."

The team's changed a lot since I first came in, and I've gone from a junior player to a senior player, so I try to take that extra

initiative to lead from the front."

The 26-year-old will have Pat Cummins and Jackson Bird as his pace partners in Bangladesh.

Unscapped Mitchell Swepson, who was previously selected for the tour of India earlier this year but did not play, was chosen instead of a pace bowler because of the expected spin-friendly conditions in Bangladesh.

Swepson is the third frontline spinner in the side, with off-spinner Nathan Lyon and left-arm orthodox spinner Ashton Agar also making the trip.

Bangladesh famously defeated England at home last year to tie their series 1-1 and Hazlewood was expecting tough competition from their South Asian opponents.

"They're a world class team," Hazlewood said. "They have some pretty good showings in that Champion's Trophy tournament and their Test cricket at home has been pretty good."

"We can't take them lightly, that's for sure."

Australia take on Bangladesh in the first Test in Mirpur starting from August 27 before the teams meet again in Chittagong from September 4.

Sheikh Jamal drop first points

SPORTS REPORTER

Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club missed an opportunity to join leaders Chittagong Abahani at the top of the Bangladesh Premier League after being held to a 1-1 draw by Rahmatganj MFS at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The three-time champions took the lead in the 21st minute of the game. But could hold on to the lead for only a minute as a madcap couple of minutes remained the most segment feature of an otherwise lacklustre affair on the muddy surface at the big bowl.

The draw leaves Sheikh Jamal on 10 points from four matches, two behind Chittagong Abahani while Rahmatganj, with two wins and a draw in four matches, moved to seven points alongside defending champions Abahani in joint third position.

Joseph Afisi's Sheikh Jamal had come into

this game on the back of three convincing victories, but were made to work hard by Kamal Babu's Rahmatganj, who have continued to fight shoulder to shoulder against the big guns since the start of the last season.

The first twenty minutes of the game, when neither side managed to assert sole authority on the game, was followed by a frantic few minutes as both the goals were scored during this period.

Momodou Bah broke the deadlock for Sheikh Jamal in the 21st minute, slamming home after racing on to a clever chip from Enamul Haque. The Gambian forward beat a centre-back for pace before blasting the ball at the bottom left corner of the net, leaving Rahmatganj goalkeeper Mohammad Razib rooted to his spot.

But the Old Dhaka outfit hit back immediately, thanks to Afisi Hossain Rimon's stab-in-

from in front of goal after the Sheikh Jamal defence failed to catch Naimur Rahman Shahed's corner and the following header from Ismael Bangoura.

The Dhanmondi giants should have regained the lead two minutes later when Solomon King Kanfom was left with acres of space on the edge of the six yard box on a clever pass from Enamul. But the previous match's stoppage time scorer, who was drafted into the starting eleven yesterday, blasted the ball way off target, leaving his teammates scratch their heads in disbelief.

The second half, compared to the first, was a much scrappier affair as play was mostly confined on the midfield. The closest chance of the half, though, came to Rahmatganj in the 53rd minute when Mohammad Elias brilliantly danced past two defenders to tee the ball up for skipper Naimur Rahman Shahed, whose left-footed curler from inside the box missed the target by inches.



Afisi Hossain Rimon's (R) equaliser helped Rahmatganj hold Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club to a 1-1 draw in their Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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