

Bolt to run in farewell event

Monaco

Usain Bolt will run the 100m and 4x100m at the world championships in London next month, his final event before retiring, the Jamaican sprint star confirmed yesterday.

Bolt, winner of eight Olympic and 11 world gold medals, is looking to bring down the curtain on his glittering career in style at the August 4-13 event.

"My main aim is just to win (in London). I just want to retire on a winning note," Bolt said during a press conference in Monaco ahead of Friday's Diamond League meeting.

The 30-year-old revealed he would not defend his 200m world title, meaning he will not race against South Africa's Wayde van Niekerk, the athlete Bolt has tipped to take over as the next track and field superstar.

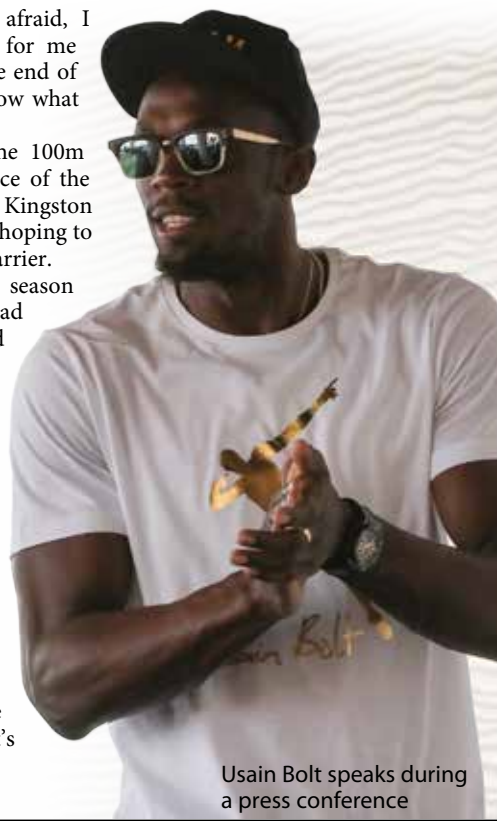
"I think that's one of the most disappointing things in my career now," said Bolt. "He came along at this late stage and I didn't get to compete against him, because I think he's one of the best now."

He added: "I'm never afraid, I live for competition. But for me it's too late now, I'm at the end of my career. We'll never know what could happen."

Bolt will compete in the 100m in Monaco -- his third race of the season after appearances in Kingston and Ostrava -- where he is hoping to dip under the 10-second barrier.

"I'm feeling good, the season started off slow for me. I had a setback after my friend Germaine (Mason) passed away," Bolt said, referring to death of the British high jumper, a 2008 Olympic silver medallist, in a motorbike crash in Jamaica in April.

"I've been a little behind schedule, but I am training well. I'm feeling much better over the past couple of days because I went to see my doctor in Germany, I've been training good so that's a good sign." (AFP)



Usain Bolt speaks during a press conference

England goalkeeper Forster pens new Saints deal

London

England international goalkeeper Fraser Forster has signed a new five-year deal with Southampton, the Premier League club confirmed yesterday.

The 29-year-old had agreed a contract last summer until 2021, but the former Celtic stopper has now extended that for another season.

Forster arrived from Celtic in 2014 and has established himself as one of the top flight's finest 'keepers, playing in all 38 league games last season and featuring 103 times in all competitions in Saints colours.

"I'm delighted. I have absolutely loved my time here at Southampton so far and when the opportunity came along to extend it I didn't think twice about it," said Forster.

"I think it's a fantastic club to be at, with a really bright future, and the ambition shown at the club is one where they want to move it forward, so for me it was a no-brainer."

Forster has six England caps and was a member of the 2014 World Cup and Euro 2016 squads, although he didn't play at either tournament. (AFP)

Fraser Forster (file pic)



Awan CC triumph

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Awan CC edged out BDS Bassali by three runs to win the Bahrain Financing Company sponsored Bahrain Cricket League (BCL) Premier League Mini League final.

After winning the toss, Awan CC elected to bat and made 128 for seven in its 20 overs with middle order batsman Hassan (33) top scoring, with good support from Ali (29) and Akhtar (three for 26) being the best of the bowlers.

BDS Bassali in reply were dismissed for 125 with Safdar (24) the main scorer and Ali (three for 23) and Sameer (three for 28) the pick of the bowlers to clinch the trophy.



The winning Awan CC team

Futsal league: Draw held, approved by Shaikh Khalid



Nabeel the tournament mascot during the draw

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The draw has been made and approved on Monday by HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth, President of the Bahrain Athletics Association and Honorary President of Bahrain Disabled Sports Federation, for the fifth edition of the Khalid Bin Hamad for Youth Centres, starting on 24 July and concluding on 23 August, to include and approve those clubs that are not under the Bahrain Football Association in this edition of the league.

The League is part of Shaikh Khalid's sporting and humanitarian initiatives under the slogan "#Meeting_of_Generations" and will be organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs in collaboration with HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Media Centre.

This year, the competition includes a league for people with disabilities for the second consecutive year and a league for girls for the first time.

Shaikh Khalid stressed on the importance of allowing clubs and girls to participate in this league. Shaikh Khalid said that the league's fifth edition coincides with the vision of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports chaired by HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, and the necessity in activating the role of the youth centres since it is considered to foster Bahraini youths.

The tournament features the participation of 36 youth centres from different governorates.

Dr. Shaikh Saqr bin Salman Al Khalifa, the ministry's Assistant Undersecretary for Sports Affairs and Facilities, Omar A. Aziz Bukamal, Director of Shaikh Khalid's Media Office and Nawar Abdullah Al Mutawa, Director of Youth Centres and Facilities at the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs, a number of the Ministry and Sport Associations officials, guests and other officials were present.



Officials during the event