LAUSANNE
LASHAWN DONT MERRITT OLYMPIC TICKET, SAYS IOC
World 400m champion LaShawn Merritt will not be able to defend his Olympic 400m title this year at the London Games next year after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) refused to back down from its new tough addi-
donations stance. The IOC’s new Executive Board and Athletics Commission have been behind the rule, which bars any athletes with a doping suspension of at least six months from competing in the next Olympics. As title defender from Berlin, he will have the wildcard for Daegu World Championships this year. On the other side, while United States Track and Field asks wild card holders to com-
pete at national championships, Merritt’s ban ends only in July. However, he will still be invited to top European meetings and could compete in the... 

DUSSELDORF
KENYAN STARS TO BURN TARTAN AT INDOOR MEET
Steeped in history and tradition, the Dusseldorf Indoor Games run in the 5000m. Last year he poked impressive 13.02.15. He will cap on in the February 7 race with US German Indoor European Championships (stations) medallist, David Rudisha. Very few people could have imagined that in the 1500m race with Kenyan William Biwott, Geoffrey Koech, Augustine Choge: Nixon Kesar-
soba coming up against anti-doping Ethiopian Derartu Tulu, American Bernard Lagat, will have the starring role.

KINGSTON
BOLT’S BUSINESS EMPIRE RISING UP FAST IN JAMAICA
The world’s fastest man, Usain Bolt, has raised his self-funded business empire to new heights. The boltaray at Matrulpac in Kingston, Jamaica. The partnership is in line with the local companies’ investment: a unique business and dynam-
ically storytelling partnership between Bolt’s A1 Brand and the K1E Brand. The partnership will see the $300 million purchase of the 2400m-star to the brim, with branches in London as well as other regional territories and in North America.

ATHLETICS BRIEFLY

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ShoedAfrica ambassador Casimero Ronaldo autograph his Mar-

"I thought Toby's run was amazing. He set a new world record in the marathon run from the coast to the top of Kilimanjaro last November. Photo/ COURTESY

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