

Jamaica risks Olympic ban

Jamaica was on the brink of being cast into the international wilderness last night after the World Anti-Doping Agency vowed to take action that could mean the island is deemed non-compliant with its drug-testing responsibilities.

In an exclusive interview with The Telegraph, Wada president John Fahey delivered a withering rebuke to Jamaica over its "farfical" attempts to defer an extraordinary audit of its anti-doping programme until the new year. Wada director general David Howman had planned to lead a commission to Jamaica after being invited by the island's prime minister to investigate revelations from the former executive director of the Jamaican Anti-Doping Commission that it conducted no drug tests in the five months leading up to last year's Olympics. Jamaica's refusal to accommodate the commission during the remainder of 2013 infuriated Fahey, who last night promised an "appropriate" response, with non-compliance with the Wada Code the ultimate sanction. That could have dire consequences for Jamaica's world-class athletes including Usain Bolt and company, who may be barred from competing at athletics' biggest events – including the Olympics – until the row is resolved, notwithstanding that there is no evidence of any individual wrongdoing by Bolt and his team-mates. Source: telegraph.co.uk