

## **Bolt 'Loses All Respect' For Carl Lewis**

After basking in his historic Olympic sprinting double, [@Usain Bolt](#) took a momentary break to fiercely criticize former US athlete Carl Lewis.

Bolt said Lewis had "lost all respect" in his eyes after the former athletic great said the doping controls of Jamaica were not as strong compared to other countries. In recent years, Lewis has said drug testing procedures in Jamaica might need to be tightened though he did not make any direct accusation. Bolt lashed out at nine-time gold-medal winner after being asked if he did like to be compared with Lewis or the great Jesse Owens. Bolt remarked he does not have respect for Carl Lewis and added that it is really downgrading for track athletes to make accusations against others athletes and Lewis did this all only to gather attention as no body really talks about him.

Lewis while talking to *Sports Illustrated* said that **countries such as Jamaica don't have a random testing program and this means that athletes can go on for months without being tested**. He added that his statement is not meant to accuse any one of anything, but every athlete should be on a level-playing field.

Widely regarded as the fastest man ever, Usain St. Leo Bolt is the first man to hold both the 100 meters and 200 meters world records. Bolt is the reigning Olympic champion in 100 meters, 200 meters, and 4 x 100 meters relay and also the first man ever to achieve the distinction of the "double double" by winning 100 m and 200 m titles at consecutive Olympics (2008 & 2012). The achievements of Usain Bolt in sprinting have earned him the media nickname "*Lightning Bolt*" and he is the highest paid athlete ever in track and field.

Bolt, under the guidance of coach Fitz Coleman became the first junior sprinter to run the 200 m in under twenty seconds to take the world junior record outright with a time of 19.93 s. On May 31, 2008 Bolt established a new 100 m world record after registering a time of 9.72 s at the Reebok Grand Prix held in the Icahn Stadium in New York City and broke the record of compatriot Asafa Powell. After his return to Jamaica from Golden League final in Brussels (2008 athletics season), Bolt was selected as the IAAF Male Athlete of the year and won a Special Olympic Award for his performances and was selected in 2009 as the IAAF World Athlete of the Year for the second year running. He came second to Yohan Blake at the Jamaican trials in both 100 m and 200 m but won the Olympics 100 meters gold medal with a time of 9.63 seconds to set a new Olympic record for that distance and defending his gold medal from the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.

It is ironical to learn that a man himself accused of failing drug tests is accusing others of wrongdoings. The United States Olympic Committee's director of drug control administration from 1991 to 2000, Dr. Wade Exum, gave copies of documents that revealed that 100 American athletes who failed drug tests and should have been prevented from competing in the Olympics were allowed to compete and Carl Lewis was one of them. **The document copies revealed that Lewis tested positive three times before the 1988 Olympics for pseudoephedrine, [ephedrine](#), and phenylpropanolamine**. Lewis didn't deny the test results and said he was treated the same as other athletes from the United States in similar positions.