

I Am Clean, Says Usain Bolt

Olympic sprinter [@Usain Bolt](#) insists he is 'clean' after he was asked about doping before the Diamond League meeting in Paris.

The Jamaican runner was posed the question at a time when athletes from his country have come under increased scrutiny after Veroncia Campbell-Brown tested positive for a banned diuretic at a meeting in May. The double Olympic champion may become the twelfth Jamaican to be banned in the last five years.

Bolt said in Paris that he is clean and sure about it. He welcomed people to test him every day if required to prove it to the world and said he has no problems with that. Meanwhile, Usain Bolt supported calls made by his coach, Glen Mills, for an accredited laboratory to be set up in Jamaica. Bolt's coach believes supplements can be tested in lab and this would be helpful to prevent the innocent being caught out by poorly labeled medicine and vitamins.

Nicknamed "Lightning Bolt", his achievements in sprinting have earned him awards including the IAAF World Athlete of the Year, Track & Field Athlete of the Year, and Laureus Sportsman of the Year thrice. Bolt is the highest paid athlete ever in track and field and has been called the world's most marketable athlete and the greatest athlete ever.

[Usain Bolt](#), performing for Jamaica in his first Caribbean regional event, clocked a personal best of 48.28 s in the 400 metres in the 2001 CARIFTA Games, winning a silver medal and thereafter he made his first appearance on the world stage at the 2001 IAAF World Youth Championships in Debrecen, Hungary. Usain Bolt is one of only eight athletes, (along with Valerie Adams, Veronica Campbell-Brown, Jacques Freitag, Yelena Isinbayeva, Jana Pittman, Dani Samuels) to win world championships at the youth, junior, and senior level of an athletic event. Bolt, the first man to hold both the 100 meters and 200 meters world records since fully automatic time measurements became mandatory in 1977, said everybody makes their own decisions as far as doping is concerned and he cannot speak for anybody else. He remarked that he gets tested regularly in Jamaica so maybe it would work out easier for them to get the samples if there was a laboratory in the country. The first to achieve a "double double" by winning 100 m and 200 m titles at consecutive Olympics (2008 and 2012), Bolt is the first man to win six Olympic gold medals in sprinting and a five-time World champion.

Meanwhile, American Tyson Gay has again thrown down the gauntlet to Bolt by finishing the 100m in 9.79 seconds, ahead of the Jamaican Asafa Powell and his American compatriot Michael Rodgers at the Athletissima [IAAF Diamond League](#) meeting in Lausanne. A world champion in 2007 and the second-fastest 100m runner of all time behind Bolt, the 30-year-old American had overcome Powell in five of their previous six encounters. Powell finished second in 9.88 and Rodgers was third in 9.96.

The Athletissima meeting was attended by the IOC president, Jacques Rogge, and some of the 89 IOC members who had voted to award the 2018 Youth Olympic Games to Buenos Aires, ahead of Medellín in Colombia and Glasgow.