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PUMA's Usain Bolt breaks 100m World Record

Herzogenaurach, June 2, 2008 – Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt became the world's fastest man when he clocked 9.72 seconds in the 100 metres in New York City on Saturday, lowering the prestigious mark set by teammate Asafa Powell by two hundredths of a second and defeating current world champion Tyson Gay of the United States.

Bolt told journalists after the race, "I wasn't really looking for the world record, but it was there for the taking. I knew after 50 meters the race was over." He also confirmed for the first time that he hoped to compete in both, the 100 metres and 200 metres, at the Olympic Games in Beijing in August. "The Olympics are the big thing for me. It doesn't matter if I have the world record, if I don't have the Olympic medal", he added.

Bolt made headlines last month, when he ran an unexpected 9.76 seconds, clocking the 2nd fastest 100m time ever recorded at a competition in Jamaica. He has competed almost exclusively in the 200m, earning a silver medal at the 2007 IAAF World Championships in Osaka, Japan.

Usain Bolt joined the PUMA athletic team in 2002, when he won the World Junior Championship 200m title in Jamaica, becoming one of the leading athletes for the company. During his race on Saturday he wore the complete Theseus II - the PUMA® performance track&field shoe and a sleeveless outfit from the complete running collection in store now. Theseus II is the PUMA® premier sprinters spike designed specifically for the 100 and 200 meters, the perfect combination of light synthetic leather and smooth leather overlays.

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