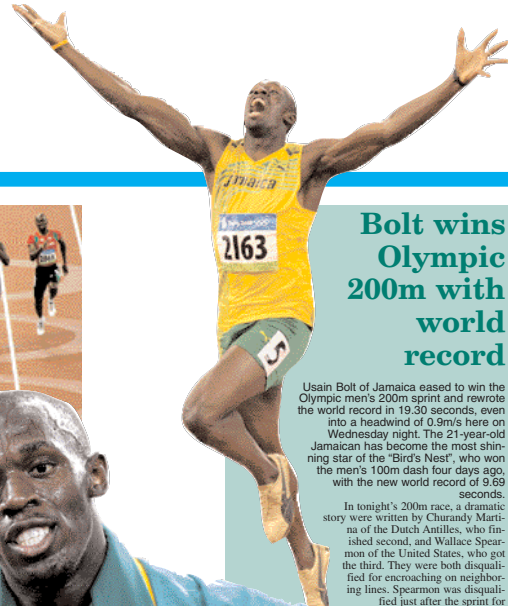




From left, United States' Wallace Spearmon, United States' Walter Dix, Netherlands' Antilles' Churandy Martina, Zimbabwe's Brian Dzingsai, Jamaica's Usain Bolt, United States' Shawn Crawford, Britain's Christian Malcolm and St. Kitts and Nevis' Kim Collins compete during the men's 200-meter final with a world record during the athletics competitions in the National Stadium at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing. AP



Bolt wins Olympic 200m with world record

Usain Bolt of Jamaica eased to win the Olympic men's 200m sprint and rewrote the world record in 19.30 seconds, even into a headwind of 0.5m/s here on Wednesday night. The 21-year-old Jamaican has become the most shining star of the "Bird's Nest", who won the men's 100m dash four days ago, with the new world record of 9.69 seconds.

In tonight's 200m race, a dramatic story were written by Churandy Martina of the Dutch Antilles, who finished second, and Wallace Spearmon of the United States, who got the third. They were both disqualified for encroaching on neighboring lines. Spearmon was disqualified just after the sprint for encroaching on other line.

However, he attributed his foul to Martina, saying that Martina stepped into his line first. After an investigation, both were disqualified. Then the original fourth finisher American Shawn Crawford, who won the 200m gold medal in the 2004 Athens Olympics, became the silverist in 19.96 seconds and his teammate Walter Dix was subsequently offered the bronze in 19.98.

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Lightning Bolt strikes twice



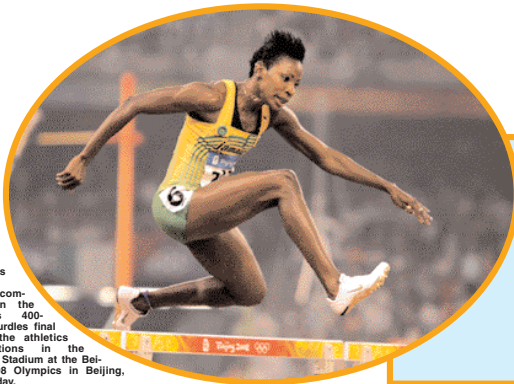
Usain Bolt holding his track shoes.



Usain Bolt celebrating.



Usain Bolt kissing the track after winning the gold in the men's 200-meter final.



Jamaica's Melaine Walker competes in the women's 400-meter hurdles final during the athletics competitions in the National Stadium at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Wednesday.

Walker wins women's 400 meters hurdles in new Olympic record



World season's leader Melaine Walker of Jamaica won the Beijing Olympic women's 400 meters hurdles with a new Olympic record of 52.64 seconds on

Wednesday. Sheena Tosta of the United States was left a far second in 53.70 seconds and the bronze medal went to Tasha Danvers from Britain in 53.84.

The former record of 52.77 was created by Fani Halkia of Greece in the Athens Games four years ago. Walker added to

Jamaica's pride minutes after her compatriot Usain Bolt claimed the men's 200m title, creating a new world record of 19.30. After a hot performance this season, the 25-year-old Walker has rallied to go into the Beijing Olympic Games as a big favorite and had an impressive time in the qualifying rounds.

She reached the final by clocking 54.20, 0.13 second behind Tosta. On Wednesday, their battle went on until the final straight where Walker pulled away from Tosta before finishing as a very comfortable winner. The Jamaican national champion has remained undefeated at 400m hurdles this year. BEIJING, Thursday, Xinhua