



HARVEY WANTS TO BE OWN MAN

YOUNG JAMAICAN SPRINTER KEEN TO EMERGE FROM SHADOW OF GREAT COMPATRIOTS

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SHENZHEN — Jacques Harvey isn't trying to be Usain Bolt, which is probably a very good thing.

The Jamaican is trying to be the best version of Jacques Harvey he can be, and that's working out quite nicely.

Harvey, 22, won the gold medal in the men's 100m race on Wednesday, earning the title of "Shenzhen Universiade's fastest man" with a time of 10.14 seconds.



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Harvey's compatriot, Carrie Russell, won the women's race, maintaining Jamaica's dominance of the sprints.

Competing in his first world major event, Harvey admitted he was nervous.

"It was (scary, but) the competition is like others," he said. "It's my first time on the world stage. I'm happy to come here and get the gold."

Suffering a hamstring injury at the beginning, Harvey survived a close finish to take the gold, beating Sakalauskas by 0.001 sec. But he was not satisfied with the result after the unexpected injury.

"While I was running, I felt something strange," he said. "I wanted to be faster at 10.02."

Coming from Jamaica, home to a number of elite sprinters like Bolt — the three-time World and Olympic gold medalist — and former 100m

"I don't want to be the next Usain Bolt, but a faster Jacques Harvey," he said.

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Jamaica's Carrie Russell celebrates after winning the women's 100m final at the Universiade yesterday.

record-holder Asafa Powell, Harvey said he is proud of his country.

"I'm very privileged to have been born in Jamaica around very competitive athletes and around good coaches," he said. "We have won 100m titles on the world stage, so I'm really happy for that."

Harvey said he won't be at the

World Championships next month, but will strive for the chance to represent Jamaica soon.

The Universiade title isn't Russell's goal, either. She is also aiming for next year's Olympics.

"I reached a personal best twice at this competition. It's wonderful," she said.

Russell, 21, clocked 11.05 in winning the women's 100m.

Khrystyna Stuy of Ukraine claimed the silver in 11.34, followed by Lina Grincikaite of Lithuania in 11.34.

After the Universiade, Russell — in her third year at the University of Technology — will go back to

school and continue pursuing her degree in education.

And after graduation, she will focus on the Olympic trials.

"Definitely (I want to compete for Jamaica at) next year's Olympics. After graduation, I will focus on track," she said. "I will work toward it."

Su gets a lift with bronze performance

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SHENZHEN — China's Su Bingtian said he is encouraged after finishing third in the men's 100m at the Universiade last night.

"I'm very happy to win the bronze since I never expected it," said Su, who finished in 10.27 seconds.

"It's my first international event and I earned the first medal for

China's track and field athletes at this Universiade. I'm very glad. My next goal is to break the national record of 10.17 in two years' time."

Su started to draw attention at the 2009 National Games, at which he won the gold in 10.28. At the Guangzhou Asian Games last year, he helped the Chinese team win the 4x100m relay. He improved his time at the Asian Championships last month,

clocking a personal best of 10.21 to win gold.

Before the Shenzhen Universiade, Su sustained a leg injury, but he emerged from that setback to prove himself again in Shenzhen.

"Before the race, my coach told me to be relaxed," he said. "I felt my leg injury was healed and I slowly found my rhythm in the rounds."

"This competition is good preparation for me for the World Championships later this month."



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China's Su Bingtian after winning the men's 100m bronze medal.