
Prince Harry Beats Bolt in Friendly Race

Prince Henry of Wales (always known as Prince Harry) is one of the few persons in the world, who can boast that he has "beaten" Jamaica's World and Olympic Champion Usain Bolt, in a race.

The Prince, decked in national colours, including Puma brand sneakers in the black, green and gold, beat Bolt in a friendly 20-metre race Tuesday March 6, at the Usain Bolt Track at the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona campus.

There was a false start on the first try, and Bolt, in his usual jovial fashion, offered the Prince tips on how to improve his running technique. On the second attempt, Bolt eased up and allowed the Prince to win.

Just before the race Prince Harry, engaged in friendly conversation with Bolt; his coach Glen Mills; 100-metre World Champion, Yohan Blake; and MVP President, Bruce James. Former Olympian and first vice president of the Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association (JAAA), Grace Jackson, who moderated the informal session, presented a number of former Olympians to the Prince, including Bert Cameron, Kathy Rattray Williams and Vilma Charlton.

Prince Harry said he was happy to be in Jamaica and promised that if possible, he would visit the Jamaica Village at the London 2012 Olympics.

Bolt and the Prince then exchanges gifts, to symbolise their new friendship.

While at the track, Prince Harry observed child athletes and young national athletes during a training session.

He then moved on to the university's Law Faculty, where he will witness a few minutes of a mock moot session. The Queen holds the title "Visitor" of the university, and Prince Harry will unveil a plaque there in honour of his grandmother's Diamond Jubilee. The position of Visitor is considered to be the most senior official of the UWI.

Prince Harry arrived on the island yesterday (March 5) for a four-day visit representing his grandmother, Her Majesty the Queen, as part of the international celebrations commemorating her Diamond Jubilee.