How the race went

10m 20m 30m 40m 50m 60m 70m 80m 90m

MICHAEL FRATER
Jamaica

DARVIS PATTON
USA

USAIN BOLT
Jamaica

RICHARD THOMPSON
Trinidad/Tobago

WALTER DIX
USA

ASAFA POWELL
Jamaica

MARC BURNS
Trinidad/Tobago

CHURANDY MARTINA
Netherlands Antilles

START

Thompson and Dix are quickest-off the blocks (0.133sec).

Powell is a fraction behind (0.134sec).

Martina is slowest (0.169) and Bolt second slowest (0.165).

TRANSITION (20m-40m)

In the transition phase of the race, the sprinters run almost upright to accelerate to top speed. Powell adopts this position early but Bolt patiently leans forward to pick up speed. They are followed closely by Thompson.

TOP SPEED (40m-85m)

The runners reach top speed in this phase. Bolt is clearly ahead at the 50m mark. Thompson is second, with Frater, Powell and Dix trailing in that order. Martina is even further behind.

By the 75m mark, Bolt hits top gear and his relaxed style lets him power ahead of the field. Powell pays for his early top-speed reach. Thompson, Frater and Dix tussle to finish behind Bolt.

THE FINISH

Bolt, at 1.96m, completes the race in 41 strides while the others average 45 steps. He finishes clearly ahead of Thompson and Dix and was already celebrating before the end. Martina maintains his top speed and springs a surprise at the end to finish fourth. Powell is relegated to fifth.

9.97 sec

10.03 sec

9.69 sec

9.89 sec

9.91 sec

9.95 sec

10.01 sec

9.93 sec

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