

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## EATON vs BOLT

### Where are Those Last Chance Meets?

**HELLO AGAIN.....**A novel attempt to match up the World's Fastest Human (Usain Bolt/JAM) and the World's Greatest Athlete (decathlon champ Ashton Eaton/USA) has been arranged over 100 meters on May 20th at the Golden Spikes Meeting in Ostrava, CZE.

Bolt won gold medals at 100 and 200 meters at last year's IAAF world champs in Beijing just days before Eaton broke his own decathlon world record. Both were finalists for the 2015 IAAF Athlete of the year. Bolt will have all the advantage in Ostrava since he holds the century world record at 9.58 seconds. But this is a chance for the decathlon community to see just how fast Ashton can run. He has already run 10.38 this season, owns the deca WR at 10.21 (in a driving rainstorm at the '12 Olympic Trials) and owns a collegiate windy best of 10.19 seconds. This will be fun to watch. Yet a better race would be over 400 or 500 meters. Now that would be a race!

May 20th is a Friday...Ostrava is 6 hours earlier than US EDT. Stay tuned. Will the post-race hand gesture be Bolt's legendary pointed arrow or Eaton's two handed "O" ?

Eaton's coach Harry Marra says this will be a good test since it fits into Eaton's preparation for the Olympic Trials five weeks later. "We don't have any misgivings for this race...it's just an opportunity to run really fast," he noted, "perhaps a chance to draft."



A pair of the planet's best known athletes, Usain Bolt(left) and Ashton Eaton(right) will match up at 100 meters in Ostrava, CZE.

Speaking of Marra, he is the latest decathlon coach to have a meet named in his honor, the upcoming *Harry Marra Multis* at Westmont College this weekend.

### LAST CHANCE MEETS

#### MAY

11-12	Hillsdale Classic	Hillsdale, MI
12-13	BYU Last Chance <sup>^</sup>	Provo, UT
12-13	GFU Haskins Qualifier	Newberg, OR
13-14	Lynchburg Last Chance	Lynchburg, VA
13-14	Marra Multis*	Santa Barbara, CA
15-16	OWU Altoff Last Chance	Delaware, OH
28-29	OTC High Performance <sup>^</sup>	Chula Vista, CA
28-29	Texas Greatest Athlete	Dallas, TX
28-29	Mt Sac Open Multis	Walnut, CA

#### JUNE

17-18	SBTC Last Chance	Santa Barbara, CA
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We are still checking on 'Last Chance' meets typically held in late May/early June at NDSU in Fargo and the Jacksonville (FL) Track Club.

<sup>^</sup>-<http://www.runnercard.com/e/runner.Main>

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[http://www.westmont.edu/\\_sports/static/track\\_mens/schedules/2016\\_Meet\\_Info/160514AllOnTheLineOpenInstructions.pdf](http://www.westmont.edu/_sports/static/track_mens/schedules/2016_Meet_Info/160514AllOnTheLineOpenInstructions.pdf)

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