

= Tyson Gay =

Tyson Gay ( born August 9 , 1982 ) is an American track and field sprinter , who competes in the 100 and 200 meters dash . His 100 m personal best of 9 @. @ 69 seconds is the American record and makes him tied for second fastest athlete ever , after Usain Bolt . His 200 m time of 19 @. @ 58 makes him the sixth fastest athlete in that event . He has since received a one @- @ year ban for doping .

Gay has won numerous medals in major international competitions , including a gold medal sweep of the 100 m , 200 m and 4 × 100 m relay at the 2007 Osaka World Championships . This made him the second man to win all three events at the same World Championships , after Maurice Greene ( Usain Bolt duplicated the feat two years later ) . Gay is a four @- @ time U.S. champion in the 100 m .

At the 2008 Olympic Trials , he ran a wind assisted 9 @. @ 68 seconds in the 100 m . Days after he suffered a severe hamstring injury in the 200 m trials and did not win any medals at the Beijing Olympics . His performance of 9 @. @ 71 seconds to win the 100 m silver medal in the 2009 World Championships is the fastest non @- @ winning time for the event .

In July 2013 , it was announced that Gay had tested positive for a banned substance , following which he withdrew from consideration for the World Championships in Moscow . The United States Anti @- @ Doping Agency ( USADA ) suspended him until June 23 , 2014 , and stripped him of his silver medal from the 2012 Summer Olympics as a result .

Gay is a two @- @ time winner of the Jesse Owens Award , was the 2007 IAAF World Athlete of the Year , won Best Track and Field Athlete for Track & Field News in 2007 and for ESPY Award in 2008 and 2011 . He has also achieved multiple Men 's season 's best performances in the 100 m and 200 m .

= = Early life = =

Born on August 9 , 1982 in Lexington , Kentucky , Tyson Gay is the only son of Daisy Gay and Greg Mitchell . Athletic prowess was part of his family life ; Gay 's grandmother ran for Eastern Kentucky University and his mother Daisy also competed in her youth , though she was pregnant with her first child by her early teens . Gay 's older sister , Tiffany , was a keen sprinter and had a successful high school career . Tiffany and Tyson Gay , encouraged by their mother , raced at every opportunity , training hard at school and on the hills in their neighborhood . There was strong competition between the two , and Gay later said that his sister 's quick reaction time inspired him to improve .

= = Amateur career = =

Although Gay tended to be a slow starter on the track , he worked hard to improve and broke the Lafayette High School stadium record for the 200 meters . Under the tutelage of Ken Northington , a former 100 yard dash state champion , Gay began working on his technique and rhythm . By his senior year he was a more composed athlete and he focused on the 100 meters , winning the state championship in the event and setting a new championship record of 10 @. @ 60 s . In spite of this , his mother noted that he was not fully applying himself and was taking his abilities for granted . Gay was also not a studious child and he failed to achieve the grades needed to enter a Division I sports college . However , the Kentucky High School State Championships in June 2001 demonstrated his abilities : he won gold in the 100 m , setting a new personal best and state record with 10 @. @ 46 s , a record which stands to this day . In the 200 m he took silver with another new personal best of 21 @. @ 23 s . At a 2001 track event , Gay met trainer Lance Brauman and the college coach convinced him to attend Barton County Community College . It was here that Gay first met Jamaican sprinter Veronica Campbell @- @ Brown , and the two formed a close bond , becoming training partners .

The move to the college in Great Bend , Kansas , marked further progression for Gay : in 2002 his

100 m and 200 m times dropped to 10 @. @ 08 s and 20 @. @ 21 s respectively , albeit with wind assistance . He improved upon his legal personal bests too , recording a 100 m run of 10 @. @ 27 s and 20 @. @ 88 s in the 200 m . He also continued to outstrip the competition , winning the 100 m at the NJCAA National Championship . Returning to the NJCAA event the following year , with the wind in his favour , Gay took bronze in the 100 m with 10 @. @ 01 s and silver in the 200 m with 20 @. @ 31 s . Injuries upset the rest of 2003 for Gay , and his coach Brauman moved on to work as the sprint coach at the University of Arkansas . Gay decided to follow his tutor and he was keen to join the university 's highly successful amateur track and field program ;

= = = National debut = = =

Gay chose to study sociology and marketing , and the university environment gave the 22 @- @ year @- @ old sprinter his first opportunity to compete in NCAA events . In the NCAA Men 's Indoor Track and Field Championship in March , Gay finished fourth in the 60 meters , with 6 @. @ 63 s , and fifth in the closely fought 200 m with a time of 20 @. @ 58 s ( he missed out on second place by only two hundredths of a second ) . The NCAA Men 's Outdoor Track and Field Championship in June proved far more fruitful , however , as Gay became Arkansas ' first 100 m NCAA champion , setting a school record of 10 @. @ 06 s . Furthermore , his efforts in the event helped the Arkansas athletic team win the NCAA Championship .

The results of Gay 's first 2004 US Olympic Trials confirmed his status as a rising contender in the 100 m and 200 m events . Although he did not reach the final of either event , he reached the semis of the highly competitive 100 m and posted a 200 m personal best of 20 @. @ 07 s in the qualifying stages . A hamstring injury due to dehydration prevented Gay from competing in the 200 m final , but he did not see the trials as a missed opportunity , rather a springboard for future events : " I was really focused upon the team , had a great shot , but it was a learning experience ? how to take care of my body . " The end of year Track and Field News rankings for United States sprinters showed him to be the eighth fastest 100 m runner and the fourth fastest sprinter over 200 m that year ? indicative of his potential , he was younger than all those ranked ahead of him .

In Gay 's final year as an amateur athlete he started well , setting a personal best and school record of 6 @. @ 55 s in the 60 m at the 2005 Championship Series . He helped the University team to another NCAA outdoor victory , setting a new personal best of 19 @. @ 93 s in the 200 m qualifiers and placing third in the finals . Training partner and friend Wallace Spearmon took first place with 19 @. @ 91 s ? his time and Gay 's 19 @. @ 93 s were the second and third @- @ fastest 200 m times in the world that year . The pair teamed up for the 4 x 100 m relay , along with Michael Grant and Omar Brown , and won with an Arkansas @- @ record @- @ breaking time of 38 @. @ 49 s . With the NCAA Championships behind him , in June 2005 Gay decided to become a professional athlete , setting his sights on a place in the US 200 m team for the Helsinki World Championships .

= = Professional career = =

= = = Debut season = = =

Upon turning professional , Gay entered the USA Outdoor Championships , where he took silver in the 200 m with 20 @. @ 06 s . He was selected for the 200 m at the 2005 World Championships in Athletics in Helsinki and finished fourth , beaten by three of his compatriots ( Justin Gatlin , Spearmon and John Capel ) . This completed the unprecedented feat of a single nation taking the top four positions at the championship event . Gay formed part of the 4 x 100 m relay team but a poor baton exchange between Mardy Scales and Leonard Scott resulted in disqualification . Later in the month , Gay briefly turned his attentions to the 100 m and scored a season 's best of 10 @. @ 08 s at the Rieti Grand Prix .

He ended the 2005 season on a positive note by winning the gold medal in the 200 m at the World Athletics Final , his first major championship title . His time of 19 @. @ 96 s was his second fastest

that year and fourth fastest of any sprinter that season . Although he stated that the quality of the competition and memories of Helsinki had made him nervous beforehand , he went on to beat all three American sprinters he had lost to in the World Championships , becoming the first athlete to beat Gatlin over 200 m that season . It was not only his rival sprinters that would cause future difficulties , however , as Gay 's coach Brauman was indicted for various crimes relating to his time at Barton College and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville . He had helped athletes gain funds and credits that they were not entitled to . Following Gay 's testimony , the courts ruled that Brauman was guilty and , as a result , Arkansas ' two NCAA titles and all of Gay 's college track times were annulled . None of the athletes were charged with any wrongdoing . Although he was imprisoned for 10 months , Brauman continued to train Gay , periodically updating him with coaching routines and techniques .

= = = Double event sprinter = = =

The 2006 athletics season saw Gay rise to the top of the rankings for the first time and become a genuine contender in the 100 m . He became the 2006 US Outdoor Champion in unfortunate circumstances : Gay originally finished second in 10 @. @ 07 s with a strong headwind , but Justin Gatlin 's first @-@ place finish was later rescinded for use of a banned substance . Gay significantly improved upon his previous 200 m personal best by over two @-@ tenths of a second at the IAAF Grand Prix in Lausanne . However , his time of 19 @. @ 70 s was not enough to beat newcomer Xavier Carter who ran the second fastest time ever with 19 @. @ 63 s . Improvements in the 100 m followed , as he won the Rethymno track meet and set another personal best with 9 @. @ 88 s . Gay scored another sub @-@ 10 second 100 m at the Stockholm Grand Prix , finishing second to Asafa Powell with a 9 @. @ 97 s , and beating Michael Johnson 's British all @-@ comers 200 m record with a 19 @. @ 84 s win in London . Gay continued to improve at the 100 m , revising his personal best to 9 @. @ 84 s at the Zürich Golden League meet , but it was not enough to beat Powell , who equaled his own world record of 9 @. @ 77 s .

Gay 's 200 m performance at the 2006 IAAF World Athletics Final in Stuttgart was the culmination of a highly successful year . He became the World Athletics Final champion with another improved personal best of 19 @. @ 68 s , making him the joint third @-@ fastest 200 m sprinter with Namibian Frankie Fredericks . Gay was pleased that Fredericks was on site to see his best equaled : " To run that time in front of Frankie is a privilege . He 's someone I admire a great deal both as an athlete and as a man . " Gay also won a bronze medal in the 100 m , finishing behind Powell and Scott . However , Gay proved himself over 100 m at the 2006 IAAF World Cup , taking gold with a 9 @. @ 88 s run . At the end of the season , with Gatlin banned from competition , Gay dominated the Track and Field News US 2006 list , having run six of the seven fastest 100 m , with Scott in third , and four of the top six 200 m times ( behind Carter and Spearmon ) . Furthermore , he was the second fastest 100 m runner in the world that year , second only to world record holder Powell . Having proven himself to be adept at both 100 and 200 m , Gay reflected upon his development as a sprinter :

= = = 2007 Osaka World Championships = = =

With Brauman still serving his sentence , Gay began working with a new coach ? Olympic gold medalist Jon Drummond . Drummond was renowned for being quick off the mark , and Gay hoped that he could help improve his starting times . Gay aimed to challenge World Record holder Powell 's dominance of the 100 m event , stating : " I want this to be a rivalry . I want to step up to the plate " . His performances backed up his remarks , as he started the 2007 outdoor season with two wind @-@ assisted runs of 9 @. @ 79 s and 9 @. @ 76 s . The latter time was recorded with a wind only 0 @. @ 2 m / s over the allowed limit , and was superior to Powell 's record of 9 @. @ 77 s .

At the US National Championships he equaled his 100 m best of 9 @. @ 84 s while running into the wind . This was a meeting record and the second fastest 100 m time with a headwind after Maurice Greene 's 9 @. @ 82 s run . He followed this with a new 200 m personal best in the finals , again

facing an impending wind . His time of 19 @. @ 62 s was the second fastest ever ; only Johnson 's 19 @. @ 32 s run at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics was faster . Gay was happy with the achievement but noted that the competition was still strong : " I wasn 't thinking about any time . I was trying to get away from Spearmon as fast as I could . " After noting that he was feeling worn out , Gay had a brief recuperation period in preparation for the 2007 World Championships in Osaka , Japan . He returned to the track in Europe and , while weather conditions were poor , he won the 200 m in Lausanne with 19 @. @ 78 s and had wins at 100 m events in Sheffield and London . He relished the opportunity to face Powell at the World Championships : both sprinters were undefeated that year and Gay said that he felt ready for the challenge .

Facing each other for the first time that year , the IAAF described the 100 m final in Osaka as " the season 's most eagerly @-@ anticipated battle " . Gay won with a time of 9 @. @ 85 s , sprinting ahead of Derrick Atkins and third @-@ placed Powell to become the new 100 m world champion . Although this was the American 's first major 100 m title , he remained respectful of Powell :

Gay doubled his gold medal count in the 200 m event . He ran a new championship record time of 19 @. @ 76 s to win a second gold medal , beating Usain Bolt and Spearmon to the post . Bolt was clear to point out that he lost to the better athlete : " I got beaten by the No. 1 man in the world . For the moment , he is unbeatable . " Only Maurice Greene and Gatlin had won the sprint double at the Championships before , but Gay eyed a third gold in the 4 x 100 meters relay . The Americans faced stiff competition from the Jamaican team , which included Powell and Bolt . The Jamaicans set a national record , but it was not enough to beat the United States team , who finished in a world @-@ leading time of 37 @. @ 78 s . Gay won his third gold medal alongside Darvis Patton , Spearmon and Leroy Dixon . The triple @-@ gold haul repeated the feat achieved by Maurice Greene at the 1999 Seville World Championships and Carl Lewis in 1983 and 1987 .

Although Gay had been bullish in victory on the track , the achievement did not change him ? he remained humble and appreciative to his rivals . In November he was chosen as the IAAF Male World Athlete of the Year for 2007 and in his acceptance speech he paid tribute to his peers , encouraging Powell to remain focused and saying that he highly regarded the Jamaican . He also dismissed comparisons to his forebears , commenting : " I honestly believe that I need to have the World record like some of the other great sprinters like Carl Lewis , Maurice Greene . I think that sets you apart , having medals and having the World record . " At the end of the season Gay was elected 2007 Men 's Athlete of the Year by Track and Field News ( topping the year 's list as the fastest 100 m and 200 m sprinter ) , and he won the USATF 's Harrison Dillard award as the top US male sprinter .

= = = 2008 Beijing Olympics = = =

Following Brauman 's release from prison , Gay set out preparing for the Beijing Olympics , training with both Brauman and Jon Drummond in the off @-@ season . Returning to competition in May , he continued as he had left off in 2007: winning the 200 m in Kingston , taking gold in both sprints at the Adidas Track Classic , and finishing second in the 100 m at the Reebok Grand Prix with a 9 @. @ 85 s run . However , Gay now faced a new , emerging challenger in Usain Bolt ; at the latter event Bolt had beaten Gay with a world @-@ record @-@ setting 9 @. @ 72 s . Taking this into consideration , he realized that a world record time would be needed to beat both Bolt and Powell at the Olympics ; Gay aimed to run below 9 @. @ 70 s . With athletes running such quick times , the US Anti @-@ Doping Agency ( USADA ) sought to counter claims of performance @-@ enhancing drugs use through " Project Believe " , a regular , extensive drugs testing program . The BALCO scandal and the banning of high @-@ profile athletes , including Gatlin and Marion Jones , had damaged the public 's perception of sprinting and the USADA recruited Gay to prove clean athletes could be just as successful .

The favorite for qualification in both the 100 m and 200 m at the US Olympic Trials , Gay put in a strong performance in the heats . After a misjudgement in the first round almost caused him to miss out on qualification , Gay resolved to step up his pace , and he won the 100 m quarter @-@ final with a US record @-@ setting run of 9 @. @ 77 s . Breaking Maurice Greene 's nine @-@ year

@-@ old record , this made Gay the third fastest 100 m sprinter ever , after rivals Bolt and Powell . In the final the following day , Gay finished first in a wind @-@ aided 9 @.@ 68 s ( + 4 @.@ 1 m / s ) . This was the fastest ever 100 m time under any conditions , bettering the 9 @.@ 69 s record which Obadele Thompson had set 12 years earlier . The 200 m event was a significant setback for Gay as he suffered a hamstring injury in the qualifiers and was subsequently ruled out of the event for the Olympics . The injury persisted for several weeks and he dropped out of track meetings in order to recover in time for the Olympics .

Gay made his track return in Beijing but his injury had reduced his 100 m medal chances and Bolt and Powell were more favored to win the event . The much anticipated Gay , Bolt and Powell final never materialised , however , as Gay failed to qualify in the semi @-@ finals . Finishing fifth after recording 10 @.@ 05 s , Gay denied that he was still injured , but claimed the hamstring problem had upset his training schedule .

Further disappointment followed as the American 4 x 100 m relay team , with Gay as anchor , failed to qualify for the final . Darvis Patton and Gay failed to pass on the baton in the heat . Gay personally took responsibility for the dropped baton but Patton denied this was true , saying " That 's Tyson Gay . He 's a humble guy , but I know it 's my job to get the guy the baton and I didn 't do that . " After stating his desire to win four Olympic gold medals ( by adding the 400 metres to his repertoire ) earlier in the year , Gay finished the 2008 Olympics without a single medal . Having failed to reach the finals of the 100 m sprint or relay , he reflected upon his failure to make the podium in Beijing : " [ I felt the baton ] then I went to grab it and there was nothing . It 's kind of the way it 's been happening to me this Olympics . "

Gay rounded off the season in Europe , winning in the 200 m at Gateshead , but he had to withdraw from a ÅF Golden League race against Bolt and Powell due to his hamstring injury .

= = = 2009 World silver and US record = = =

Gay returned to competition after the indoor athletics season , recording a new 400 m personal best of 45 @.@ 57 seconds in May . In his first 200 m outing of the season at the Reebok Grand Prix , he set a personal best and meet record of 19 @.@ 58 seconds . This was the third fastest 200 m run ever , after Bolt and Johnson 's world record @-@ setting times . Following a wind @-@ aided ( 3 @.@ 4 m / s ) 100 m run of 9 @.@ 75 s at the US Championships , Gay stated that he could beat the world record if he improved his technique . Record holder Bolt dismissed the challenge , saying that it would be difficult for Gay as " he is more of a 200 m runner " . At the Golden Gala in July , Gay beat Asafa Powell 's 9 @.@ 88 season 's best with a 9 @.@ 77 second run , equaling his own US record . This improved upon Bolt 's previous world leading time of 9 @.@ 86 seconds .

The first event at the 2009 World Championships in August was the 100 m . After two sub @-@ 10 clockings in the preliminary rounds , Gay reached the final , along with Jamaicans Bolt and Powell . He ran a new US record of 9 @.@ 71 seconds in the race , the third @-@ fastest time in history , but even so had to settle for second place , losing his 100 m world title to Bolt , who knocked 0 @.@ 11 seconds off the world record with a run of 9 @.@ 58 seconds .

At the Shanghai Golden Grand Prix , on 20 September 2009 , Gay ran the second @-@ fastest men 's 100 m on record , winning in 9 @.@ 69 seconds , matching Usain Bolt 's winning time at the Beijing Olympics in 2008 . After beating Powell for the sixth time in Daegu , Gay stated that he would reconsider his plans for groin surgery in the off @-@ season as it was mainly a case of resolving discomfort when running , rather than a more serious injury .

= = = 2010 First Diamond League = = =

At the start of the 2010 outdoor season , Gay ran a new 400 m best time of 44 @.@ 89 seconds . This run , which improved upon his previous record by nearly seven tenths of a second , made him the first sprinter ever to run under the significant time barriers in the three sprints ? under ten seconds for the 100 m , twenty seconds for the 200 m , and 45 seconds for the 400 m .

At the Great City Games in Manchester , England in May , he set his sights on breaking Tommie

Smith 's 44 @-@ year @-@ old world best mark over a 200 m straight . He beat Smith 's time of 19 @.@ 5 by finishing in 19 @.@ 41 seconds ? including a first 100 m of 9 @.@ 88 and a first 150 m of 14 @.@ 41 seconds . He suffered from hamstring difficulty after the run but returned to compete at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene , Oregon in July ? his first meeting of the 2010 IAAF Diamond League . Running over 200 m , he finished in 19 @.@ 76 seconds but was beaten to the line by Walter Dix , who returned from a year @-@ long hiatus . A week later he attended the British Grand Prix and , in spite of poor conditions , he gained a victory over his rival Asafa Powell with a 9 @.@ 93 @-@ second run . He set a meet record of 19 @.@ 72 seconds at the Herculis meeting in Monaco later that month , but expressed disappointment with his race execution as Yohan Blake came close to overhauling him at the finish .

The 100 m at the DN Galan meeting in Stockholm saw Gay 's first match @-@ up of the year against Bolt . He surprised the Olympic and World champion with a resounding victory , beating him with 9 @.@ 84 to Bolt 's 9 @.@ 97 seconds . This was only the second time Bolt had lost a 100 m final ? the first occurring in July 2008 against Powell ( also at Stockholm Olympic Stadium ) . Gay broke Powell 's stadium record and earned a one carat diamond for the feat . Gay chose not to overstate the significance of the win , acknowledging that Bolt was far from peak fitness : " It feels great to beat Usain but deep down inside I know he is not 100 % . I look forward to beating him when he is " . With Bolt and Powell both out with injuries , Gay won unchallenged at the London Grand Prix the following week , running a world leading time of 9 @.@ 78 seconds despite poor weather . A victory at the Memorial van Damme in 9 @.@ 79 seconds earned him the first Diamond Race Trophy for the 100 m .

= = = 2011 Injury = = =

He opened his 2011 season with a run in the 150 m straight race at Manchester 's Great City Games and timed 14 @.@ 51 seconds ( the second fastest after Bolt 's 2009 run ) . His season 's best run of 9 @.@ 79 sec for the 100 m came in June in Clermont , Florida and ranked it him as the third fastest in the event that year . Gay was defeated by Steve Mullings at the adidas Grand Prix in New York ? Mullings failed a doping test later that month and was banned for life . A nagging hip injury led to Gay 's withdrawal from the 2011 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships and in July he underwent acetabular labrum surgery ; almost a year passed until the next time he competed .

= = = 2012 Olympics = = =

Showing readiness for the 2012 Olympic Trials , Gay ran in a low key " B race " at the adidas Grand Prix , running ten seconds flat into a headwind . Gay qualified for the 100 metres at the 2012 Summer Olympics after finishing second at the U.S. Olympic trials with a time of 9 @.@ 86 seconds behind Justin Gatlin . Underlining his return to fitness , he won the 100 m at both the Paris and London legs of the 2012 Diamond League prior to the Olympics .

The 2012 Olympic 100 m final was the fastest ever Olympic race with seven men under ten seconds . Bolt won in 9 @.@ 63 seconds and was followed by Yohan Blake . Gay 's run of 9 @.@ 80 meant that he missed out on a bronze medal by one hundredth of a second to compatriot Justin Gatlin . Gay was visibly upset about his failure to reach the Olympic podium and cried during the post @-@ race interview , saying " I felt like I ran with the field and I just came up short " . The 4 x 100 metres relay final brought Gay his first Olympic medal and an American record time of 37 @.@ 04 seconds alongside Trell Kimmons , Gatlin and Ryan Bailey . Despite equaling the previous world record mark , the Americans took the silver medal behind Jamaica , whose team improved that record by two tenths of a second . In the last two Diamond League 100 m races he ran 9 @.@ 83 as runner @-@ up at the Athletissima meet , where Yohan Blake equalled Gay 's personal best time , and false started at the Weltklasse 100 m series final .

= = = 2013 season and failed drug test = = =

At the beginning of the 2013 season Tyson started off with a world leading time of 9 @. @ 86 seconds at the Jamaican invitational meet . At the 2013 National Championships Gay did not come away from the blocks well , but pulled away from Justin Gatlin to win his 100m semi @- @ final in a windy 9 @. @ 76 seconds . In the final , he again did not start well , but at 70 meters he pulled away to win in a World Leading time , and his 3rd fastest ever , of 9 @. @ 75 seconds with a tail wind of 1 @. @ 1 meters per second . He was .14 seconds ahead of the second place Gatlin , who ran a season best of 9 @. @ 89 seconds .

All of Gay 's 200m runs during the season were wind aided , which meant not only would he need to place in the National Championships , he would need to achieve the " A Standard " of 20 @. @ 52 seconds . In his semi @- @ final , he did surpass the standard with a run of 20 @. @ 07 , although it was another wind aided run . During the replay of the race , it was revealed that Gay had stepped on the line of his inside lane , which would normally result in a disqualification , but it was overlooked and Gay safely advanced to the final . During the final , Gay lead all of the way . He powered down the home straight to win in a World Leading time of 19 @. @ 74 seconds , with a legal tail wind of 1 @. @ 6 meters per second .

On July 14 , 2013 , before the World Championships in Moscow , it was announced that Gay had tested positive for a banned substance in May 2013 . Gay admitted the doping , but blamed it on an unspecified third party : " I basically put my trust in someone and was let down . " Adidas responded by suspending Gay 's sponsorship contract with the sportswear manufacturer . Pending his verdict , he voluntarily withdrew from all competition , including the 2013 World Championships . On May 2 , 2014 , the United States Anti @- @ Doping Agency ( USADA ) announced that Gay would be suspended until June 23 , 2014 , and that all his results from July 15 , 2012 until his suspension ? including his silver medal from the 2012 Summer Olympics ? would be stricken .

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Tyson returned from his suspension to win the 100m at the Prefontaine Classic .

USA Relays qualified to World and Olympic games at World Relays in Bahamas and won the 4 x 100 meters

In the 2015 World Athletics Championships , Gay , running against Usain Bolt , came only 6th of 9 in the final of the 100m behind Bolt , Justin Gatlin , Trayvon Bromell , Andre de Grasse and Mike Rodgers .

= = Honors = =

He was a 2008 nominee for the Laureus World Sports Award for Breakthrough athlete of the year . He has multiple US National Championship winners in men 's 100 @- @ meter dash titles . He won the 2007 Track & Field athlete of the year award . He won the 2007 IAAF world athlete of the year award . He also won the 2007 USOC sportsman of the year award .

= = Personal life = =

Gay resides in Clermont , a suburb of Orlando , Florida . He has a daughter with Shoshana Boyd , Trinity , who was born around 2001 , and devotes himself to the care of both his own daughter and his niece Destin . While Brauman was in prison for fraud , Gay looked after the coach 's wife and daughter . His mother Daisy married Tim Lowe in 1995 , adding two half @- @ siblings , Seth and Haleigh Lowe , to Gay 's family .

Gay attended the St. John Missionary Baptist Church as a child , and when he returns home he still attends the church services . His beliefs matter to him both on and off the track : " I 'm a religious man , so I really believe in my God @- @ given ability , that I can do the unexpected . I really do believe I can break a record , or come close to it , or win a medal . " He is frequently described as a modest and respectful athlete , standing in direct contrast with previous world @- @ class US

sprinters .

Gay has sponsorship deals with Omega SA , McDonald 's and Sega . He spends his spare and free time with his daughter Trinity Gay .

= = Achievements = =

Gay holds the US record in the 100 m with 9 @. @ 69 s , making him the joint second fastest sprinter , along with Yohan Blake , in the history of the event after Usain Bolt . His 19 @. @ 58 s makes him history 's sixth fastest 200 m runner and the USA 's fourth fastest . In 2010 Gay was a member of the fifth @-@ fastest 4 x 100 m relay team in history , running a 37 @. @ 45 s with teammates Trell Kimmons , Wallace Spearmon and Michael Rodgers in Weltklasse Zürich 2010 . His sprint combination of 100 m and 200 m in 9 @. @ 84 s and 19 @. @ 62 s , run over two days in 2007 , was the best ever combo at that time . During the Tom Jones Memorial Classic in Gainesville on April 17 , 2010 Tyson Gay clocked 44 @. @ 89 in the 400 m event and became the first man in history to dip under 10 @. @ 00 in the 100 m , under 20 @. @ 00 in the 200 m and under 45 @. @ 00 in the 400 m . Tyson Gay remains one of only three sprinters to have beaten Usain Bolt in a final since Bolt 's world record runs at the 2008 Olympics , the others being Yohan Blake at the Jamaican Olympic trials , and Justin Gatlin at the 2013 Golden Gala in Rome .

= = = Personal bests = = =

= = = International competitions = = =

\* He is a four @-@ time American champion , having won the 100 m title three times ( 2006 to 2008 ) and the 200 m title in 2007 .

\* \* He was stripped of all his results from the 2012 Olympic Games due to doping violations .