



Kerry Walsh Jennings

Digging Brazil as home-court favorite

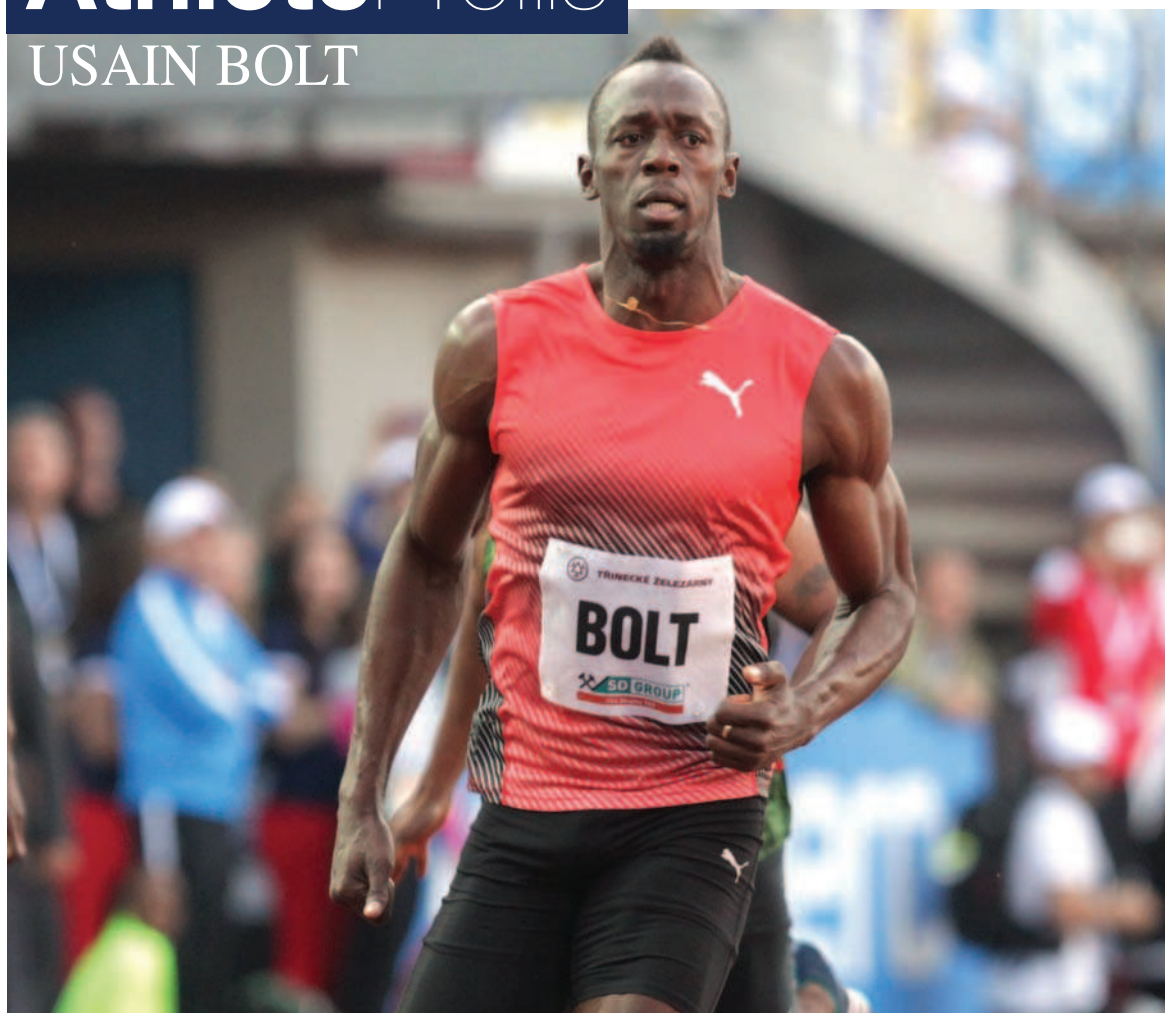
Volleyball is divided into two disciplines: indoor and beach. Indoors, world No. 1 Brazil is primed to capitalize on its home-court advantage. The Murilo Endres-led squad has been jumping out of the gym to avenge its stunning 2012 Olympic loss in the final to Russia, which won in five sets after losing the first two. The Russians will contend again, along with Team USA – the 2015 World Cup champions – and Poland. For the women, the top-ranked U.S. squad, led by Alisha Glass, is poised to win its first-ever Olympic gold. The beach tournament features three-time gold medalist Kerri Walsh Jennings – with new partner April Ross – vying for another championship. On the men’s side, contenders include Team USA’s Phil Dalhausser and Nick Lucena and the Brazilian duo of Alison Cerutti and Bruno Schmidt.

Volleyball: 8/6-19 Q; 8/20-21 M

Beach volleyball: 8/6-16 Q; 8/17-18 M

Athlete Profile

USAIN BOLT



Full Name: Usain St. Leo Bolt

Country: Jamaica

Birthplace: Sherwood Content, Trelawny, Jamaica

Birth date: Aug. 21, 1986

Height/Weight: 6 feet, 5 inches/207 pounds

Events: sprints

Credentials: Olympic gold medalist 2008, 2012; 11-time world champion

Factoids: This will be Bolt’s final Olympics as he intends to retire after the 2017 World Championships. Bolt appeared on “Saturday Night Live” in 2012.