Powell and Bolt to go head-to-head

Jamaican sprinter Asafa Powell will take on compatriot Usian Bolt at the Golden Gala in Rome in May, meeting organisers have confirmed.

The pair will go head-to-head in the 100m at the Stadio Olimpico on 31 May. Powell, the former 100m world record holder, is expected to be one of Bolt's main rivals at the London Olympics. Bolt, the Olympic champion over 100m and 200m, had already confirmed he will race over the shorter distance in Rome and Oslo on 7 June. Powell, 29, made his British indoor debut at the Birmingham Grand Prix on Saturday, but was upstaged in the 60m by compatriots Lerone Clarke and Nesta Carter, who forced Powell to settle for third. Powell's personal best in the 100m is 9.72, with Bolt still holding the world record of 9.58 - set at the World Championships in Berlin in 2009.

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