

Bolt beaten by Brit in surprise finish

Sprint icon and philanthropist Usain Bolt has had to settle for a rare second place, and not at the hands of his heir-apparent Yohan Blake. This time he finished behind an Englishman.

So just who is the upstart Brit who dared to outstrip the world's fastest man?

His name is Bond – James Bond.

The fictional 007 hero edged-out Bolt for top spot in a poll for the Top 49 Most Influential Men of 2012 conducted by lifestyle website AskMen.Com, which received more than half a million votes to select the list's entrants this year.

The online magazine asked its readers, about 17 million each month, to select male figures who made the greatest impact and helped to shape what it means to be a man in 2012.

And Bond gave Bolt the boot.

Not that we imagine Bolt would mind, especially given the great love for Jamaica held by Bond's creator, British author Ian Fleming.

Meanwhile, former US president, Bill Clinton; creator of the popular Family Guy animated series, Seth MacFarlane; and actor/director, Joseph Gordon-Levitt round out the top five.

Jamaica's "lightning" Bolt also streaked ahead of US President Barack Obama (#11) and recording mogul Jay-Z (#22), while rapper Kanye West, ranked 31st, is the only man to have made all seven editions of the poll.

See complete list below:

1. James Bond
2. Usain Bolt
3. Bill Clinton
4. Seth MacFarlane
5. Joseph Gordon-Levitt
6. Jimmy Kimmel
7. Elon Musk
8. Frank Ocean
9. Kevin Systrom & Mike Krieger
10. Ryan Gosling
11. Barack Obama
12. Michael Phelps
13. Christian Grey
14. The replacement refs
15. Christopher Nolan
16. Liam Neeson
17. Riad Al Assad
18. Joss Whedon
19. Peter Higgs
20. Prince William
21. Bryan Cranston
22. Jay-Z
23. Jeff Bezos
24. Mitt Romney
25. Neil deGrasse Tyson
26. Billy Reid
27. Michael Fassbender
28. Quentin Tarantino
29. Felix Baumgartner
30. Jose Mourinho
31. Kanye West
32. LeBron James
33. Andy Murray
34. Drake
35. Markus Persson
36. Snoop Lion

37. Howard Stern
38. Neil Patrick Harris
39. Psy
40. Jonah Peretti
41. James Cameron
42. John Maynard Keynes
43. Adam Driver
44. Tim Tebow
45. Gotye
46. Harvey Weinstein
47. Tony Horton
48. Tom Hardy
49. Alec Baldwin