

Athletes win 13 medals at Pan-Am Festival

Jamaica won 13 medals at the Pan American Sports Festival in Mexico City at the weekend, a performance that saw the country finish fifth in the athletics medal table.

Only Cuba (21), Mexico (16), the United States (US) (nine) and Venezuela (three) finished ahead of the Jamaicans, the last two by virtue of more gold medals won. The US and Venezuela each won three gold medals to Jamaica's two.

Sheldon Mitchell and Anastasia LeRoy both won gold for Jamaica. Mitchell (20.14 seconds) took the men's 200m ahead of Cuba's Roberto Skyers and Mitchell's teammate Jermaine Brown, respectively, both timed in 20.28 seconds. LeRoy won the 400 metres in 51.28 seconds, while her teammate, Bobbi Gaye Wilkins, copped the bronze in 51.84. Cuba's Daysiurami Bonne was second in 51.78. In the men's equivalent, Allodin Fothergill ran 45.47 seconds for second behind Dominica's Luguelin Santos 45.06 seconds. Yoandys Lescay of Cuba was third in 45.54 seconds. Jamaica claimed a silver and bronze in the women's 100-metre hurdles, which was won by Panama's Ivette Lewis in 12.86 seconds. Shermaine Williams was close in 12.91 seconds, while Andrea Bliss took third in 13.18. Deuce Carter took silver in the men's 110-metre hurdles in 13.51 seconds behind Barbados' Ryan Braithwaite, 13.41. Eddie Lovett of the US Virgin Islands was third in 13.62. 400-metre hurdles Meanwhile, Josef Robertson ran a smart 49.04 seconds to finish second in the 400-metre hurdles behind Jeffrey Gibson of the Bahamas, 48.91. Robertson edged out Andres Silva of Uruguay, who clocked 49.08 for third. Isa Phillips finished fourth in 50.42 seconds. Nickeisha Wilson (56.64 seconds) was third in the women's event, won by Zudikey Rodriguez Nunez (55.78 seconds) ahead of Cuba's Zuriam Echevarria, 56.54 seconds. Audra Segree won herself two medals. She took silver in the 100 metres in 11.57 behind Ecuador's Angela Tenorio 11.48 and ahead of countrywoman Gayon Evans, 11.72. Segree then won bronze (23.15) in the 200 metres that was won by Tenorio in 22.82. Allison Peter of the US Virgin Islands claimed silver in 23.03.