

Hyde, Manley mine gold

Teenage track sensation, Jaheel Hyde, sent his stocks soaring higher yesterday when he captured the 110-metre hurdle gold in a World Youth best 12.96 seconds at the second Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China.

Hyde's gold medal was Jamaica's second for the day. Earlier (Friday night Jamaica time), Martin Manley gave the country its first medal when he won the 400 metres in 46.31 seconds. Seventeen-year-old Hyde's victory was his third at a global event in just over a year. Last year he won the World Youth 110m hurdles title in Donetsk, Ukraine, before taking top spot in the 400m hurdles at last month's World Junior Championships in Eugene, Oregon. His 12.96 is the first below 13 seconds for his age group. The previous World Youth Best for the 110m hurdles, 13.12, was set two years ago by Frenchman Wilhem Belocian. Belocian clocked a World Junior Record in winning the World Junior title last month in Eugene. Destroyed his rivals Yesterday, Hyde was in a different class and literally destroyed his rivals. Silver-medal winner Henrik Hannemann of Germany was well back, clocking 13.40, while Republic of Korea's Gyeongtae took bronze in 13.43. "To come here and win means the world to me because it now means I've won all the major gold medals in my age group; World Youth, World Junior and now Youth Olympics. What more can I ask for?" an elated Hyde said following his victory. Manley, also a World Youth gold medallist in Donetsk, showed speed and power to beat Botswana's Karabo Sibanda, 46.76, for silver and bronze medal winner Henry Delauze of The Bahamas, 46.91. The 400m gold medallist was a relieved man after his win. At the recent World Junior championships he had dropped out at the semi-final stage. "It means so much [to win]. It takes a heavy burden off me," the 17-year-old Manley said. Wilson fifth High jumper Lushane Wilson was fifth in his event, but had the satisfaction of clearing a personal best 2.08 metres. Russia's Danil Lysenko was the winner with a best of 2.20m. Janeek Brown finished sixth in the women's 100m hurdles final in 13.91. The event was won by Frenchwoman Laura Valette in a personal best 13.34. An injured Raheem Sterling failed to face the starter in the 100-metre final won in 10.56 seconds by Zambia's Sydney Siame. In the women's discus 'B' or consolation final, Janell Fullerton won the women's event with 43.36m. In the men's discus B final, Vashan McCarthy threw a personal best 55.63m. The winner was Egypt's Hasan Ali with 56.39m. Tiffany James clocked 54.54 for second in the women's 400m 'B' final. Yana Kachur of Ukraine won in 54.48. Three other Jamaicans will contest finals today. Obrien Wasome and Chad Walker will contest the men's long jump and 200m, respectively, while Natalliah Whyte will run in the women's 200m.