

Bolade Ajomale

Some call him “B”, some call him “Bo”, and some call him “Bugatti”, but they all call Bolade Ajomale lightning fast. His ascent into the elite level of North American sprinters has been fast as well. He’ll be bringing that speed to the Aileen Meagher International Track Classic on June 10th, at Huskies Stadium in Halifax.

Bolade Ajomale didn’t drop soccer and start training for track until he was 17. Almost immediately he qualified for the Canadian team to compete in the World Junior Athletic Championships in Barcelona, Spain. Four years later, with a 100m time of 10.15 he was a member of the Canadian 4x100 that captured a bronze medal in Rio. He keeps that precious relic at home in Richmond, Ontario, still in its original presentation box.

Bolade is currently a student at The Academy of Art University in San Francisco, running the sprints from 100m to 400m, as well as the 4x100 and 4x400 relays under the tutelage of coach Kevin Lasure. Once he receives the baton for the anchor leg of the 4x100 few others are going to beat him to the finish line. Once the gun goes for the individual 100m the same holds true.

The past winter and spring have been heavy competitive period in sunny California with only the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Oregon in late May remaining for university competition. After that a return to the Aileen Meagher International Track Classic in Halifax where he competed in 2016, will be one of his warm-up meets prior to the Canadian championships in early July. From there Bolade hopes to qualify for the World Athletics Championships in London, England in August.

Sprinters usually hit their performance peak at age 27 or 28. At his current age of 21 Bolade still has several years to hit his. Those who come to the Aileen Meagher International Track Classic in Halifax on June 10th will see a young man ascending rapidly through the ranks of world class sprinters.

