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Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said today that Israel's military offensive in the West Bank will continue, despite



Ariel Sharon

demands by the United States that troops begin their withdrawal from Palestinian

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Costly celebration

Maurice Greene, the world's fastest human, celebrates a tad too soon in Saturday's Texas Relays 4x100. J.J. Johnson leans forward at the finish as USA "B" beat Greene's USA "A" by .01 second. The winning time of 38.34 is the fastest in the world this year.

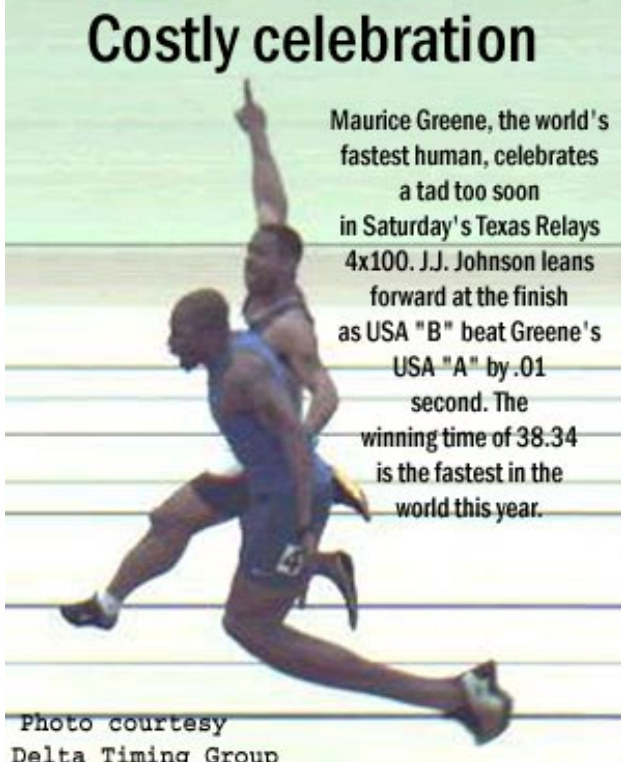


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Texas Relays notebook

Garland sprinter reels in Greene

04/08/2002

By RANA L. CASH / The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN In a two-month span last year, J.J. Johnson burst out of obscurity into an elite class of international sprinters. It wasn't much different in his upset-minded anchor leg in the 4x100-meter relay Saturday at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays.

Johnson, who is from Garland, reeled in the world's fastest 100-meter runner, Maurice Greene, to give the USA "B" team a surprising victory over a USA "A" team featuring three Olympians in the Men's Invitational division of the relays.

The foursome of Mickey Grimes, Gerald Williams, ex-TCU standout Darvis Patton and Johnson finished in 38.34 seconds, the best in the world this year.

"I was just running," Johnson said. "They did their part, so I needed to do my part. It's another race. I've got a lot of work to do."

Greene, who set the world record in the 100-meters (9.79) in 1999 and won the event at the 2000 Olympics, had a 3-meter lead at the final exchange. He exploded down the stretch and thrust his arm in the air upon crossing the line but did not see Johnson lean in ahead of him in lane four, just over Greene's left shoulder.

"You're supposed to run all the way through and not fool around," Greene said. "I took a look, threw my hand up and he came by."

The team of Olympic medalists Jon Drummond, Terrence Trammell and Greene, along with Ken Brokenburr was heavily favored.

Johnson ran the world's best time in the 200 (19.98) last season. He also anchored the 4x100 relay in the first round at the World Championships and won bronze in the 200 at the Goodwill Games.

USA women's relay bungles exchange

The USA women's team dropped the baton the final exchange between **Inger Miller** and newcomer **LaQunita Manahan**. Also running with them were **SaDonna Thornton** and **Torri Edwards**.

Briefly ...

The Texas women's 4x100-meter relay of **Alyssa Aiken**, **Moushumi Robinson**, **LaKeesha White** and **Aleah Williams** ran an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 43.89 to edge out rival LSU (44.04). ... **Allison Beckford** of Rice held off **Raasin McIntosh** of Texas to win the 400-meter hurdles in 57.46. ... Two-time world champion and 1996 Olympic gold medalist **Allen Johnson** won the 110-hurdles with a meet and stadium record of 13.37. **Jermaine Cooper** of Texas was the runner-up (13.63). Former SMU runner **Clyde Colenso** won the mile in 4:01.08, while UT's **Erin Sims** beat SMU's **Karin VanRooyen** in the women's 1,500.

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