

“Profile: World of Opportunities Await Bailey” (p. 31 *Horizons 2000+*)

- 1) Give examples of how Donovan Bailey uses/shows each of the following intelligences. *\*The last two don't have examples in the article, but can you think of how he might apply these types of intelligences to his training? (7)*

Body Smart: \_\_\_\_\_

Logic/Number Smart: \_\_\_\_\_

Word Smart: \_\_\_\_\_

People Smart: \_\_\_\_\_

Self Smart: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Picture Smart: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Music Smart: \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) List two of the careers that Bailey has had and also what he plans to do in the future. (3)

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- 3) What words of advice does he give to high school students? (3)

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## PROFILE

### World of Opportunities Await Bailey

by Randy Starkman

As a kid, Bailey always dreamed of soaring through the air, but even he never expected to reach such heights. He owns the 100-metre world track title, Olympic gold medal and world record, plus another Olympic Gold from anchoring Canada's 4 x 100-metre relay team's stirring win over the U.S.

"I never saw myself doing this at this level," he said. "I never dreamed it would be a worldwide thing. My brother and I were well-known athletes in Oakville, but I didn't think I'd be a household name worldwide. That's big. It doesn't get any bigger than that, I guess."

But even as he gets caught up in the whirlwind that comes with fame, Bailey has a firm grasp on where he's heading. His aspirations can't be confined to a track and field stadium. He was a serious businessperson before he was a serious sprinter. "I'm looking for new challenges other than track," Bailey says. "Track and field is definitely my tool to get where I want to go, to the successful podium. It's so wide-open right now. That's what I love the most."

Coming soon to a convention hall near you: Donovan Bailey, motivational speaker. Bailey is determined to improve himself in the area of public speaking. "I think it's one of my weaknesses, getting up and presenting my story and doing it fluently," Bailey said. "If it's one of my weaknesses, it can only be an asset if I continue to correct myself just as I do in track, so I can get to the point where I'm comfortable."

What has made Bailey so marketable besides the titles he's gained is that he's eloquent, forthright, and has the smile and charm sought by advertisers. He's impressed observers with his willingness to tackle tough issues head-on.

"One thing about Donovan is he's incredibly honest," says his coach, Dan Pfaff. "He'll look you in the eyes and tell you what's going on. The

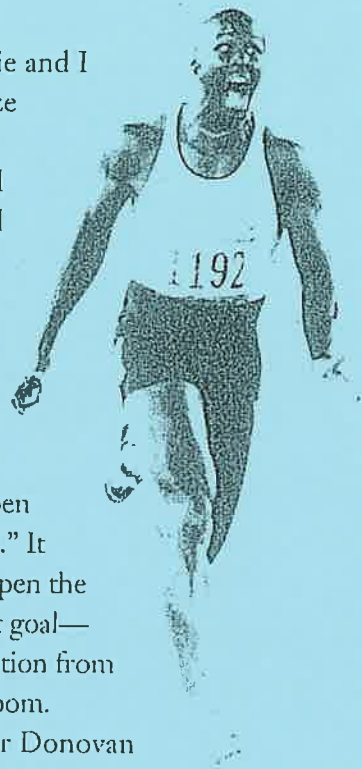
eyes generally don't lie and I think people recognize this instantly."

Bailey was on Wall Street on behalf of Bell Mobility when the company's stock went public. It gave him the chance to meet with some big financiers. "When I go out, the job I do can open doors for younger guys." It also enables Bailey to open the door toward his biggest goal—making a smooth transition from the track to the boardroom.

So the next step for Donovan Bailey is the motivational circuit. But what is left to motivate him? He speaks of running "the perfect race," but what appears to excite him most is a team goal—chasing the world record in the relay. With relay mainstays Glenroy Gilbert and Bruny Surin, whom he regards as good friends, he wants to keep beating the Americans and take their world record, too.

Bailey would like to lower the Canadian record of 20.17 seconds, set in 1991 by Atlee Mahorn, to a more respectable world level.

When asked what message he had for high school students, Donovan Bailey said, "Just pursue your dreams. Stay strong. You can do it. Whatever it is you want to do, just work at it. Stay positive."



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