
Blake and Thompson to Lead Jamaican Team for World Relay

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Kingston, Apr 13 (Prensa Latina) Jamaican sprinters Yphan Blake and Elaine Thompson will be the leaders of the Jamaican 41-member team to represent the Caribbean island at the World Relay Race Championship from April 22 and 23 in Bahamas.

The Jamaican press let know the names of the members in the team, after it was known that several times Olympic and World Champion Usain Bolt, and also Olympic star Ann Fraser-Pryce, will be absent, Blake and Elaine Thompson will lead the Jamaican squad to the dispute for the 1st place with the US team in the classification.

The US won the editions of 2014 and 2015, in Bahamas, with 60 and 63 points respectively.

Jamaica is seeking to win the 4x100 female, the 4x200 for men, and also the mixed 4x400 relay.

The Jamaican team will be formed by Blake, Asafa Powell, Warren Weir, Kemar Bailey-Cole, Everton Clarke, Julian Forte, Jevaughn Minzie, Nickel Ashmeade, Rasheed Dwyer and young Nigel Ellis.

Among the female athletes, besides two-time Olympic Champion Elaine Thomson, there will be Sasha-Lee Forbes, Gayon Evans, Simone Facey, Jura Levy, Natasha Morrison and Christania Williams, to reinforce the Jamaican teams for the 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

Olympic bronze medalist Shericka Jackson, Stephanie-Ann McPherson, Christine Day and

Dawnalee Loney, will be in the team too.

Athletes from Belarús, Democratic Republic of Congo, Czech Republic, Gambia, Ghana, India and South Africa will be also present.

In the 2014 edition there were 576 competitors, and 669 in 2016.

This edition will have 5 events: 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m and 4x800m for men and women, and the mixed 4x400m, for the 2nd day of competition.
