

MEN'S 400 METERS

How Hurt Is Merritt?

THE FORMCHART

1. Kirani James (Grenada).....	44.36 ('11)
2. LaShawn Merritt (USA)	43.75 ('08)
3. Jonathan Borlée (Belgium)	44.71 ('10)
4. Kevin Borlée (Belgium).....	44.56 ('12)
5. Tony McQuay (USA).....	44.49 ('12)
6. Luguelin Santos (Dominican Rep).	44.45 ('12)
7. Chris Brown (Bahamas).....	44.40 ('08)
8. Bryshon Nellum (USA).....	44.80 ('12)
9. Demetrius Pinder (Bahamas)	44.77 ('12)
10. Martyn Rooney (Great Britain)	44.60 ('08)

THE SCOOP

James stamped himself as the future of the event last year in a narrow win over Merritt, but hasn't shown much so far. If the American hadn't cramped in Monaco, he'd be the narrow favorite. We'll leave it to you to sort out the twins!

THE STATS

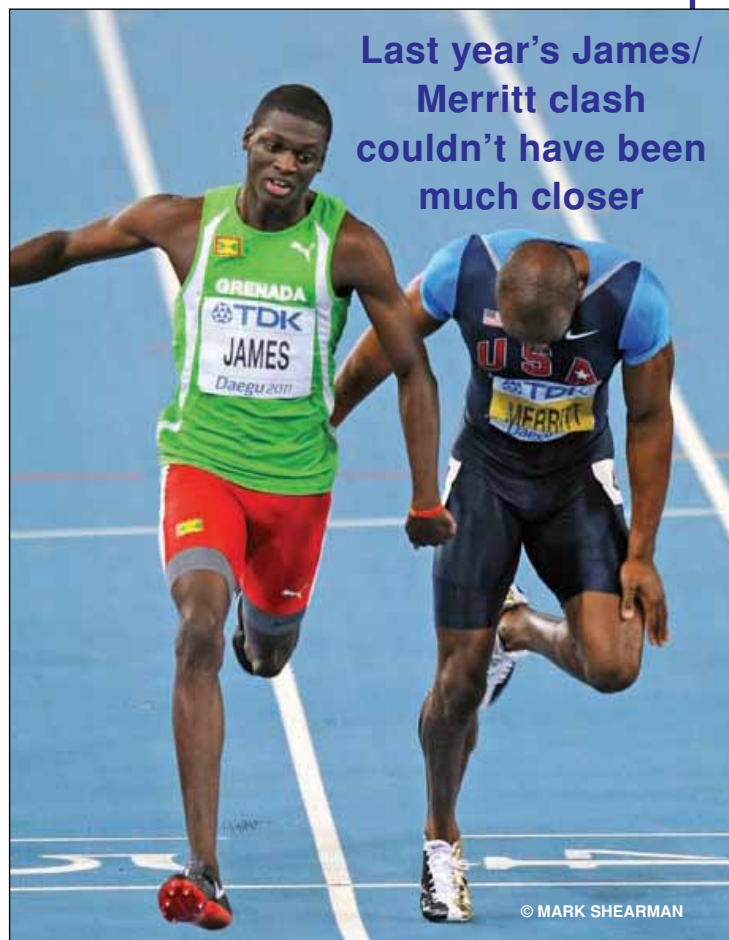
WR: 43.18 Michael Johnson (US) '99
AR: 43.18 Michael Johnson (Nike) '99
OR: 43.49 Michael Johnson (US) '96
'08 OG Medals: Merritt–Wariner–Neville
'09 WC Medals: Merritt–Wariner–Quow
'11 WC Medals: James–Merritt–K. Borlée

THE ALL-TIME TOP 10

1. 43.18	Michael Johnson (US) 8/27/99
2. 43.29	Butch Reynolds (US) 8/17/88
3. 43.45	Jeremy Wariner (US) 8/31/07
4. 43.50	Quincy Watts (US) 8/05/92
5. 43.75	LaShawn Merritt (US) 8/21/08
6. 43.81	Danny Everett (US) 6/26/92
7. 43.86(A).....	Lee Evans (US) 10/18/68
8. 43.87	Steve Lewis (US) 9/28/88
9. 43.97(A).....	Larry James (US) 10/18/68
10. 44.05	Angelo Taylor (US) 6/23/07

LONDON SCHEDULE

heats — 10:35 August 4
semis — 20:40 August 5
final — 21:30 August 6



Last year's James/
Merritt clash
couldn't have been
much closer

WINNERS SINCE 1972

1972 — Vince Matthews (US) 44.66
1976 — Alberto Juantorena (Cub) 44.26
1980 — Viktor Markin (SU) 44.60
1984 — Alonzo Babers (US) 44.27
1988 — Steve Lewis (US) 43.87
1992 — Quincy Watts (US) 43.50
1996 — Michael Johnson (US) 43.49
2000 — Michael Johnson (US) 43.84
2004 — Jeremy Wariner (US) 44.00
2008 — LaShawn Merritt (US) 43.75