

# UNSTOPPABLE



Bill Collins

American sprinter Bill Collins was one of the fastest men in the world in the 1970s and it's not a stretch to suggest he missed a golden opportunity when the US decided to boycott the 1980 Moscow Summer Games. He never did get a chance to compete in an Olympic Games, so Bill was determined to get his hands on some gold at the World Masters Athletics Championships, currently on in Perth.

And the 65-year-old didn't disappoint, taking out his category of the men's 100m in a world-record time of 12.17 seconds and was on track for the sprinter's double when he collapsed after a qualifying heat of the 200m.

Bill was rushed to the hospital but doctors couldn't find any obvious cause for the collapse and decided to keep him overnight for observation.

However, with the 200m final looming the next day, the evergreen speedster wasn't willing to forgo another medal opportunity in his lifetime and hot-footed it out of the hospital.

The track star won said final in a time of 25.55 seconds.

In a related story, a couple of Bill's teammates embarked on a mission to visit him in hospital but hopped off at the wrong train station and got lost.

A helpful passer-by told the men to wait where they were and she'd be back presently with her car and would give them a lift to the hospital.

A few moments later she returned — in a Rolls-Royce.

We hear the men will leave Perth with a very distorted impression of life in WA.

The Masters concludes tomorrow and we encourage anyone in the city to get down to the marathon course and cheer on the competitors.