



Olufemi Komolafe added his name to the long list of Stawell Gift champions
Picture: Joel Carrett, AAP.

US star inspires Gift win

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BROKEN Hill-born Olufemi Komolafe says sprint hero Christian Coleman was the inspiration behind his decision to take risks on return from injury and chase his Stawell Gift dream.

It paid off handsomely for the 21-year-old medical student, whose stunning victory at Central Park on Easter Monday earned him a \$40,000 winner's prize.

Komolafe first set eyes on the 120m handicap event four years ago and suffered a huge setback when a hamstring injury just about put this season's plans to bed.

But last month's announcement of American megastar Coleman joining the field prompted Komolafe to kick his rehabilitation into overdrive.

Former 100m world champion Coleman is the fastest man the world has ever seen over 60m.

"He was really the trigger for me to really start taking it seriously," Komolafe said.

"I had to take some risks. I would've liked to have taken it slower after a hamstring injury and make sure that I don't re-injure it.

"But I only had a few weeks left, so I had to take some risks and train every day and be relentless about it.

"Luckily I was able to come through without being worse for wear and I was ready."

Komolafe, the son of Nigerian parents, was born in Broken Hill played soccer as a child and shone in school athletics without taking his sprinting seriously.

He now juggles sprint training while studying medicine at Adelaide University.

"It's tough. I'm not always managing it very well," Komolafe said.

"Exam period is always a bad time for my sprinting because I kind of just neglect it and don't really come out to train.

"A few injuries have come as a result of trying to come back after that, but you've just

got to try and make it work - and it's worked out fine."

Coleman was eliminated in the semi-finals, when he gave up 5.25m to his closest rival.

"I'm competitor and I just really wanted to give myself a shot by making the final, but like I said, it's tough," Coleman said.

"You're running on grass, giving up that much of a margin and people train specifically for this to be at their best.

"I had fun, that's the main thing in track and field, and if you're healthy you give yourself a better chance to keep getting better," he said.

Public Notification Proposed Modification 13 for Rasp Mine



Broken Hill Operations Pty Ltd (BHO) has submitted a modification request to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces for an extension of mining into the British Deposit, incorporation of a tailings dewatering system, installation of an additional escape ladder to surface, receipt and processing of up to 100,000tpa of ore from Pinnacles Mine, and a five-year extension of the life of the Project.

Commitment to community and economic sustainability

BHO cares and values its place within the community and is committed to providing a safe environment for its workers and the surrounding community, whilst adhering to strict regulations and high standards to which the mine operates. The modification will allow Rasp Mine to continue to operate into the future, providing continued employment for the current workforce, contractors and suppliers, and to continue to support the economic sustainability of Broken Hill.

Public exhibition

The modification application will be on public exhibition on the Major Projects Hub on the NSW Planning Portal from 8 April – 22 April 2026 at the following link - <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-13-various-including-approval-extension> The community can comment on the modification during this period.

If you wish to know more about the modification, call BHO on **08 8088 9111** or email at info@brokenhillmines.com

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