

## The Runner by Alex Lamond

Mathew was standing in the doorway of his house. He was getting ready to run the most important race of his career so far. His short brown hair was getting blown to the right because of the warm morning breeze. His small blue eyes glistening in the morning sun. He had blue shorts on and a white t-shirt with a number 3 on it.

“Hello! And welcome to what is the most important race so far for Mathew Jameson.”

“Yes John this is his most important race so far. If he wins this he will go to number 2 in the world ranks.”

“And if he loses, he drops to number 4 in the world ranks.”

The spectators were getting ready for a great race. The fans were going wild and chanting “Mathew, Mathew, Mathew!”

The top six would go through to the final. Mathew looked nervous as everyone was getting ready.

The tension was building up as everyone was waiting for the words.

“On your marks. Get set. GO!!!!”

The gun went BANG and the race started. Mathew was flying he was leading the field. But then half way through the race Mathew heard a tearing noise, his shoes had torn. He was left with the body of his shoes. The £3,000 specially made shoes had ripped. He dropped to 2<sup>nd</sup> then 3<sup>rd</sup> and crossed the line in 4<sup>th</sup>.

The runners got told ‘go back to the changing rooms because there is a problem with the technology.

“Hey Mat sorry about your shoe falling apart. Here have a drink.” I had a backstage pass and there was something about the way he said it. It was weird, mischievous. Why would Jonathon give Mathew a drink?

“Cheers john.”

Five minutes later and they were ready too race. Mathew had a new pair of shoes on. Red instead of blue. The commentators talked to Jonathon when he came out of the changing rooms. They talked to Jonathon Ross because he won the race and is number 2 in the world ranks.

BANG went the gun for the final race. Jonathon and Mathew were neck and neck, everyone was on the edge of their chairs. But then Mathew flew ahead. He won the race. But in an interview later on:

“We have just found out you had drugs to cheat.” Said a reporter from *The Sun*.

“Jonathon gave me a drink after the first race and that might have been drugged.”

“So he did.” The reporter said sarcastically.

“Jonathon did you give Mathew a drink?” asked the same reporter.

“Yes. Why? I gave him a drink so what?”

“Did you drug it?”

“No way I would never cheat.”

Then a voice in the background. It was hard to hear, it was muffled. I heard ‘found drink not drugged.’ Jonathon had been cleared of drugging him. Mathew got a 5½ years minimum and 10 years maximum prison sentence.

#### Who Actually Did It?

Mathew hadn’t had a drink before the one Jonathon gave him. Later that day Jonathon went on the lie detector. The results came back that he didn’t do it. So the presumed Mathew did it. Nobody actually knows who actually did.