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'''Joseph ("Joe") Nathaniel DeLoach''' (born [[June 5]], [[1967]]) is a former [[United States|American]] sprinter, the 1988 [[Olympic Games|Olympic]] champion in the [[200 m]].

Born in [[Bay City, Texas]] into a family with 11 sisters and one brother, enjoyed running at a young age, and desired to become a [[American football|football]] player, but later set his mind to sprinting. He trained at the [[University of Houston]], like [[Carl Lewis]] before him.

During his career, DeLoach only took part in one Olympiad, the [[1988 Summer Olympics]]. Prior to the US Olympic trials in [[Indianapolis]], DeLoach had trouble performing well, but when it really mattered, he won the 200 m (beating his teammate from the [[Santa Monica Track Club]], Carl Lewis, while placing fifth in the [[100 m]]). The first performance was enough to qualify for the Games. There, he and Lewis were the major favourites. Lewis was looking to repeat his four gold medals from the [[1984 Summer Olympics|Los Angeles Olympics]]. In the final, Lewis seemed heading for the title three-quarters of the way, but DeLoach caught up and finished in the Olympic record time of 19.75. This performance marked the only time Carl Lewis was defeated in an individual Olympic final.

Joe DeLoach
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