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The Olympics is the height of an athlete's career. Some will not pass up the opportunity to participate in the Olympics no matter what their physical condition might be, look at Lance Armstrong.

Olympic runner Novlene Williams-Mills was diagnosed with breast cancer, but unbeknownst to any of her running colleagues, she took to the track in June of 2012, just days after her diagnosis, to win her spot on the Olympic team in the Jamaican Senior National Championships. She won the 400 meters in 50.60 seconds to win her spot on the team. A month later, she went on to London with her team to win the 400 meter with the Jamaican relay team, according to the Daily Mail.

The 31-year-old track running dynamo felt that her body had "betrayed" her somehow and only worried that her husband, Jameel, would not love her after she made the decision to have a double mastectomy to rid her body of all cancerous cells following a lumpectomy.

"The mastectomy was scary because this is what makes me a lady. What am I going to look like? It was very difficult. I want to have kids one day and you see all those mothers out there nursing and I'm not going to be able to do that...I hoped my husband still loved me the same. We met when I was like this and now he's seeing a whole different person. But I didn't have to worry about him. He was my nurse, my rock."

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The furthest thing from her mind was her ability to run and how she would be perceived on the track. She ran away with the medal and said that her next race will be for those who are in the struggle with her.

“I’m still one of the top 400m runners in the world and I want to see what I can do. Moscow will be for all the breast cancer survivors out there. I want them to know it’s still possible.”