

GOLD MEDALISTS TO LEAD TEAM USA

While Team USA in 2003 has more young athletes on its roster at the World Outdoor Track & Field Championships than in recent years (see story, p. 3), the Americans don't lack for World Championships veterans – and legends.

Led by four-time individual champion Gail Devers, seven past World Championships individual-event gold medalists will compete in their specialties in 2003. (In addition, 1999 200m world champion and 1997 4x100m gold medalist Inger Miller is part of the 4x100m relay pool.) Five of those athletes are multiple champions in their individual events, and four athletes – Devers, Maurice Greene, Allen Johnson and John Godina – have won at least three individual titles.

Gail Devers: The incomparable Devers has won the 100m hurdles world title on three occasions ('93, '95, '99) and was the 100m dash gold medalist in 1993. The only woman



from any country to match Devers' five overall golds is

Marion Jones, who ran on the American record-setting

4x100m relay team (41.47) that accounts for Devers' fifth gold, from 1997. The 1992 and '96 Olympic gold medalist in the 100m dash, Devers was the World Championships silver medalist in the hurdles in 1991 and 2001. She is coming off of a phenomenal 2003 indoor campaign, where she twice broke the American record in the 60m hurdles (best of 7.74 at the USA Indoor Championships semifinals) and won her first World Indoor title in the event. Although a troublesome

hamstring has forced the 9-time U.S. hurdles champion



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TAYLOR BRINGS EXPERIENCE TO WOMEN'S SQUAD

Exactly 10 years after her last competition as a national-caliber athlete, Angie Taylor is again on the world track and field stage – this time as head coach of Team USA at the 2003 World Championships in Paris.

A former All-American hurdler and Olympic Trials heptathlon finalist, Taylor has been head coach at George Mason University for four years, where her teams have posted runner-up finishes in the Colonial Athletic Association. She has moved seamlessly from athlete to athlete activist to coach, drawing on her range of experiences in her approach to her first international head coaching position.



“You definitely take what you learned as an athlete and work it into your coaching ethics,” Taylor said. “It’s been enjoyable so far, I really love it. I love interacting with the athletes.”

That the athletes on the team range from age 17 to 42 makes her position even more rewarding and diverse. The 38-year-old Taylor says that her past as an athlete is a boon to her relationship with the older athletes in particular. “They’re used to seeing me around, so whenever they have questions, it’s natural that they’ll come to me and say ‘what do you think about this; here’s a situation, what do you think I should do.’ Younger athletes may have had me as a coach on a junior team, so they think of me as Coach Angie.”

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Coach Angie has been a presence on Team USA coaching staffs for six years. She previously was head manager for the U.S. delegation at the 2002 World Cup in Madrid and at the 1997 Pan American Junior Championships in Havana. In September 1998 she made her international coaching debut at the World Cup in Johannesburg, where the U.S. women won the team title. In 1999, she worked as an assistant manager at the World Indoor Championships in Maebashi, Japan.

Her duties related to the 2003 World Championships have taken her around the world to watch and interact with U.S. athletes at meets such as World Indoor Championships, USA vs. The World at the Penn Relays and Weltklasse Zurich, as well as at Team USA relay camps around the United States and Europe.

Taylor has liked what she has seen, both on the track and in the Athletes' Village in Paris.

"I see a tremendous amount of team unity," Taylor said. "It's just great to see how the older athletes have taken younger athletes under their wings and shown them the ropes. We have lot of older athletes in the Village, so that helps a lot. There is a lot of team unity and team building. We have such a talented group of young people, we should be successful for years to come."

Watching the team take shape before her eyes is one of the pleasures of her position. It's a pleasure she wouldn't have had the opportunity to experience were it not for her longtime service to USA Track & Field.

"I think it's such a privilege and honor to be named to a staff," said Taylor, a former member of USATF's Athletes Advisory Committee. "To be named a head coach, it's just an honor to have that opportunity. To be around the coaching staff and be around the athletes, you learn so much. It's like a never-ending process."

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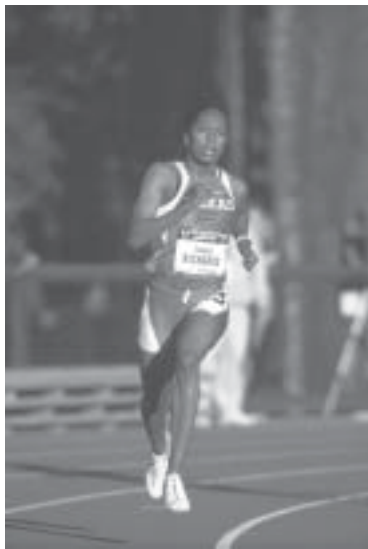
YOUTH MOVEMENT STRENGTHENS AMERICAN SQUAD

Over the past several years, the average age of athletes representing the United States at international competitions has increased, reaching roughly 29 years of age, as the longevity of top stars has increased.

Team USA at the 2003 IAAF World Outdoor Track & Field Championships, however, features a large contingent of youngsters whose prowess bodes well for the present and future of track and field in the United States. No fewer than five athletes age 21 or younger are on the roster for the U.S. during competition in Paris from August 23-31 . The 21-and-under crowd includes:

• **Allyson Felix:** Felix is perhaps the best-known 17-year-old in the world of track and field. Breaking Marion Jones' American junior record in the 200 meters while at the Mt. SAC Relays in April (22.51) turned heads, but it was Felix's winning time of 22.11 May 3 in Mexico City – faster than the current world junior record and .01 faster than Marie Jose-Perec's winning time at the 1996 Olympic Games – that made her a true international sensation. Fresh off a bronze medal at the 2003 Pan Am Games earlier this month, Felix's 22.11 is the fastest time in the world in 2003. The World Championships will conclude a long and eventful season for the recent Los Angeles Baptist High School graduate. Felix was runner-up at the USA Indoor Championships on March 2 in Boston, breaking the national high school record previously owned by Sanya Richards with her time of 23.14. She was the youngest member of Team USA at the 2003 World Indoor Championships, where she competed in the semifinal round, and she was third at the USA Outdoor Championships (22.59).

• **Sanya Richards:** A phenomenal high schooler and USATF's Verizon Youth Athlete of the Year in 2002, Richards became an even more impressive collegian in 2003. The 18-year-old who just completed her freshman year at the University of Texas has achieved success at all levels: she is a U.S. junior record holder, World Junior Championships medalist, NCAA champion and U.S. champion. As a senior at St. Thomas Aquinas in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in 2002, Richards broke the U.S. junior record in the 400 at the USA Junior Track & Field



Sanya Richards

Championships (50.69). She went on to win silver in the 400 and bronze in the 200 at the 2002 World Junior Championships. At Texas, Richards placed second at the 2003 NCAA Indoor Championships in both the 200 (22.90) and 400 (51.87). Outdoors she twice broke her own 400m junior record, first with a 50.63 May 31 in Omaha, then with 50.58 June 13 in winning the NCAA title in Sacramento, the third- and second-fastest times by an American this year. Richards enters Paris after winning her first open U.S. title at the 2003 USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Stanford, where she ran 51.01. She is the ninth-fastest 400m runner in the world so far in 2003.

• **Bershawn Jackson:** Jackson, who turned 20 in May, made a name for himself in the 400-meter hurdles on May 17, when he ran an early-season, world-leading time of 48.51 in Atlanta. But Jackson hadn't been a complete unknown. The 2002 U.S. junior champion (50.33), Jackson won the bronze at the 2002



Bershawn Jackson

World Junior Championships with a then-personal best of 50.00 seconds. Now training full-time under the tutelage of 2004 U.S. Olympic head coach George Williams in Raleigh, N.C., Jackson has lowered his PR to 48.23, which he ran July 19 in Madrid and which makes him the third-fastest man

in the world this year. He was runner-up at the 2003 USA Outdoor Championships and is looking for more PRs in Paris.

• **Lauryn Williams:** A top junior athlete on the world scene, Williams is part of the Team USA 4x100m relay pool in Paris. Williams has made winning a way of life, owning the 2002 World junior and U.S. junior championships in the 100 meters. Third at the 2003 NCAA Outdoor Championships, the University of Miami sophomore responded by winning the gold medal at the 2003 Pan Am Games with a personal-best time of 11.12. Williams, who was seventh at the USA Outdoor Championships, will turn 20 on September 11.

• **Raasin McIntosh:** The elder statesman of this group of young lions, McIntosh is 21 years old and, like her University of Texas teammate Sanya Richards, already has a U.S. title to her name. A 10-time NCAA All-American who in 2003 completed her junior season at Texas, McIntosh defeated an experienced field to win the U.S. 400m hurdle title in 54.62 last June at Stanford, ending Sandra Glover's four-year reign as U.S. Champion in the event. McIntosh's personal best of 54.60 came April 5 on her home track in Austin, and she was runner-up at the NCAA Championships. A multitasking performer, McIntosh won the 100m, 400m hurdles and ran on the winning 4x400m relay at the 2003 Big 12 Championships. She plans to attend law school following the conclusion of her track career, but based on her results thus far, she won't need to submit her application anytime soon.

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and American record holder (12.33) to compete sparingly during the 2003 outdoor season, on Tuesday the IAAF announced that Devers has taken over the number one spot in the Women's Overall IAAF World Ranking following an impressive win at the Zurich Weltklasse Golden League meet last Friday. Devers crossed the line in 12.50 (1386 points IAAF Performance Scores), moving her up two places to first in the Overall Ranking. After winning the 100m hurdles and placing third in the 100 dash at the 2003 U.S. Outdoor Championships, the 36-year-old Devers will compete in both events in Paris and is in the 4x100m relay pool as well.

Maurice Greene: Greene's track record makes him the greatest men's short sprinter in World Championships history. His three 100m gold medals ('97, '99, '01) is matched only by Carl Lewis, and no other man has won the 100 and 200 at the same Championships ('99). In fact, no other man has won World Championships gold medals in both events, regardless of timeframe. Greene's 4x100m relay gold medals in 1997 and '99 bring his golden World Championships medal total to five, and gold is the only color of medal he has ever won at Worlds. The 2000 Olympic 100m gold medalist and the world indoor

record holder in the 60m dash (6.39), Greene's personal best of 9.79 in the 100 meters stood as the world record until September, 2002, when Tim Montgomery ran 9.78 at the Grand Prix Final in Paris. Greene is entered in the 100 meters and the 4x100m relay pool at the 2003 World Championships.

Allen Johnson: Another three-time world champion for the United States, Johnson joins Greene in attempting to become the only four-time world champion ever in his event, the 110m hurdles. The 1996 Olympic gold medalist, Johnson is the 1995, '97 and '01 world 110 hurdles champion, matching fellow American Greg Foster's three world titles ('83, '87, '91). Also like Greene, Johnson has never won any medal other than gold at Worlds: in 1997 he ran in the rounds of the 4x400m relay to bring his all-time



Maurice Greene

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USATF GROWTH SPURS TEAM USA SUCCESS

The success of Team USA depends upon the performances of American athletes at the world and domestic levels. Thanks to the continued growth of USA Track & Field, American athletes on all levels have been getting more support than ever as they pursue their dreams, whether on the local track or in the Olympic arena.

Since 1997, USA Track & Field's budget has more than doubled, with its 2003 budget exceeding \$14 million. That budget growth is due to a remarkable growth in revenues from new and existing USA Track & Field sponsors. Sponsor revenue since 1997 - a time during which many sports organizations were losing money and sponsors - has more than quadrupled. USATF currently has an impressive line-up of sponsors that includes Nike, Xerox, Verizon, General Motors, and Visa.

This surge in revenue has coincided with a hefty increase in the number of track meets broadcast on television and TV ratings. Our sport has more shows

on national television than ever before, with upwards of 40 national TV broadcasts in any given year, and USATF's 10-event Golden Spike Tour is featured in 12 TV shows this year: four on NBC and eight on ESPN. Ratings for the GST are up 30% this year, easily out-rating the WNBA, regular season NHL, MLS, AFL, boxing on NBC, and other sports. Meanwhile, ABC and ESPN are broadcasting the 2003 World Outdoor Championships and Golden League meetings.

The long-term success of track and field is based on the sports financial viability and on USATF's ability to grow the sport in key markets. The 2003 Outdoor Golden Spike Tour is an example of the successful implementation of that strategy. Thanks to the success of the Oracle U.S. Open and the USA Outdoor Championships presented by Verizon at Stanford, USATF has helped to "rebirth" track and field in the Bay Area, while in Los Angeles, the inaugural Home Depot Invitational on June 1 was a sell-out, hosting more than 12,000 fans.

At Stanford, standing-room-only and sell-out crowds are the norm, and other events around the country including the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials (187,000), 2001 Penn Relays (112,000), Drake Relays and other meets have set attendance records as more and more fans flock to see college, high school and professional track athletes compete. Simply put, The United States has more major events and bigger crowds at those events than any country in the world! Those attendance figures aren't surprising when you consider that track and field and cross country is the #1 participatory sport on the junior high and high school level, while 30 million Americans call themselves runners.

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medal total to four. In Paris Johnson, a six-time U.S. champion, looks to make a sweep of the 2003 world titles after winning the World Indoor 60m hurdles title in March.



John Godina: The 1995, '97 and '01 World Champion, Godina looks for his fourth world title in 2003 and is another athlete to only win gold at the World Outdoor Championships. The most decorated shot putter in U.S. history and the most dominant athlete in his event ever on the World Championships level, Godina also boasts the 2001 World Indoor title,

1996 Olympic silver medal, 2000 Olympic bronze, 2003 and 1999 World Indoor silver, and 1997 World Indoor bronze medals on his resume. A finger injury in May has somewhat hampered his 2003 outdoor campaign, but Godina has competed only twice since placing second at the 2003 USA Outdoor Championships – his last meet was July 6 in Padua – and he looks to be ready to go in Paris.

Stacy Dragila: Since 1999 the standard-bearer of the women's pole vault, Dragila is used to being the target of her competition at international championships. The two-time defending World Championships gold medalist and 2000 Olympic champion in the event is the only woman ever to win the women's vault in World Championships or Olympic competition. The 7-time U.S. outdoor champion will face the stiffest Russian threat yet to her supremacy in Paris, with world indoor record holder (4.80m/15-9) Svetlana Feofanova – second to Dragila at Worlds in 2001 – and world outdoor record holder Yelena Isinbayeva (4.82m/15-9.75) leading the field of challengers to her throne. Dragila owns a personal best of 4.81m/15-9.25, and she improved her indoor PR in 2003 when she cleared a then world record of 4.78m/15-8.25 March 2 at the USA Indoor Championships. Both marks are American records and former world records.

Anjanette Kirkland: The 2001 World champion both indoors and outdoors in the sprint hurdles, Kirkland is the great unknown factor for the U.S. team in Paris. On May 4, she and U.S. 100m champion Bernard Williams had their first child together, daughter Jadin Williams. Kirkland has not competed since the 2002 outdoor season, when she was third in Paris at the Grand Prix Final. What is certain is that Kirkland saves her best for World Championships competition: she won the 2001 World Outdoor title in the 100m

Team USA Worlds medal breakdown - Women

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
100	Gail Devers – 1993 Gwen Torrence – 1995 Marion Jones – 1997 Marion Jones – 1999	Gwen Torrence – 1991 Inger Miller – 1999 Marion Jones – 2001	Diane Williams – 1983 Gwen Torrence – 1993
200	Inger Miller – 1999 Marion Jones – 2001	Flomce Griffith – 1987 Gwen Torrence – 1991 Gwen Torrence – 1993	Kelli White – 2001
400	Jearl Miles – 1993	Natasha Kaiser-Brown – 1993	Jearl Miles – 1995 Jearl Miles-Clark – 1997
800			
1,500	Mary Decker – 1983	Regina Jacobs – 1997 Regina Jacobs – 1999	
3,000	Mary Decker – 1983		
5,000			
10,000			
20 km Walk			
Marathon		Marianne Dickerson – 1983	
100H	Gail Devers – 1993 Gail Devers – 1995 Gail Devers – 1999 Anjanette Kirkland – 2001	Gail Devers-Roberts – 1991 Gail Devers – 2001	Lynda Tolbert – 1993
400H	Kim Batten – 1995	Sandra F.-Patrick – 1993 Tonja Buford – 1995	Janeene Vickers – 1991 Kim Batten – 1997
4x100	1987 1995 1997 2001	1993	
4x400	1993 1995	1991 1997 1999	1987
HJ			Louise Ritter – 1983
PV	Stacy Dragila – 1999 Stacy Dragila – 2001		
LJ	Jackie Joyner-Kersey – 1987 Jackie Joyner-Kersey – 1991		Carol Lewis – 1983 Marion Jones – 1999
TJ			
SP			
DT			
HT			
JT			
Heptathlon	Jackie Joyner-Kersey – 1987 Jackie Joyner-Kersey – 1993		Jane Frederick – 1987 Shella Burrell – 2001
TOTAL	26	18	14

BEST PLACINGS IN EVENTS WHERE NO MEDALS WON:

Women

- 800: 4th by Jearl Miles-Clark in 1999
- 5,000: 7th by Libbie Hickman in 1997
- 10,000: 5th by Lynn Jennings in 1991 & 1993
- Race Walk: 15th by Lynn Weik in 1987 and Michelle Rohl in 1995 (10 km distance)
- TJ: 11th by Cynthia Rhodes in 1997
- SP: 5th by Connie Price-Smith in 1997
- DT: 6th by Seilala Sua in 1999 & 2001
- HT: 10th by Dawn Ellerbe in 1999
- JT: 10th by Karin Smith in 1983

hurdles with a personal-best time of 12.42, and her 7.85 in winning the 2001 World Indoor title also was a PR.

Jearl Miles-Clark: The 1993 world champion in the 400 meters, Miles Clark in Paris will compete in the 800 meters – an event in which she holds the American record (1:56.40) – and the 4x400m relay – an event in which she owns two additional World Championships gold medals('93, '95) and three Worlds silver medals ('91, '97, '99). She is tied with Gail Devers and Gwen Torrence for second on the all-time World Championships medal count with eight, and she is the only woman ever to run anchor leg on U.S. 4x400m relay teams that have won World Championships gold. The 1997 World Indoor 400m gold medalist, Miles-Clark is a two-time World Outdoors bronze medalist in the 400 ('95, '97), four-time U.S. 400-meter champion and three-time U.S. 800m champion.