

## TEAM USA STARS READY FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

PARIS – U.S. stars Stacy Dragila, Allen Johnson, Kelli White, Tim Montgomery, Amy Acuff, Tyree Washington along with head coaches Bubba Thornton and Angie Taylor appeared at a USATF press conference Friday on the eve of the 9<sup>th</sup> IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

The following are excerpts from Friday's press conference.

### AMY ACUFF

*A four-time U.S. outdoor women's high jump champion, Acuff set a new personal best in Zurich with a clearances 2.01 meters/6 feet, 7 inches, the best mark by an American since 1998.*

**Q:** We understand that you have reason to be jumping for joy these days with news regarding your personal life, could you explain?

**AA:** I got engaged the day before I left. It's kinda sad because I'll be gone for a month and a half, but it will be exciting when I get back with lots to plan. He's a pole vaulter for the United States, his name is



Kelli White and Tim Montgomery

Tye Harvey (2001 World Indoor Championships silver medalist).

**Q:** You've been jumping well this season, how do you feel now that you're in Paris?

**AA:** I feel like I've been really consistent and I'm on the way up. I think I have another bar in me even above 2.01 meters and it's going to be exciting. I'm really proud of my competitors. We're all really friendly and close and it's been a lot of fun. A statistician told me that Zurich

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## THORNTON THE FORCE BEHIND TEAM USA MEN

In the search for a person who embodies strong, silent leadership, look no further than Team USA at the 2003 World Outdoor Track & Field Championships.



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You'd find that person in men's head coach Bubba Thornton.

After 30 years of coaching, Thornton has an innate skill to rally a team that few coaches in the world possess. And he does so with as much passion to win, and passion for the athletes, as he ever has.

At the U.S. delegation's team meeting Thursday night at the Athlete Village in Paris, Thornton addressed both the men's and women's teams. He spoke slowly, in clear, short sentences, letting the pauses between sentences – and the determined look on his face – to get his point across. His point was clear: Go out there, support each other, remember why you're here, remember what you did to get yourselves here, and come back winners.

The team got the point.

"I want to beat you, but I don't have to go around beating my chest all day," said Thornton, the men's head coach at the University of Texas for the past seven seasons. "As a head coach, you have to pick your moments, and distribute energy to the team when necessary. When you talk about something too much, sometimes you lose the moment."

was the best women’s high jump competition in the history of high jumping, with four women over two meters, that had never happened before. So many people have told me that the women’s high jump and the men’s 100 meters is where it’s at for this competition, and it makes me feel good that my event is strong right now. I want to come out and do my best and try to get on that podium.

**ALLEN JOHNSON:**

*A three-time world outdoor champion and the 1996 Olympic gold medalist in the men’s 110m hurdles, Allen Johnson enters the competition in Paris with the fastest time in the world this year with his 12.97 seconds clocking at the Gaz de France meet.*

Q: You’ve spoken in recent years about wanting the world record, but lately you’ve changed your focus into concentrating on winning. Tell us how you made that change in your outlook.

AJ: I made that change in my outlook because when I was trying to run after times, I was making a lot of mistakes and I kind of lost sight of the fact that when you win races that means you’re the fastest person on that day. If I continue to win eventually the fast times will



Allen Johnson

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come, so I decided to stop worrying about the time and just worry about the race and try to excel at that.

Q: Could you talk a little bit about your teammates in the 110m hurdles?

AJ: We’re the only country that has four competitors, so I think there is a good chance that we can try to sweep the event and go 1, 2, 3, 4. As Craig Masback always says, we’re the #1 team and the same goes for the 110 hurdles.

Q: What time will it take to win the gold medal?

AJ: Honestly I don’t know. That’s really hard to say because everyone raises their game. So far this year you’ve seen 12.97 and 13.00. It will be at least that fast, that’s all I can say.

**STACY DRAGILA**

*The only woman ever to win the women’s pole vault at a World Outdoor Championship (1999, 2001), Dragila also is the 2000 Olympic gold medalist and former world record holder in that event.*

Q: You’re used to coming into these events with a big target on your back. Now there are more women jumping the heights you’re accustomed to. Do you approach this year any differently?

SD: In 1999 I went into the World Championships known as the dark horse and I was kind of mad about that, but it kind of took the pressure off of me and I was able to just go out to the track and take care of business and take care of what my coach wanted me to do. Again this year nobody’s really talking about me and the Russians are the big stir, and that’s great. It’s been neat to see the Russians take the (world) record from me, al-

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Thornton’s amiable, Texan nature belies the fact that “inside I’m going 100 miles an hour.” His athletes certainly seem to run nearly that fast. At Texas he has led the Longhorns to three top-five finishes, producing nine NCAA individual champions and 59 All-America honors. For the 14 years before he arrived at Texas, he guided Texas Christian to five NCAA top-10 finishes and five 4x400m relay championships.

His success in coaching Team USA also speaks for itself. He was an assistant coach for the Americans at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, where he oversaw the men’s 400m (gold, silver medals), 400m hurdles (gold) and 4x400m relay (gold). He also was head coach at the 1996 World Junior Championships.

Thornton says his approach to coaching, whether it be for a World Championship meet or a collegiate dual meet, is the same. “It’s exactly the same – you can’t be somebody you’re not,” Thornton said. “It’s important for the staff to maintain a balance so everyone feels and knows they are being treated fairly. It should be the

same for the people who get the headlines as it is for the people who don’t.”

Plenty of Thornton’s athletes have gotten their share of headlines. NCAA championships have a way of making that happen. But the event that Thornton cites as his coaching highlight occurred far from the track.

“One of my best coaching moments was when I introduced Jon Drummond into the TCU Hall of Fame,” Thornton said. “It wasn’t about his accomplishments at TCU or his gold medals and other championships. It was how Jon addressed the crowd that night. He absolutely electrified everyone in the audience. His acceptance speech was from the heart.” It occurs to his interviewer that Drummond might have learned more than relay skills from his former mentor.

When asked what is most rewarding for him, both personally and professionally, when he is on a Team USA staff, Thornton’s response is vintage Bubba - to the point, crystal clear and heartfelt:

“Watching dreams come true.”

# MEN'S SHOT PUT FINAL HIGHLIGHTS SATURDAY COMPETITION

PARIS – The 2003 World Outdoor Track & Field Championships get under way Saturday morning as three finals – including a final in one of Team USA's strongest events, the men's shot put – are among the contested events. Below is a preview of the Saturday's competition.

## FINALS

### Men's shot put

Qualifying 8:30 a.m.

U.S. entrants: Kevin Toth (Hudson, Ohio), John Godina (Northridge, Calif.), Reese Hoffa (Athens, Ga.), Adam Nelson (Winterville, Ga.)

THE SCOOP: Three-time world champion ('97, '97, '01) John Godina, 2000 Olympic and 2001 World Championships silver medalist Adam Nelson, 2003 U.S. champion and world leader Kevin Toth, and 2003 Pan Am Games gold medalist Reese Hoffa are vying for a sweep in an event that is among the strongest in history for Team USA. American athletes have won four gold medals, two silver and three bronze in the shot in World Championships competition. Adding to the intrigue is that the order of finish within the U.S. team could vary on any given day. Toth (22.67m/74-4.5 world leader) and Hoffa (20.95/68-8.75) both have thrown personal bests this year; Toth's throw is 2 feet, 5.5 inches further than the next-best thrower in the world this year, Carl Myerscough of Great Britain. Nelson (back) and Godina (finger) have battled injury this year, but both are fit, ready to throw, and ready to compete for a gold medal.

### Men's 20,000m race walk

8:30 a.m.

U.S. entrant: Kevin Eastler (Fort Collins, Colo.)

THE SCOOP: Eastler will try to improve on Team USA's best-ever finish in the 20 km race walk, an 18<sup>th</sup>-place finish by Allen James in 1993. The 2003 U.S. champion in the event, Eastler was the top finisher for the U.S. at the 2003 Pan Am Race Walk Cup, placing fifth, and is in the top form of his career. He is listed as having the third-best time in the world in the event so far this year.

### Women's 10,000m run

8:15 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Deena Drossin (Mammoth Lakes, Calif.), Elva Dryer (Albuquerque, N.M.)

THE SCOOP: Deena Drossin has established herself as among the world elite in women's distance running. Her more recent feat is breaking the American record in the marathon with her time of 2:21:16 at the 2003 Flora London Marathon. She is a two-time silver medalist (2002, 2003) at the World Cross Country Championships, and she owns the American record in the 10,000 meters. Drossin typically runs aggressively to avoid getting into a kicker's battle, and she will look to improve on her 11<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the World Outdoor Championships. Dryer is the U.S. runner-up and 2000 Olympian at 5,000 meters, and she has the fastest time by an American so far this year (31:26.88).

## QUALIFYING ROUNDS



Kim Schiemenz

this year in her hometown of Greeley, Colorado.

### Women's heptathlon Day 1

(100m hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200m)

8:45 a.m.

U.S. entrants: Kim Schiemenz (Greeley, Colo.)

THE SCOOP: The two-time NCAA Division II heptathlon champion while at Northern Colorado, Schiemenz was the U.S. runner-up and set her personal best of 6,209 points

### Women's 100m

1<sup>st</sup> round 10:30 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> round 7:40 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Kelli White (Union City, Calif.), Torri Edwards (Los Angeles, Calif.), Gail Devers (Lawrenceville, Ga.)

THE SCOOP: A strong event for the U.S. has its first rounds of competition, pointed toward Sunday's semifinal and final rounds. The 2003 U.S. 100 and 200m champion White must be considered a co-favorite with Chandra Sturup of the Bahamas, whom she defeated in their last meeting, in Berlin. White was a finalist in this event at the 2001 Worlds (7<sup>th</sup>). Edwards ran the 100, 200 and 4x100m relay at the 2000 Olympics, but 2003 has been the best season of her career. The 2003 U.S. runner-up to White in both the 100 and 200, running PRs of 11.05 and 22.28. Devers is a wildcard, competing in the 100 meters at the World Championships exactly 10 years after she won the event in 1993. The 100 hurdles will be Devers' bread-and-butter, but she is as fit as ever and could be an "X-factor" in the sprint.

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### **Men's triple jump**

10:45 a.m.

U.S. entrants: Kenta Bell (Chula Vista, Calif.), Walter Davis (Baton Rouge, La.), Tim Rusan (Raleigh, N.C.)

THE SCOOP: Bell is the 2003 U.S. champion and the 2001 World University Games gold medalist; Davis is the 2003 World Indoor Championships bronze medalist and was a two-time NCAA champion; Rusan is a two-time U.S. indoor champion and is the oldest of this youthful threesome, at age 25. Look for all three to advance to the final.



*Kenta Bell*

### **Women's discus**

4:10 p.m., 5:55 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Aretha Hill (Opelika, Ala.), Suzy Powell (Modesto, Calif.), Kris Kuehl (Minneapolis, Minn.)  
THE SCOOP: A 1996 Olympian, Hill won her first U.S. title in 2003 (she was four times a runner-up). Powell is a five-time U.S. runner-up, and Kuehl is the 2002 U.S. champion and was the top-ranked U.S. thrower of 2002. All three women were ranked in the top 10 in the world in 2002, making this a renaissance event for Team USA.

### **Men's 400 meters first round**

4:35 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Tyree Washington (San Diego, Calif.), Calvin Harrison (Salinas, Calif.), Jerome Young (Fort Worth, Texas)

THE SCOOP: 2003 World Indoor champion and 1997 World Outdoor bronze medalist Tyree Washington leads a strong U.S. contingent in the 400. Harrison won Olympic gold in the 4x400m relay in 2000, while Young is a two-time ('98, '99) U.S. champion and a seasoned international competitor.

### **Women's pole vault qualifying**

4:40 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Stacy Dragila (Tucson, Ariz.), Jillian Schwartz (Jonesboro, Ark.), Mary Sauer (San Dimas, Calif.), Becky Holliday (Eugene, Ore.)

THE SCOOP: Always an unpredictable event, anything can happen in the pole vault. Stacy Dragila is the two-time defending champion and Olympic gold medalist, and 2002 U.S. indoor champion Mary Sauer competed at the 2001 Worlds, where she placed 12<sup>th</sup>. They are joined by two young vaulters, 2003 U.S. runner-up and

2001 NCAA runner-up Jillian Schwartz, and 2003 NCAA champion Becky Holliday.

### **Women's 800m qualifying**

5:25 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Jearl Miles-Clark (Knoxville, Tenn.), Jen Toomey (Salem, Mass.)

THE SCOOP: Veteran Jearl Miles-Clark looks to add an 800m medal to her 1993 World Championships gold. 2002 U.S. runner-up Jen Toomey makes her World Outdoor Championships debut.

### **Men's high jump qualifying**

5:40 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Jamie Nieto (Chula Vista, Calif.), Matt Hemingway (Denver, Colo.), Tora Harris (College Park, Ga.)

THE SCOOP: Jamie Nieto is the surprise of the season, winning his first U.S. title and jumping well in Europe. 2002 U.S. indoor champion Matt Hemingway and 2002 NCAA indoor and outdoor champ Tora Harris, like Nieto, also compete at the World Championships for the first time.

### **Men's 1,500m 1<sup>st</sup> round**

6 p.m.

U.S. entrant: Jason Lunn (Redwood City, Calif.)

THE SCOOP: A two-time U.S. indoor champion, Lunn won his first outdoor title in 2003 and competes on the World Outdoor stage for the first time.

### **Men's 3,000m steeplechase 1<sup>st</sup> round**

7 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Steve Slattery (Boulder, Colo.), Daniel Lincoln (Fayetteville, Ark.), Robert Gary (Columbus, Ohio)

THE SCOOP: A talented trio compete in one of the most competitive events in the world, dominated by African runners. Slattery is the U.S. champion and the 2002 U.S. and NCAA runner-up; Lincoln is a three-time NCAA champion (2001-2003) and the 2003 NCAA 10 km champion; Gary was a 1996 Olympian and was the 2003 U.S. 4 km cross country champion.



though I want it back. It's still been nice for it to change hands and kind of make the event more legitimate with more competitors at the top. I've changed coaches this year and changed a lot of things with my technique and it's been a roller coaster ride this outdoor season and it's been frustrating for me. But also knowing that I'm doing the right thing for 2004 in getting my step out, having an earlier plant and controlling my run will help me bypass the 4.80m mark and be more consistent at 4.90 and 5.00 meters is my ultimate goal. I think things are coming around for me right now. It was a little stressful for me about three weeks ago, but right now I feel very confident in what I'm doing. I'm looking forward to starting the competition with the prelims tomorrow and going into the finals on Monday knowing that I've been there done that before.

### **TIM MONTGOMERY**

*The world record holder in the men's 100 meters (9.79), Montgomery enters the 2003 World Outdoor Championships after winning the silver medal at the 2001 World Outdoors in Edmonton.*

**Q:** Tell us what your life and training has been like entering the Championships.

**TM:** I've been living this perfect world since the last time I was in Paris (when he set the world record on September 14, 2002). It rained on me in Stockholm. The rain started stopping in London, and now I believe that the rain is gone. I'm here and healthy. I have a coach (Dan Pfaff) who has seen sprinters before me. He knows where athletes should be, and he told me I'm there. I feel like I'm there, so I'm ready to go.

### **KELLI WHITE**

*White is the 2003 U.S. outdoor champion in the 100m (10.93PR) and 200m (22.21PR). She won the bronze medal in the 200 at the 2001 World Championships in Edmonton, and enters Paris as a favorite in both events.*

**Q:** You're exceptionally fit, coming off a big win in Berlin. Tell us how you feel entering the meet.

**KW:** I believe my fitness is good. My coach obviously knows what he's doing, and I trust him with everything. I'm happy with how the season has gone. It was a big shock to me that the 100 meters was so successful. I'm hoping that it will also carry over to the 200 meters here in Paris.



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*Stacy Dragila*

### **TYREE WASHINGTON**

*The 2003 U.S. indoor and outdoor champion at 400 meters, Washington won his first world title at the 2003 World Indoor Championships. He won bronze in the 400 at the 1997 World Championships in Athens, where he anchored the gold medal-winning U.S. 4x400m relay team.*

**Q:** How does it feel to be back on top of the world?

**TW:** It feels very good. It definitely helps my confidence out a great deal. Taking 18 months off for me was real tough, watching my competitors when the times weren't real fast. To come out this year and won 44.33 at nationals was a good victory for me. I've won every race and I'm very grateful for that accomplishment. I know when you come to a World Championships or U.S. Championships, the season starts over again. Even though I'm not playing football anymore, I still have that mentality.

**Q:** Do you know how you're going to run your race?

**A:** I have a pretty good idea how I'm going to run. I still haven't mastered the quarter yet. Michael (Johnson) broke the world record when he was 31, and I'm turning 27 next week. I'm fairly young, and there's lots of stuff I still need to work on. I think when I get around 29, 30, my times will really start dropping. Is 43 going to happen? It's a big possibility that it will happen, I just don't know when. But I can break that world record, and I believe I can run under 43. I think I have the capabilities, I just need more maturity.

### **ANGIE TAYLOR, Team USA women's head coach**

**Q:** When will your relay orders be announced?

**AT:** We're going to wait and see how everyone runs in the 100 and 200 meters before we make a decision on who will compete here.

**Q:** How do you feel about the team heading into the first day of competition tomorrow?

# TEAM USA NOTES

## Team USA Elections

Jearl Miles-Clark and Kevin Toth were unanimously selected as women's and men's team captains, respectively, following a Team USA meeting Thursday evening at the Athletes' Village. The 1993 World Outdoor champion in the 400 meters, Miles-Clark is a two-time World Championships 400m bronze medalist, and has five medals – two gold, three silver – in the 4x400m relay. She will compete in the 800 meters in Paris.



Toth makes his third trip to the World Championships this time as the 2003 USA Outdoor men's shot put champion. Toth won the Kansas Relays earlier this year with a personal best throw of 22.67 meters/74-4.50, the best performance in the world since 1990.



Three-time men's 110m hurdles world champion Allen Johnson was chosen by his teammates to carry the American flag in Saturday's opening ceremonies at the Stade de France. The 1996 Olympic gold medalist, Johnson is the 2003 World Indoor 60m hurdles champion.

## Tour de France (almost)

It's not the Tour de France, but a look inside the Athletes Village might seem like it. Supplied by local organizers, bicycles are being provided to the world's

top track and field athletes in the village, and Team USA is capitalizing on the opportunity.

"I'm in love with it," said 2003 USA Outdoor men's triple jump champion Kenta Bell. "Everyone feels like kids again; the bikes have a bell on them. It's so easy to get around."

"I think the bikes are an awesome idea," chided 2003 USA Outdoor 400m women's champion Sanya Richards. "We get around the whole complex. It's a really, really good idea."

Men's head manager Larry James said most athletes ride to and from the dorms, to the dining hall, or to the main entrance on the bikes.

## Americans reelected to IAAF posts

In elections held this week during the IAAF Council meetings in Paris, four Americans were voted to an additional term on their respective committees, while a fifth U.S. candidate won first-time election.

USATF Board Member Bob Hersh was reelected to his position on the IAAF Council, and USATF Cross Country Chair Anne Timmons was elected to an additional term on the IAAF's Cross Country & Road Running Committee. USATF Vice-President Dee Jensen will serve another term on the IAAF Women's Committee, and USATF race walk executive committee member Bob Bowman will continue his stint on the organization's Race Walk Committee.

David Katz was elected to the IAAF Technical Committee, winning the position for the first time.

## HSI gets real with Eurosport

HSI sprinters have hit European reality television in a daily broadcast across the continent featuring the training group on Eurosport. Shown nightly at 11:45 p.m. and repeated throughout the day, there are five

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AT: We're very excited. I think that we're going to do very well. The team is excited Bubba led us in our pep rally and the guys got together in the end and had a really big loud "Go USA, Go USA! So we're really pumped and excited and ready for the action to start.

## BUBBA THORNTON, Team USA men's head coach

Q: When will your relay teams be named?

BT: Everybody in the room is in the pool, and we're going to wait until after we've competed in the individual events and then we will name those lineups and

then we're looking forward to the results that will come from those lineups.

Q: What are your thoughts about the men's team heading in to the competition?

BT: I believe it's a typical USA team. We're strong in all of the explosive events, whether it's throws, jumps or sprints. We have made considerable improvement in our other areas and we're looking forward to watching those people compete and watch those programs develop throughout the country so we can come back in 2004 and have an even more complete team than we have now.

**Team USA Worlds medal breakdown - Men**

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
100	Carl Lewis – 1983 Carl Lewis – 1987 Carl Lewis – 1991 Maurice Greene – 1997 Maurice Greene – 1999 Maurice Greene – 2001	Calvin Smith – 1983 Leroy Burrell – 1991 Andre Cason – 1993 Tim Montgomery - 2001	Emmit King – 1983 Dennis Mitchell – 1991 Tim Montgomery – 1997 Bernard Williams - 2001
200	Calvin Smith – 1983 Calvin Smith – 1987 Michael Johnson – 1991 Michael Johnson – 1995 Maurice Greene – 1999	Elliott Quow – 1983	Carl Lewis – 1993 Jeff Williams – 1995 Shawn Crawford – 2001
400	Antonio Pettigrew – 1991 Michael Johnson – 1993 Michael Johnson – 1995 Michael Johnson – 1997 Michael Johnson – 1999	Michael Franks – 1983 Butch Reynolds – 1993 Butch Reynolds – 1995	Sunder Nix – 1983 Butch Reynolds – 1987 Danny Everett – 1991 Tyree Washington - 1997
800			Mark Everett – 1991 Rich Kenah – 1997 Jim Spivey - 1987
1,500		Steve Scott – 1983	
3,000SC			Jim Spivey - 1987
5,000			
10,000			
20 km Walk			
50 km Walk			Curt Clausen - 1999
Marathon	Mark Plaatjes – 1993		Steve Spence – 1991
110H	Greg Foster – 1983 Greg Foster – 1987 Greg Foster – 1991 Allen Johnson – 1995 Allen Johnson – 1997 Allen Johnson – 2001	Jack Pierce – 1991	Willie Gault – 1983 Jack Pierce – 1993 Roger Kingdom – 1995 Duane Ross - 1999
400H	Edwin Moses – 1983 Edwin Moses – 1987 Kevin Young – 1993 Derrick Adkins – 1995	Danny Harris – 1987	Bryan Bronson – 1997
4x100	1983 1987 1991 1993 1999 2001		
4x400	1987 1993 1995 1997 1999 2001	1991	
HJ	Charles Austin – 1991	Tyke Peacock – 1983	Hollis Conway – 1991
PV			Dean Starkey – 1997 Nick Hysong – 2001
LJ	Carl Lewis – 1983 Carl Lewis – 1987 Mike Powell – 1991 Mike Powell – 1993	Jason Grimes – 1983 Carl Lewis – 1991 Erick Walder – 1997 Savante Stringfellow – 2001	Mike Conley – 1983 Larry Myricks – 1987 Larry Myricks – 1991 Mike Powell – 1995
TJ	Kenny Harrison – 1991 Mike Conley – 1993	Willie Banks – 1983 Mike Conley – 1987	Mike Conley – 1991
SP	John Godina – 1995 John Godina – 1997 C.J. Hunter – 1999 John Godina – 2001	Randy Barnes – 1993 Adam Nelson – 2001	John Brenner – 1987 Randy Barnes – 1995 C.J. Hunter – 1997
DT	Anthony Washington – 1999	John Powell – 1987	
JT			
JT		Tom Petranoff - 1983	
Decathlon	Dan O'Brien – 1991 Dan O'Brien – 1993 Dan O'Brien – 1995		Chris Huffins – 1999
TOTAL	54	23	34

**BEST PLACINGS IN EVENTS WHERE NO MEDALS WON:**

**Men**  
 3,000SC: 4<sup>th</sup> by Brian Diemer in 1987  
 5,000: 5<sup>th</sup> by Doug Padilla in 1983  
 10,000: 7<sup>th</sup> by Todd Williams in 1993  
 20 km walk: 16<sup>th</sup> by Allen James in 1993  
 Hammer: 5<sup>th</sup> by Lance Deal in 1995

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minutes of daily “routine” happenings in Paris at the World Championships. Thursdays highlights included scenes from the Athletes’ Village, where athletes endured the joys of ice baths and acupuncture.

HSI co-founder Emanuel Hudson said the feature is being seen in 56 countries daily throughout the World Championships. HSI also will be featured in a documentary to be shown on French 2. Clips from the documentary of the groups training regime may be seen on [www.hsi.net](http://www.hsi.net).

**Favor Hamilton, Waller withdraw**

Three-time Olympian Suzy Favor Hamilton will not compete in the women’s 1500 meters in Paris due to a strained calf muscle. Four-time USA Outdoor women’s high jump champion Tisha Waller has withdrawn from the competition due to a stress fracture in her foot earlier this year.



Each day of the 2003 World Outdoor Championships a men’s and women’s Xerox Athlete of the Day will be chosen and will be featured in Team USA’s daily newsletter, *Xerox News of the Worlds*.

On the final day of the event, a Xerox Men’s and Women’s Athlete of the Meet will be announced and the winners will receive a Xerox WorkCentre M15 copier-printer.

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Tom Surber’s  
**Le Phrase Francaise du jour**



Mon francais  
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