

NELSON WINS SILVER IN MEN'S SHOT PUT

Adam Nelson won Team USA's first medal of the 2003 World Outdoor Track & Field Championships, and American women's 100-meter runners and men's 400-meter runners displayed dominant form Sunday in the first day of competition at the Stade de France.

A season's best throw of 21.65m/71-0.5 on his fifth attempt gave Nelson (Winterville, Ga.) the second World Championships silver medal of his career. The 2001 World Championships runner-up also owns a third international silver, from the 2000 Olympic Games. Nelson squeaked through the qualifying round Saturday morning in Paris, needing to take all three attempts, but he made the most of his opportunity in the evening's final, moving into second on his fourth throw (21.26m/69-9) and nearly winning on his fifth. Nelson finished just four centimeters behind the winning, personal-best throw of 21.69m/71-2 by Andrei Mikhnevich of Belarus.

Nelson's teammates were felled by fouling trouble. Kevin Toth (Hudson, Ohio) got in just one legal mark in the final, his first throw of 20.89/68-6.5, to place fourth. Toth's final throw appeared to be a winning mark, but he fell out of the left side of the ring and fouled. Defending world champion and three-time gold

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Adam Nelson

EDWARDS A RISING FORCE IN WOMEN'S SPRINTS

At the 2000 Olympic Games, Torri Edwards went from being an alternate in the Team USA relay pool to running the 100 meters, 200 meters and 4x100m relay when Inger Miller had to withdraw with a leg injury. At Sydney, Edwards competed in the second round of the 100, the semifinals of the 200, and won a bronze medal in the relay.

Three years later, Edwards is making it on her own and is a medal contender in both of the women's sprints at the World Championships. In Saturday's first two rounds of the 100 meters, Edwards won her first round race in 11.12 and repeated her win in the second round (11.08).

The 2003 World Indoor bronze medalist in the 60 meters has risen from a series of fourth-place finishes on the U.S. championship level to a pair of second-

place finishes at the 2003 USA Outdoor Championships in the 100 and 200.

Her 2003 season has been a classic case of steady progression, starting with her third-place finish at the USA Indoor Championships 60m in a personal-best 7.21 seconds. She saved her indoor best for

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Torri Edwards

medalist John Godina (Northridge, Calif.) posted a throw of 19.84m/65-1.25, putting him in ninth. On his third throw Godina had a mark that would have enabled him to make the cut into the top 8 athletes who are allowed three more attempts, but the judges ruled that his foot had touched the top of the ring and declared it a foul. Reese Hoffa (Athens, Ga.) had three foul throws in morning qualifying and did not make the final.

In other finals Saturday, American record holder Deena Drossin (Mammoth Lakes, Calif.) placed 12th in the women's 10,000 meters with a season's best time of 31 minutes, 17.87. Elva Dryer (Albuquerque, N.M.) was 17th in 31:59.81. Ethiopia's Berhane Adere won the race in a championships-record time of 30:04.18.

Kevin Eastler (Fort Collins, Colo.) recorded a huge personal best in the men's 20 km race walk final. The Air Force captain placed 18th, tying the highest finish ever by a U.S. walker in the event, with his time of 1 hour, 22 minutes and 25 seconds. His previous best was 1:23:52 from the USA Outdoor Championships. Jefferson Perez of Ecuador set a new world best with his winning time of 1:17:21.

Team USA's women's 100m runners put on a powerful and speedy display as all three athletes will compete in Sunday's semifinal. Kelli White (Union City, Calif.) posted the fastest time of the day in winning her second-round race in 10.95 seconds, even while cruising through the closing meters. Torri Edwards (Los Angeles, Calif.) likewise won her second-round race easily in 11.08 seconds, while Gail Devers (Lawrenceville, Ga.) overcame being last out of the blocks to place second in her race in 11.16 to advance.

In the first round, Edwards (11.13) and White (11.26) won their respective heats, with Devers second (11.17) in hers. White's heat featured the biggest human-interest story of the meet, the participation of

Afghanistan's first female athlete on the world stage, 22-year-old Lima Azimi.

Team USA also swept through the first round of the men's 400m, winning all three of the heats in which Americans ran. Jerome Young (Fort Worth, Texas) turned in the fastest time with 45.28 in winning his race, with Tyree Washington (San Diego, Calif.) posting 45.30 and Calvin Harrison (Salinas, Calif.) 45.43 in winning their heats.

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Kelli White



Tom Surber's Le Phrase Francaise du jour

Un baiser sans moustache
est comme un repas sans
pain.

A kiss without a mustache is like a meal without bread.

FROM THE MIXED ZONE – TEAM USA QUOTES

Men's shot put

Adam Nelson: I felt good and strong today. I feel positive about how I competed. I'm healthy now and looking forward to next year. I am disappointed about being the only American on the podium.

Kevin Toth: I think I did pretty well. This is my best world championships performance. I knew I had a bigger throw in me, but it's a good setup for next year. I dug down hard on my last throw, but even if I hadn't fouled I don't think it would have been enough to improve my position.

John Godina: I screwed up my first throw, it came off my hand and ripped back my finger. On my second throw it felt okay but it didn't go anywhere. On the third throw I tried a safe throw to get into the final and they called a foul. They checked the video on an appeal to see if it was a foul, and they still said it was a foul. I disagree with them, but it's my own fault that my first two throws put me in that position. I can't blame an official when I could've done the job on my first two throws easily.

Reese Hoffa: It was kind of a tough day. What can I say? I had an incredible year and it's a great honor to compete here. Of course I wanted to come here and do well, but some days you don't get what you want.

Women's 10,000m final

Deena Drossin: I felt like I couldn't have done a better job out there. I'm really happy with how aggressive I tried to be. I laid it all on the line today and that's the best I could do.

Elva Dryer: I went out faster than I'm accustomed to in my usual races. That made the second half of the race a real challenge. I ended up running by myself in no-man's land for a lot of the race.

Men's 20 km race walk

Kevin Eastler: I had a fantastic race. I had a personal best by a minute, or a minute and a half. I couldn't be happier with my time. The conditions were perfect. I'm extremely happy.

Women's Pole Vault Qualifying

Stacy Dragila: It went great. I feel very confident. That was a lot of fun out there. To be back out there in an international competition like that with all the best in the event and to compete well was great.

Mary Sauer: I made it through to the finals and that's all that matters, so it was a good day. This is the best I've felt in years so far. It's a fast runway, good conditions, so it's wonderful.

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Becky Holliday: I'm happy I didn't no-height. It's been a long year. I'm in my second international competition so I use that as experience, so I had a good one.

Jillian Schwartz: It was rough. I felt really good to start with then I broke a pole. It was a little scary. It was the first pole I ever broke. I had a couple of good attempts at the next height, but I ended up going through poles.

Men's 1500m 1st round

Jason Lunn: It felt great. It's just hard not to feel good when you go 2:09. It was exactly what I expected out there and I know I feel comfortable running fast laps with all those guys. I never got worried.

Women's discus throw qualifying

Suzy Powell: I'm very pleased that I made it to the final. It's years of experience, it's a good come-through.

Kristen Kuehl: I don't even know how to explain it. I thought I was focusing well, I just didn't snap to get it out there. I'm not sure why. It felt pretty good (in the ring), just kinda of a little 'blah.



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Heptathlon – After four events

Kim Schiemenz: It's a great experience. I came here with expectations that really haven't been met, but I'm learning a lot and I'm going through everything – nothing's terrible but nothing's great.

Men's 3000m steeplechase

Steve Slattery: I just came here to run as fast as I could and represent America. It's just a learning experience and I learned more this year than in my whole life.

Dan Lincoln: It was a new experience. I didn't really get a very good warmup.

Robert Gary: It was good until it wasn't good. I'm disappointed. I didn't want to look at the clock.

Men's high jump qualifying

Jamie Nieto: I was rested and ready and training has been going well. I was ready today and I'll be ready for the final. They better look out for me because I plan to get a medal.

Matt Hemingway: The key is to turn a lot better toward the end. The surface is really, really fast so it changes your approach quite a bit if the surface is hard and fast.

Tora Harris: I just had a rough time and just couldn't get my approach down fast enough. We made some changes in practice and I just had a little bit of difficulty, but I went out there and tried my best. I just couldn't put it together.

Womens' 100m quarterfinals

Gail Devers: It wasn't the best start. He kind of held us in the set position a long time, and I guess I fell asleep. Whatever race I'm in, I see what happens.

Kelli White: My start was a lot better than the previous race and so was my finish. I still need to work on a couple of things. Overall I think the races tomorrow will be great and I'm really looking forward to it. I didn't get a lot of sleep last night so I'm ready to go home.

Torri Edwards: I just wanted to go out there and run an easy round and get ready for tomorrow. I didn't get out as well as I did this morning, but overall I'm pretty happy with it.

SUNDAY TEAM USA EVENT PREVIEWS

FINALS

Women's 20 km walk

9:30 a.m.

U.S. entrant: Joanne Dow (Bedford, N.H.)

THE SCOOP: The 39-year-old Joanne Dow makes her second appearance at World Outdoors. A former American record holder in the event and the 2002 U.S. champion, Dow has a personal best of 1:33:27. The best-ever U.S. finish in the women's walk is 15th by Lynn Weik in 1987 and by Michelle Rohl in 1995.

Men's 10,000 meters

7 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Alan Culpepper (Louisville, Colo.), Meb Keflezighi (Mammoth Lakes, Calif.), Dan Browne (Portland, Ore.)

THE SCOOP: A strong trio of distance runners competes in the 25-lap event. Culpepper is in top form, having won the U.S. 10,000m title in 2003 to match his 1999 crown. He also is the 2002 U.S. 5,000m champion and is a two-time national champion. Keflezighi is the American record holder (27:13.98 in 2001) and has racked up numerous U.S. titles, including the 2000 and 2001 10 km crown, the 2001 and 2002 cross country titles, and numerous road racing titles. He was 23rd at the 2001 Worlds and 12th at the 2000 Olympic Games. Dan Browne also brings road success to the track as the 2002 U.S. marathon champ. His 1998 indoor 3,000m title shows he has leg speed as well.



Meb Keflezighi

Women's 100 meters

Semfinals 4:55 p.m.;

Final 6 p.m.

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

THE SCOOP: White, Edwards and Devers all showed good form in Saturday's first two rounds



Gail Devers

(see story, p.1). White will try to make good on her gold medal hopes, but Edwards and Devers have aspirations of their own.

Women's heptathlon Day 2 (long jump, javelin, 800m)

10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

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

THE SCOOP: Schiemenz was in 13th place after Saturday's first competition and will look to move up in Sunday's finale.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

Men's discus qualifying

9:45 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Carl Brown (Los Angeles, Calif.), Nick Petrucci (Chula Vista, Calif.), Casey Malone (Boulder, Colo.)

THE SCOOP: All three U.S. throwers are making their first appearances at the World Outdoor Championships.

Carl Brown was a fairy-tale story at the USA Championships, winning his first national title after up-and-down years. Petrucci was 5th and Malone was 9th at nationals but qualified for the team by virtue of having achieved the IAAF "A" standard.

Women's 400m hurdles 1st round

10 a.m.

U.S. entrants: Raasin McIntosh (Austin, Texas), Joanna Hayes (Los Angeles, Calif.), Sandra Glover (Sugar Land, Texas)

THE SCOOP: 2003 NCAA and U.S. champion Raasin McIntosh is a bit of a sensation in this event, where the U.S. is gaining strength. She, 1999 NCAA champion Joanna Hayes and four-time U.S. champion Sandra Glover will try to win the United States' first medal in the 400 hurdles since Kim Batten won a bronze medal in 1997.

Women's 400 meters 1st round**11:20 a.m.**

U.S. entrants: Sanya Richards (Austin, Texas), Demetria Washington (Columbia, S.C.), De'Hashia Trotter (Knoxville, Tenn.)

THE SCOOP: The youngest lineup of any event for Team USA features the 18-year-old Sanya Richards, the 2003 NCAA champion as a freshman; 23-year-old two-time NCAA indoor champion and 2001 World University Games champion Demetria Washington; and 20-year-old NCAA runner-up De'Hashia "DeeDee" Trotter. The road to the final in Paris begins today.

Men's 100 meters**1st round 3:30 p.m., 2nd round 6 p.m.**

U.S. entrants: Bernard Williams (Miramar, Fla.), Tim Montgomery (Cary, N.C.), Jon Drummond (Las Vegas, Nev.), Maurice Greene (Irvine, Calif.)

THE SCOOP: The U.S. swept the men's 100 meters in 2001 at Edmonton, and they have their eyes on the same prize in 2003. It will be a difficult feat, with stiff competition through all four rounds. But with the 2003 U.S. Outdoor champion (Williams), the world record holder (Montgomery), an Olympic relay gold medalist (Drummond), and the three-time World Championships gold medalist and Olympic gold medalist (Greene) donning the U.S. jersey, American fortunes look promising.



Calvin Harrison

Men's 400 meters 2nd round**5:10 p.m.**

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

THE SCOOP: Washington, Harrison and Young all looked strong in their first-round races.

Look for all three to advance to Monday's semifinals.

Women's 800 meters 2nd round**5:40 p.m.**

U.S. entrant: Jen Toomey (Salem, Mass.)

THE SCOOP: Toomey has made the most of her first World Outdoors appearance, advancing to Sunday's semifinal. It will likely take close to a personal best for Toomey to make the final, but she has had her best outdoor season in 2003 and is ready.

Men's 400m Qualifying

Calvin Harrison: I'm trying to do what we've practiced all year, stay in control and finish the race strong. Considering I haven't raced in about three weeks, I was happy.

Tyree Washington: I felt really comfortable in my race and I was able to conserve a lot of energy and shut it down in the last 100 (meters). My whole thing was I was going to focus on my race and just get through it and to save as much energy as I can for tomorrow.

Jerome Young: I've been waiting for this and I just want to come out with a big success. I think when I moved from N.C., it boosted my confidence. I've been doing pretty good through the whole season.

Men's triple jump qualifying

Kenta Bell: I made the qualifier and that's always great. It's a matter of getting my rhythm back. I hadn't jumped in a week or two. I'm going to come back Monday and go for the gold.

Allen Simms: This was a last minute thing for me and I'm happy to be here. I've had a very good season and I'm happy about that.



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Tyree Washington

Two-time world champion Stacy Dragila (Phoenix, Ariz.) automatically qualified for Monday's final of the women's pole vault by clearing 4.40m/14-5.5 on her second attempt. Mary Sauer (San Dimas, Calif.) qualified as a top-12 performer with her height of 4.35m/14-3.25. Jillian Schwartz (Jonesboro, Ark.) endured a broken pole, clearing 4.15m/13-7.25 along with teammate Becky Holliday (Eugene, Ore). Neither woman advanced.

U.S. champion Jamie Nieto (Chula Vista, Calif.) cleared just 1 centimeter short of his personal best, 2.29m/7-6, with a single miss in the competition (at 2.29) to automatically advance to Monday's final of the men's high jump. Joining him in the final will be Matt Hemingway (Denver, Colo.), whose 2.27m/7-5.25 advanced him by virtue of placing him among the top 12 jumpers. Torah Harris (College Park, Ga.) cleared 2.20m/7-2.5 and did not advance.

Two U.S. middle-distance runners moved on in their races, both with fourth-place finishes. Jason Lunn (Redwood City, Calif.) was fourth in his heat of the men's 1,500 meters in 3:47.62, and Jen Toomey (Salem, Mass.) was fourth in her women's 800m race (2:01.75) to advance. Jearl Miles-Clark (Knoxville, Tenn.) also placed fourth in her 800m heat but her time of 2:04.43 was not fast enough for her to move on to the semifinals.

2003 U.S. champion Kenta Bell (Chula Vista, Calif.) advanced to Monday's final of the men's triple jump with an automatic qualifying mark of 16.95m/55-7.5, the fifth-best jump of the day. Teammates Walter Davis (16.60m/54-5.5 – Baton Rouge, La.) and Allen Simms (16.42m/53-10.5) did not advance.

In women's discus qualifying, Suzy Powell (Modesto, Calif.) automatically qualified for the final with her third throw of 61.83m/202-10. Kris Kuehl (Minneapolis, Minn.) threw 58.07m/190-6, and Aretha Hill (Opelika, Ala.) had a best of 50.79m/166-7, missing the cut-off.

Kim Schiemenz (Greeley, Colo.) was 13th after the first day of competition in the women's heptathlon with 3,574 points. The U.S. runner-up ran 13.96 in the 100m hurdles (997 pts), jumped 1.79m/5-10.5 (996 pts) in the high jump, threw 12.93/42-5.25) in the shot put (723 pts), and ran a personal-best 24.85 (901 pts) in the 200.

Steve Slattery (Boulder, Colo.) finished just one place and 1.02 seconds shy of making the semifinals in the men's 3,000m steeplechase, running a personal-best 8:22.32 to place 5th in his heat. Neither Daniel Lincoln (10th in his race in 8:32.47 – Fayetteville, Ark.) nor Robert Gary (12 in his race in 8:38.20 – Columbus, Ohio) advanced out of the heats.

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Jillian Schwartz



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World Indoors, where she picked up the bronze with her PR time of 7.17. Outdoors, she has set personal bests for 100 meters (11.05) and 200m (22.28), breaking her previous PRs from 2000.

Consistent and high-quality training has been a secret to Edwards' success. Training with Inger Miller, Angela Williams, Ato Boldon, Jon Drummond, Maurice Greene and others, Edwards is a soft-spoken runner whose fitness has spoken volumes for her on the track.

Edwards' sprint times that are getting nearer to her male training mates'. "She keeps us honest," Boldon has said.

Honestly, she might find herself on the medal platform in Paris.

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ATHLETES OF THE DAY



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