

WHITE WINS 200M TO COMPLETE RARE DOUBLE; TEAM USA WINS 3 MEDALS THURSDAY

Kelli White became the first American woman ever to win the 100 and 200 meters in the same World Outdoor Track & Field Championships on Thursday, taking the 200 going away in a world-leading and personal-best time of 22.05 seconds at the Stade de France. It was the highlight for Team USA's most successful evening of the Championships thus far.

White (Union City, Calif.) got out well in the race, quickly establishing a lead on the field on the curve and never giving her competitors a chance to close the gap in the final 100 meters. Her 200m gold comes after she won the 100 on Sunday night and is her second personal best of the Championships.

Teammate Torri Edwards (Los Angeles, Calif.) also won her second medal of the meet, placing third in 22.47 seconds in the 200. Edwards finished second to White on Sunday in the 100 meters. Russian Anastasiya Kapachinskaya overtook Edwards in the final meters for second in a personal-best time of 22.38.

Sandra Glover (Sugar Land, Texas) added a silver to Thursday's medal totals in the women's 400-meter hurdles. The two-time fifth-place finisher at the World



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Kelli White

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ACUFF RIDES MOMENTUM TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the midst of one of the strongest seasons of her career, Team USA women's high jumper Amy Acuff enters qualifying on Friday looking to find the elusive first World Championships medal of her career.

A two-time Olympian, Acuff won her fourth national outdoor crown in June at Palo Alto, Calif., with a winning clearance of 1.95 meters/6 feet, 4.75



Amy Acuff

inches. The runner-up in March at the USA Indoor Championships, Acuff won at Glasgow earlier this summer with a clearance of 1.98m/6-6, and she set the American leading mark for the season with her clearance of 2.01m/6-7 in Zurich, which equals the fifth best mark in the world this year.

Acuff's performances this season have put her in a position to win an international championships medal for the first time since winning the gold medal at the 1997 World University Games.

A solid performer on the track, Acuff has a variety of interests away from the sport.

A model in her spare time, Acuff has appeared in Rolling Stone, Sports Illustrated, Maxim, Vogue

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Championships had a strong stretch run, moving past world record holder Yuliya Pechonkina before the final hurdle to win silver in a season-best time of 53.65 seconds. Jana Pittman of Australia won the gold in 53.22, with Pechonkina third in 53.71.

The U.S. men will look for similar success as their distaff counterparts Friday in the finals of the men's 200 meters, when for the first time in World Championships history, they have three runners in the final. Darvis Patton (Fort Worth, Texas) won the first semifinal heat on Thursday in a personal-best time of 20.03 and looked very easy doing it; J.J. Johnson (Garland, Texas) was fourth in the same race to advance. John Capel (Gainesville, Florida) won the second semifinal in 20.18 to set up the U.S. onslaught on the final.

Americans also found success in the amputee 200 meter race on Thursday, with Marlon Shirley scoring a huge win in the race with his time of 22.93 seconds. American teammate Danny Andrews placed second in 23.60.

In other finals Thursday, Derek Miles (Jonesboro, Ark.) and Tim Mack (Knoxville, Tenn.) tied for sixth in the pole vault with a clearance of 5.70m/18-8.25. Both men had their only miss at 5.50m/18-0.5 before missing all three attempts at 5.75m/18-10.5. The competition was won by

Giuseppe Gibilisco of Italy in a national record 5.90m/19-4.25.



Larry Wade

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Team USA showed why it is the world's #1 110-meter hurdling power as four American men advanced to Friday's semifinal round. Allen Johnson (Irmo, S.C. - 13.42), Larry Wade (Canoga Park, Calif. - 13.49) and Chris Phillips (Maumelle, Ark. - 13.26 personal record) all won their quarterfinal races, while Terrence Trammell (Columbia, S.C.) overcame a horrendously slow start (reaction time .258 seconds) to place third in his heat in 13.51 and automatically advance.

Anna Mahon (Orange, Conn.) fared well in her first World Championship, placing seventh in the women's hammer throw with a toss of 68.45m/224-7. Melissa Price (Lincoln, Neb.) was 12th (62.34/204-6) in a competition won by Cuba's Yipsi Moreno (73.33m/240-7).

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Tom Surber's La Phrase Francaise du jour

Je vous le dirais, mais alors
je devrais vous tuer.

I'd tell you, but I'd have to kill you.

FROM THE MIXED ZONE – TEAM USA QUOTES

Women's 200 meter final

Kelli White: It is great and I'm happy. I'm ready to go to bed. I'm not feeling very good right now. I guess I needed more training from the indoor season and that's what I did, I got in more training and dedicated myself to doing well here. We were all nervous before the start and we gotta get over that.

Torri Edwards: After eight rounds, what can you say? I didn't have too much left that last 100 meters. This makes two medals for me and I'm pretty pleased with it. This gives me confidence going into the Olympics.

Women's 400-meter hurdles final

Sandra Glover: Coming off hurdle 7, I sprinted home and that was all that was on my mind. My husband had told me that they would probably get out hard. My thing was to stay close, run within myself, and finish hard...and that's what I did.

Men's Pole Vault final

Derek Miles: I wasn't quite as snappy as I was for the prelims. I did try to get on one of the bigger poles in my bag. It didn't work out as well as I would have hoped. But, I have a learning experience on that pole.

Tim Mack: I had a lot of fun. I was just one or two steps away from making that jump to 5.8, 5.85. The things I've been working on are coming though, but I wish I was here maybe four or five weeks ago.

Women's Hammer final

Anna Mahon: This year was kind of a building year and I've learned a lot, so I'm happy. Everybody was within about a meter or two of everyone else, so it was anybody's game. It was a fun competition.



David Krummy

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Chris Phillips

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Men's 200 meters semifinal

J.J. Johnson: I was kinda slow coming out as usual, and the ending wasn't as good as I would've liked it to be. From here on in it's all mental preparation.

Darvis Patton: I didn't really want to go that fast today. I did feel good. I knew that everybody was going to bring their "A" game, so I figured I better bring my "A" game too.

John Capel: I think someone is going to have to run 19 seconds to win. Even Maurice gave me motivation today. He said, 'come on Capel, I'm down and y'all got to take care of it,' and I respect him for saying that. He's a great sprinter and I'd like to follow in his footsteps.

Men's 5,000 meters semifinal

Jorge Torres: I went out there and said 'this is my final, I'm going out there and trying to qualify for the final round just so I can get the experience.' If I got to the final round then it was going to be a plus to my career here. I've got to take some steps, some small steps and this is one big step moving into the final round.

Men's 110 Hurdles quarterfinals

Terrence Trammell: I noticed all meet that the blocks have been an issue. I was a little sluggish coming out, I didn't expect the gun to be so quick. I got through, made it to the next round and the next one will be a lot better.

Allen Johnson: This was my first race in about three weeks, it felt good. Hopefully I can have a performance similar to what I had a few months ago when I ran 12.97. I'm excited, I'm confident.

Larry Wade: It was a little shaky. I think it was a little shaky for everyone. At this point, I just enjoy going out there. I did what was told of me: get out, try to run three or four hurdles and I had to select which three or four I wanted it to be.

Chris Phillips: I'm pretty pleased because I wasn't expecting a PR, I just wanted to get through it. It just felt so good,



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Jorge Torres

Men's 800m heats

David Krummenacker: It was pretty good, a little fast out there the first lap. I knew we were in for a hot one after that, so I told myself just to stay relaxed.

Khadevis Robinson: I'm just cursed. I had the lead, then one kid went past me...we just got kind of tangled up. I was in the perfect position, coming off the curve. I felt good. It's like my form breaks down. I need to maintain my form a little bit better.

Samuel Burley: It went pretty well, I felt pretty well out there. I felt pretty smooth and confident through about 500 (meters). Then, I went outside and got bumped around a bit more.

Women's Long Jump qualifying

Grace Upshaw: It's a bit nerve-wracking. I'm the final, that's all that matters. It felt quick (on the runway). I've got to get used to it a little bit. It's just so exciting, you can get swept up in it very quickly.

FRIDAY TEAM USA EVENT PREVIEW

FINALS

Men's long jump

8 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Dwight Phillips (Mesa, Ariz.), Walter Davis (Baton Rouge, La.)

THE SCOOP: Phillips is the 2003 World Indoor Champion, and Davis was the #3 qualifier on Wednesday. Either man – or both – could win a medal. Yago Lamela of Spain is the world leader at the favorite, but Phillips defeated him at the Indoor Championships.



Dwight Phillips

Men's 200 meter final

9 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Darvis Patton (Fort Worth, Texas), John Capel (Gainesville, Fla.), J.J. Johnson (Garland, Texas)

THE SCOOP: Team USA has three men in the 200-meter final for the first time in World Championships history. Patton looked especially sensational in Thursday's semifinal, but Capel has pure speed, and Johnson is a big closer. Team USA hopes for a sweep, and at last two medals are a distinct possibility.

Men's 400m hurdles final

10:05 p.m.

U.S. entrant: Joey Woody (Cedar Falls, Iowa)

THE SCOOP: Woody ran an exceptionally strong final 100 meters in Wednesday's semifinal race. Woody was

sixth at the 1999 World Championships, and the 2003 USA Outdoors third-place finisher hopes to improve on that placing in Paris.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

Men's javelin throw qualifying

6:30 p.m.

U.S. entrant: Breaux Greer (Athens, Ga.)

THE SCOOP:

Greer is a four-time U.S. champion coming back from shoulder surgery in 2002, looking to make another World Championships final. Greer



Breaux Greer

placed fourth at the 2001 World Outdoor



Joey Woody

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Championships with his personal-best throw of 87.00m/285-5, just five inches shy of the American record.

Women's high jump qualifying

6:45 p.m.

U.S. entrant: Amy Acuff (Austin, Texas)

THE SCOOP: Four-time U.S. outdoor champion Acuff is jumping higher, and with more confidence, than at any time in her career. She cleared 2.01m/6-8 in Zurich and, barring catastrophe, should easily advance to Sunday's final. Acuff is the lone American competitor in this event after Tisha Waller withdrew last week due to a stress fracture in her foot, and Gwen Wentland withdrew with a lower back injury.

Men's 110m hurdles semifinals

8:05 p.m.

U.S. entrants: Allen Johnson (Irmo, S.C.), Terrence Trammell (Columbia, S.C.), Larry Wade (Canoga Park, Calif.)



Terrence Trammell

THE SCOOP: Team USA will try to pack four hurdlers into Saturday's final. All four men fared well in Thursday's quarterfinals, and although the hurdles is an unpredictable event, more than one medal is a strong possibility with three-time world champion Johnson; Olympic silver medalist Trammell, #3 world-ranked Wade, and rapidly improving Phillips running for America.

Men's 800 meter semifinals

8:40 p.m.

U.S. entrant: David Krummenacker (Tucson, Ariz.)

THE SCOOP: Krummenacker looks to make his first final in his third appearance at the World Championships. Over the last few weeks he has not shown the early-season form that brought him a World Championships gold, but experience and smart running could land him in the final.

Women's 4x100m relay semifinals

9:15 p.m.

Relay pool: Angela Daigle (Carson, Calif.), Gail Devers (Lawrenceville, Ga.), Chryste Gaines (Lithonia, Ga.), Inger Miller (Van Nuys, Calif.) Kelli White (Union City, Calif.), Angela Williams (Ontario, Calif.), Lauryn Williams (Miami, Fla.)

THE SCOOP: Team USA has won the gold medal at



Chryste Gaines

the World Championships five times in the sprint relay, including 2001. A deep pool of talented sprinters means that White and Edwards will likely be able to rest in the semifinals, if they and head coach Angie Taylor choose to do so. Chryste Gaines could be the key to the relay, having run

a world-leading 10.89 seconds in Zurich for the 100 meters.

Women's 1,500m semifinals

9:35 p.m.

U.S. entrant: Regina Jacobs

THE SCOOP: Jacobs moved through the first round on Wednesday and now eyes the final on Sunday. Saturday will be Jacobs' 40th birthday, and she plans this to be her final World Championships. A 12-time U.S. champion in the 1,500, Jacobs is a two-time World silver medalist in this event, in 1997 and 1999. An Achilles injury kept her out of the race in 2001.



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and other magazines. A biology major while at UCLA, Acuff, who enjoys surfing, was the organizer of the 2000 Omni Lite Millennium Calendar of Champions, featuring photos of Acuff and 11 other U.S. female track and field stars. Half of the proceeds were split between Acuff and 11 other U.S. female track and field stars, who participated in the project while the other half was donated to the Florence Griffith-Joyner Foundation.

Acuff is currently enrolled in a four-year course at the Academy of Oriental Medicine in Austin, Texas, learning to become an acupuncturist. Her interest in the discipline developed when she was treated with acupuncture following an automobile accident three weeks prior to the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials. Ironically, the accident occurred on Olympic Boulevard in Los Angeles. Acuff qualified for the 2000 Olympic Team by winning a jump-off against U.S. stalwart Tisha Waller.

Acuff arrived in Paris right after becoming engaged to U.S. men's pole vaulter Tye Harvey. In addition to the new engagement ring on her finger, Acuff hopes to return to the U.S. with a new necklace around her neck – the kind with a large medal attached to it.



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Grace Upshaw (Redwood City, Calif.) had the 10th-best jump of the day in women's long jump qualifying with 6.55m/21-6 and will compete in Saturday's final. Jorge Torres (Boulder, Colo.) will compete in Sunday's final of the men's 5,000 meters after making the final cut as the last qualifier. Torres was ninth in the second of two semifinal races Thursday, finishing in 13:42.43 to post the 12th-fastest time among all competitors on the day.

The men's 800 meters 1st round provided plenty of drama for Team USA. With eight heats being run, World Indoor champion David Krummenacker (Tucson, Ariz.) finished fourth in his heat in 1:45.84 and had to wait to see if he would be among the eight fastest finishers who did not place in the top two of their

heats. In heat 3, Khadevis Robinson (Santa Monica, Calif.) came off the final curve in first but was running in fourth place heading into the finish when Mouhssin Chehibi of Morocco tangled briefly with Robinson's arms as he passed Robinson. Chehibi was disqualified, but Robinson's third-place time of 1:47.85 wasn't enough to move him to the next round. Team USA managers filed a protest, however, and Robinson was advanced to the semifinals. In heat five, Sam Burley (Philadelphia) ran out of his lane and was disqualified.

Kim Kreiner was 12th in Group A in women's javelin qualifying. She threw 54.84m/179-11 and did not advance.

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