

TEAM USA WINS 2 GOLD, 2 SILVER MEDALS

Team USA's biggest night of the 2003 World Championships Friday provided two gold medals, two silver medals, and drama aplenty at the Stade de France.

John Capel and Darvis Patton finished 1-2 in the men's 200 meters, marking the first time since the inaugural World Championships in 1983 that the U.S. has won gold and silver in the event; Dwight Phillips won a dramatic victory in the men's long jump to win his second world title of 2003; and Joey Woody pulled off a dramatic silver in the men's 400-meter hurdles.

Capel (Gainesville, Fla.) got out to a slim, early lead and maintained it to win the 200 in 20.30 seconds, while Patton (Fort Worth, Texas) rallied to nearly



Darvis Patton & John Capel

nip Capel at the finish, taking the silver in 20.31. Shingo Suetsugu of Japan placed third in 20.38, and J.J. Johnson (Garland, Texas) was sixth in 20.47.

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BEING THE BEST ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR JOHNSON

Aside from the world record, Allen Johnson has achieved everything in the men's 110m hurdles except the one goal he seeks above all others.

Perfection.

He believes the perfect race is attainable, and striving for that goal is what has driven him to the 1996 Olympic gold medal and three world outdoor championships. He will attempt to win his fourth world crown Saturday night in Paris. Should he succeed, he will become the only man ever to win four world titles in the event, surpassing the three titles owned by Greg Foster and himself.

Johnson owns the American record time of 12.92 seconds, and for years what he most wanted was to surpass Colin Jackson's world record of 12.91 and take it all the way down to 12.70, which for him would be

the perfect race. The world record, however, is no longer his focus. It is winning races. Period.

A multi-talented performer,

Johnson was recruited out of high school by the University of North Carolina as a decathlete. As a Tar Heel, Johnson concentrated on the long jump (best of 8.14m/26-8.5) and the hurdles. Former hurdle great Charles Foster, an assistant coach at UNC, led Johnson through



Allen Johnson

Phillips (Mesa, Ariz.) won the first world title of his career in March at the World Indoor Championships in Birmingham, England, but on Friday he added the more prestigious World Outdoor title to firmly declare himself the world's top long jumper. Phillips took the lead on his first jump of 8.09m/26-6.5, then increased his jump to 8.22m/26-11.75 in the third round.

In the fifth round of jumping, world leader Yago Lamela of Spain moved from third to first with his own jump of 8.22m, taking the lead by virtue of having a better second mark than Phillips. Two jumpers later, James Beckford leapfrogged from third to first with a season-best jump of 8.28m/27-2. Phillips was the next man on the runway, and he responded with a leap of 8.32m/27-3.75, posting the mark that ultimately would win the competition and performing a captivating celebratory dance.

Joey Woody (Cedar Falls, Iowa) closed off the night with a nail-biting, silver-medal finish in the 400-meter hurdles. As he had in the rounds, Woody used a strong stretch run to move into medal contention. The third-place finisher at the USA Outdoor Championships was in third heading over the final hurdle, when second-place runner Llewellyn Herbert of South Africa crashed the hurdle and fell to the track. Woody instantly found himself in second, finishing in a season-best time of 48.18 seconds. U.S.-raised and trained Felix Sanchez of the Dominican Republic won easily in a world-leading time of 47.25, with Periklis Iakovakis of Greece third in 48.24.

All four American men's 110m hurdlers advanced to Saturday's final, led by three-time champion Allen

Johnson's (Irmo, S.C.) win in heat 2 with a time of 13.19 seconds. Terrence Trammell was first in heat 3 in 13.34 seconds, with Chris Phillips (Maumelle, Ark.) overcoming a slow start to place third in 13.48 and advance on time. Larry Wade (Canoga Park, Calif.) was second in the first heat in 13.55 to advance as well. It is the first time four athletes from the same country are in the final.

The women's 4x100m relay team of Angela Williams (Ontario, Calif.), Chryste Gaines (Lithonia, Ga.), Inger Miller (Van Nuys, Calif.), and Lauryn Williams

(Miami, Fla.) dominated the first semifinal heat of the relay, winning in 42.04. Also in the U.S. relay pool for Saturday's final are 100 and 200m gold medalist Kelli White (Union City, Calif.) and double medalist Torri Edwards (Los Angeles, Calif.)

In other qualifying, Amy Acuff cleared 1.93m/6-4 to automatically advance to Sunday's final of the women's high jump.

Not advancing out of their rounds were David Krummenacker (Tucson, Ariz) and Khadevis Robinson (Santa Monica, Calif.) in the men's 800 meter semifinal. Robinson was eighth in the first semi in 1:50.60, and Krummenacker was sixth in

1:47.25 in the second semi. Also failing to advance were Regina Jacobs (Oakland, Calif.), sixth in her semifinal of the women's 1,500m (4:06.92), and Breaux Greer (Athens, Ga.), who threw 76.82m/252-0 in men's javelin qualifying.

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Angela Williams & Chryste Gaines

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FROM THE MIXED ZONE – TEAM USA QUOTES

Men's 200m final

John Capel: It was a great race. Everybody in the field gave their heart, their minds, everything. It's been tough for me and my coach, with the speculation about do I have it anymore and can I do it again, can I come back and run 19 seconds, or can I come back and win a world championship? Now the questions are answered. When I get to Greece (2004 Olympic Games in Athens) then all other questions will be answered too, when I get another chance to get that again.

Darvis Patton: It was a good race and I knew John (Capel) was going to run well and I'm really happy I was able to come up with the silver medal. John had it the whole way and I was able to close some of the last 15-20 meters. The 200 guys made up for what happened in the 100. The U.S. sprinters haven't gone anywhere, we're back and we're back tough. This was great fun.

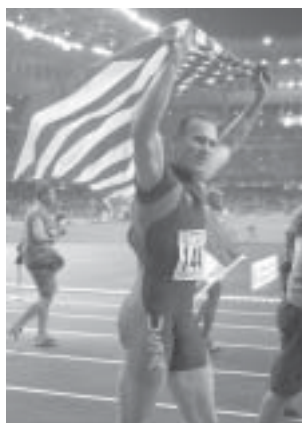
Men's long jump final

Dwight Phillips: It was a battle. Great competitors bring out the best in you, and they brought out the best in me tonight. After losing the lead after my fourth jump, I really wanted to get a big one on my fifth jump and put the pressure back on them. I did it and was able to come out on top. Normally under pressure is when I'm at my best. It feels good to be a world outdoor champion. Now, for the Olympics. That's the goal now.

Walter Davis: Man, it was a tough night. I just couldn't get a good jump. It was a great competition, I just couldn't get a good jump. The runway was real fast and I had a hard time trying to adjust. It's a learning experience.

Men's 400m Hurdles final

Joey Woody: This year I worked on some different things with Jim Bush, the former coach at UCLA. I go out there every six or eight weeks, and a couple weeks in the winter and we work on the hills. That's where my strength comes together. This is so special and the timing couldn't have been better.



Joey Woody



Dwight Phillips

Men's javelin throw qualifying

Breaux Greer: I was ready to throw far, and I thought I could've brought home a medal, but sometimes things don't go your way. My body was more than ready to go, but I had a slip on my last throw. I don't like to make excuses.

Women's 1500m semifinal

Regina Jacobs: I'm disappointed. This race didn't reflect my fitness. There was some bumping and it was very physical, which Tom (husband and coach Tom Craig) told me it would be.

Women's 4x100m relay qualifying

Inger Miller: The passes were excellent. The thing is that the four of us had the chance to practice the entire time we've been here. It's a combination of the new and the old, I guess. We're putting some new flavor into it, and I think it's really good.

Lauryn Williams: Anchor is like the biggest position and you can't mess it up, and you got to get tough, and being the youngest one out there I was more than a little nervous. But I sucked it up and I did it. It was more than fun, it was very exciting.

Chryste Gaines: We are the U.S., and we have depth this year. We put out a world leader today, but we don't know what's going to happen tomorrow. I was very antsy earlier in the week, but I'm very happy. The team has done exceptionally well.

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SATURDAY TEAM USA EVENT PREVIEWS

FINALS

Men's marathon

2:20 p.m.

Team USA entrants: Ryan Shay (East Jordan, Mich.), Kevin Collins (Craryville, N.Y.), Clint Verran (Rochester Hills, Mich.), Keith Dowling (Reston, Va.), Jimmy Hearld (Louisville, Ky.)

THE SCOOP: The men's marathon winds its way through the city of Paris as runners take part in both team and individual competition. 2003 marathon champion Ryan Shay leads the U.S. contingent.

Men's 110-meter hurdles

6 p.m.

Team USA entrants: Allen Johnson (Irmo, S.C.), Terrence Trammell (Columbia, S.C.), Larry Wade (Canoga Park, Calif.), Chris Phillips (Maumelle, Ark.)

THE SCOOP: Team USA has put an unprecedented four athletes in the final of a World Championships event. Two medals are a very strong possibility with this talented quartet. Three-time world champ Johnson is the heavy favorite and Trammell is the Olympic silver medalist, but last year's #3 world-ranked Wade, and new talent Phillips can't be discounted.

Women's long jump

6:15 p.m.

Team USA entrant: Grace Upshaw (Redwood City, Calif.)

THE SCOOP: The USA Outdoor champion, Upshaw had only the IAAF "A" standard entering the meet, but she now finds herself in the final, the first time an American has finaled in this event since 1999. A personal-best performance could land her in the top 5.



Grace Upshaw

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Women's 4x100m relay

7:45 p.m.

Team USA 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: The final lineup is expected to be composed of White, Edwards, Miller and Gaines, but the running order has yet to be officially announced.

Regardless of order, this team should be lethal. White and Edwards are double medalists already at this World Championships, while Miller and Gaines are Olympic gold medalists, World Championships gold medalists and American record holders in the relay.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

Men's 4x100m relay first round and semifinal

1st round 5:10 p.m., semifinals 7:25 p.m.

Team USA relay pool: John Capel (Gainesville, Fla.), J.J. Johnson (Garland, Texas), Darvis Patton (Fort Worth, Texas), Dwight Phillips (Mesa, Ariz.), Terrence Trammell (Columbia, S.C.), Bernard Williams (Miramar, Fla.)

THE SCOOP: New faces bring luster to the U.S. 4x100m relay pool. Team USA has won the men's 4x100m relay six times, and these athletes look to add lucky #7. USA Track & Field's national relay program has enabled athletes to work together on relays all year long; this weekend will provide a chance for athletes to show the fruits of their labor.

Women's 4x400m relay semifinals

6:15 p.m.

Team USA relay pool: Me'Lisa Barber (Columbia, S.C.), Raasin McIntosh (Austin, Texas), Jearl Miles-Clark (Knoxville, Tenn.), Sanya Richards (Austin, Texas), DeeDee Trotter (Knoxville, Tenn.), Demetria Washington (Columbia, S.C.)

THE SCOOP: Two-time World Championships 4x400 relay gold medalist Miles-Clark, who turns 37 next week, is the anchor of this young and talented relay pool, whose next-eldest member is 23-year-old Demetria Washington. The Americans should easily advance into the final.

Men's 4x400m semifinals

6:55 p.m.

Team USA relay pool: Derrick Brew (Baton Rouge, La.), Calvin Harrison (Salinas, Calif.), Mitch Potter (Minneapolis, Minn.), Adam Steele (Eden Prairie, Minn.), Tyree Washington (San Diego, Calif.), Jerome Young (Fort Worth, Texas)

THE SCOOP: Like the sprint relay, Team USA has won six gold medals in the previous eight World Championships. With a 1-2 finish in the 400 on Tuesday in their repertoire, this group should cruise through to the final. Both Washington and Young were part of the team that won gold in 1997 and are part of the team that holds the world record.

Women's High Jump

Amy Acuff: I'm really proud of myself for pulling through with the rain and everything. We're going to see some big marks in the final by probably a lot of people. I hope it (the weather) holds out so we can put on a show. I'm in the best shape of my life. I plan to be there in the medal round.

Men's 110 Hurdles (2nd Round)

Larry Wade: The goal was to win the heat. I got out, I saw my main competition was (Robert) Kronberg, so when I saw I had the lead on him, I kind of relaxed. But then the guy on the other side came up on me and I had to get back up on it. I made the finals and we're going to see what I can do in the finals.

Chris Phillips: I didn't hear the gun go off at all. When I first heard it, everybody was going already. I kind of pressed a little bit. I knew I could come back, I'm pretty strong running in the middle of the race.

Terrence Trammell: We're about to make some history. I felt a whole lot better, my reaction and my ability to stay focused throughout the latter part of the race. A few mistakes, but I can live with them. Between tonight and tomorrow, I just really need to try focus in and make sure everything is tight.

Allen Johnson: It was comfortable. I wouldn't go so far as to say it was easy, but it was comfortable. I'm happy that it went that way because it gave me some confidence going into tomorrow. I'm feeling like I can run really fast. I have to have the exact same race (tomorrow) except push all the way through to the finish line and I'll be more than happy.

Men's 800m semifinals

Khadevis Robinson: I can't catch a break. Everyday it's like I'm asking for it or something.

David Krummenacker: I tried to make a little finish out there today and unfortunately that last 200 coming home, I just didn't have the snap I needed to hold the guys off. It's just one of those things where it didn't quite work out my way.



JOHNSON from Page 1

the fundamentals of the hurdles, and while watching the 1992 Olympic Games on television, Johnson correctly predicted that he would win the gold at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Johnson, who already this season has won the USA Indoor 60m hurdle title (7.39), World Indoor hurdles crown (7.47) and his sixth USA Outdoor title (13.37), owns the fastest time in the world this year of 12.97 seconds with his win at the Gaz de France Golden League meeting.

Especially with 2000 Olympic gold medalist Anier Garcia not competing in Paris, Johnson is a heavy favorite in Saturday's final of the hurdles. In fact, his own teammates might be his stiffest competition.

Few athletes are as supportive of their teammates as Johnson. At the 1997 World Championships in Athens, when Team USA's 400m runners were banged up, Johnson ran a round of the 4x400m relay after win-

ning his second world 110m hurdles title to help get the U.S. to the final of the relay and to give other runners a rest. His two gold medals in Athens helped earn

him the 1997 Jesse Owens Award as the country's top track and field athlete.

In addition to his exploits on the track, Johnson believes in giving of himself away from the sport. In April 1998, he sponsored the Allen Johnson High School Invitational at his high school alma mater in Burke, Va.,

and he also led a drive for a new track surface at Lake Braddock. Those acts contributed to him being named USATF's 1999 Visa Humanitarian of the year.

Johnson, who resides in Irmo, S.C., and would like to run his own business some day, still has business remaining on the track. His business is winning races and collecting medals. Expect him to add one more to his collection this evening at Stade de France.



Allen Johnson

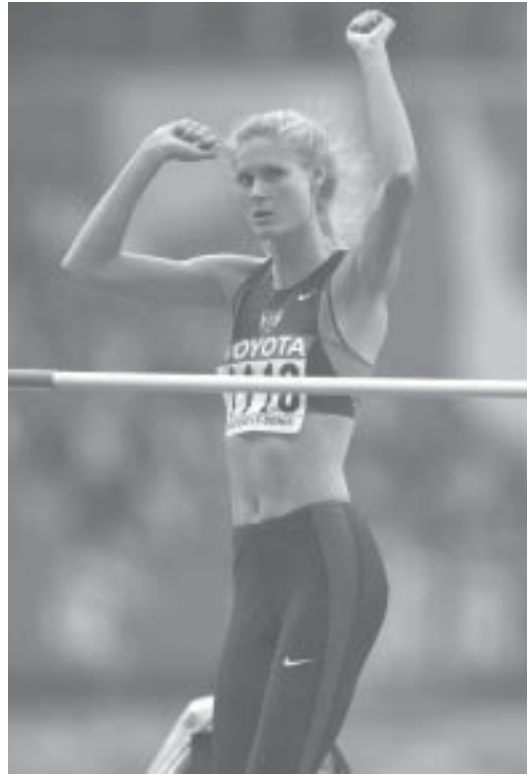
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