

JOHNSON WINS FOURTH WORLD CROWN IN 110M HURDLES

Allen Johnson became the greatest hurdler in World Championships history Saturday night at the Stade de France, leading Team USA to a 1-2-4-5 finish in the 110-meter hurdles at the 2003 IAAF World Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Johnson (Irmo, S.C.) led virtually from start to finish, crossing the finish line in 13.12 seconds to win his fourth Worlds title. With the win, he surpassed Greg Foster's three championships from 1983, '87, and '91, and added to his own titles from 1995, '97 and '01.

Johnson's training partner, Terrence Trammell (Columbia, S.C.) followed him across the line in a season-best time of 13.20 seconds for



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Allen Johnson

the silver, and Xiang Liu of China was third in 13.20. Americans Larry Wade (Canoga Park, Calif. – 13.34) and Chris Phillips (Maumelle, Ark. – 13.36) were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Team USA picked up another silver medal Saturday in the women's 4x100m relay, the team of Angela Williams (Ontario, Calif.), Chryste Gaines (Lithonia, Ga.), Inger Miller (Van Nuys, Calif.) and Torri Edwards (Los Angeles, Calif.) running 41.83 seconds to finish behind the French team of Patricia Girard, Muriel Hurtis, Sylviane Felix and Christine Arron. The Americans led coming into the homestretch, but Arron

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TORRES BREAKS NEW GROUND AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

After placing third at the 2003 USA Outdoor Championships, Jorge Torres will toe the line Sunday in the final of the men's 5,000 meters at the 2003 World Outdoor Championships following a gutsy performance in the qualifying round on Wednesday.

Although relatively inexperienced on the international scene, Torres enjoyed a successful senior season at the University of Colorado, where he won the 2002 NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships in Terre Haute, Indiana. Torres faced a strong challenge from the



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Jorges Torres

University of Arkansas' Alistair Cragg, before finally emerging as the victor in the final seconds. Torres' victory made him just the third American in the last 15 years to win the men's NCAA Cross Country title.

Torres, who completed his final collegiate season undefeated, led the Colorado men to a tenth place finish at Terre Haute, as his twin brother Eduardo added to the Buffalo's point total with his tenth place individual finish.

On the track, Torres specializes in the 5000 meters where he ran the

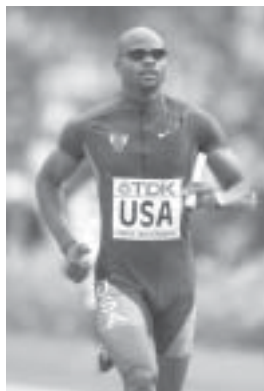
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passed double sprint medalist Edwards to steal victory for the French team in 41.78 seconds. Russia was a distant third place in 42.66.

In Saturday's only other final with a U.S. athlete, Grace Upshaw (Redwood City, Calif.), jumped 6.47m/21-2.75 to place eighth. Eunice Barber of France, the heptathlon silver medalist, won the event on her final jump of 6.99m/22-11.75.

Led by Kevin Collins' (Craryville, N.Y.) 32nd-place finish (2:15:38), the U.S. marathon team placed 10th in team competition, with a three-person cumulative time of 6:50:35.

Japan won the team title with 6:30:43, and Morocco's Joauad Gharib won the overall individual title with a time of 2:08:31. Other American finishers were Clint Verran (Rochester Hills, Mich.), 39th (2:16:42); Keith Dowling (Reston, Va.), 47th (2:18:17); and Jimmy Hearld (Louisville, Ky.), 64th (2:26:59). Ryan Shay (East Jordan, Mich.) dropped out after the 30 km mark.



Calvin Harrison

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Team USA's relays breezed through their rounds on Saturday, with the men's and women's 4x400m and the men's 4x100m all posting the fastest times of the day.

The men's 4x100m relay team of John Capel (Gainesville, Fla.), Bernard Williams (Miramar, Fla.), Darvis Patton (Fort Worth, Texas) and J.J. Johnson (Garland, Texas) won their first-round race in 38.28 seconds, then ran 37.99 seconds in the semifinal to have the fastest time by any team in either round.

The men's 4x400m relay team of Calvin Harrison (Salinas, Calif.), Mitch Potter (Minneapolis, Minn.), Adam Steele (Eden Prairie, Minn.) and Derrick Brew (Baton Rouge, La.) ran a world-leading time of 3:24.57 to lead the rest of the qualifiers into Sunday's final by 1.35 seconds.

The 4x400m women's team of Me'Lisa Barber (Columbia, S.C.), DeeDee Trotter (Knoxville, Tenn.), Sanya Richards (Austin, Texas) and Jearl Miles-Clark (Knoxville, Tenn.) ran 3:00.98 to lead all qualifiers into Sunday's final.

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Mitch Potter

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Tom Surber's La Phrase Francaise du jour

En amour, la seule victoire c'est la fuite.

In love, the sole victory is running away.

FROM THE MIXED ZONE – TEAM USA QUOTES

Men's 110m hurdles final

Allen Johnson: It wasn't the best race that I've ever run, but it was good enough for first place and I'm happy with that. I got off balance over the first two hurdles and after that I did what I could to stay ahead of Terrence (Trammell), because I could see him on the right. Honestly, I wasn't thinking about the time, I was thinking about coming here and winning. I was nervous, because I knew it was really going to be hard and I really wanted my fourth title. Each time I'm in a championships race I just treat it like it's the first time I've ever been in a championship race and I focus on what I have to do.



Terrence Trammell

Terrence Trammell: I'm glad I was able to come out and get a silver medal after only having three competitions up to this point. I did the best that I could under the circumstances and I'm pleased. I would give my mechanics about a B or a B-. I'm happy with it and I'm looking forward to better things.

Larry Wade: There's really not much to tell. I had some difficulties along the way. I'll have to go back to the drawing board

and try it again. I've been nursing a hamstring injury since after Pan Ams. To come here and run three rounds the way I did was difficult, but I made it through, and I'm happy about that.

Chris Phillips: I kept looking to my left, and I wasn't concentrating on my own race. I didn't concentrate on my technique like I should have. I had a good race in the first round, and I wish I could've done that today, but it's my first time at this level so I can't be too upset about it. My start was a little bit better, but I came into the first hurdle a little bit high.

Women's Long Jump final

Grace Upshaw: It was a little disappointing. I didn't jump as well as I hoped. But it was a good experience. I felt so flat, like I did two days ago. I don't know why. My body feels good, but running down the runway I didn't get the pop off the boards like I normally can. I think that's what I was lacking today.

Women's 4x100m Relay Semifinal

Chryste Gaines: We had a good one (handoff). We ran well today. I'm sure you could see that I ran like a mad woman out there on the backstretch. We did the best we could out there. We came out here and ran a season's best. We could ask for more, like the gold medal, but we didn't get it today.

Torri Edwards: I think that our pass was a little bit shaky and we lost a few seconds there. I did the best I could.

Inger Miller: Look at the depth that we have. It's absolutely fabulous. We could put together a combination of three or four teams and not miss a beat. If our handoffs were on we could have won this thing. We could've run an American record. There are two other girls who could've replaced two of us who could have run just as well or maybe better.

Angela Williams: I like to get the lead right off the top, so the rest of the team can work off that. I'm real excited about being a part of the team. Our handoffs are always really good and I was pumped about that. I had fun.

Women's 4x400 Relay

Jearl Miles-Clark: They gave me a big lead and I just held it. There were no problems, it was really good. The 4x4 is always an uplifting experience. You've got three young ladies here that are great. I look forward to tomorrow.

Sanya Richards: I felt wonderful, I felt great. I just wanted to give Jearl a comfortable lead so we could come home strong and I think I did that. It's exciting. Getting a stick from someone like Jearl Miles-Clark is like a dream come true. I really enjoyed myself, I'm looking forward to the final.

Dee Dee Trotter: I had a lot of fun. It got a little pushy on the backstretch. I had to go ahead and let them have it. I had to run in all the way in, I just had to sprint it all the way. It was a good race, we had a lot of fun out there. Hopefully, we'll do it again tomorrow.

Men's 4x100 Relay Semifinal

Bernard Williams: Everybody's healthy, everybody's been running. We're America's hope and we're trying to put it down, regardless of how many times we run. We have to do it tomorrow. That's what's important. We could do this all today. We don't want to reinvent the wheel (on baton passes). So we're going to talk to

SUNDAY TEAM USA EVENT PREVIEW



Jill Gaitenby

Women's marathon

2:20 p.m.

Team USA entrants: Jill Gaitenby (Los Osos, Calif.), Kelly Keane (The Woodlands, Texas), Tamara Lave (San Diego, Calif.), Sylvia Mosqueda (Los Angeles, Calif.), Linda Somers Smith (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)

THE SCOOP: Jill Gaitenby is the 2002 USA marathon champion, with a best of 2:36:12 from that year. At age 42, Somers Smith is the oldest member of Team USA and was the 1996 Olympic Marathon Trials runner-up in a personal best 2:30:06.

Women's high jump final

4:45 p.m.

Team USA entrant: Amy Acuff (Austin, Texas)

THE SCOOP: The four-time U.S. champion Amy Acuff is having the best season of her career and she has more confidence than ever before. She qualified for the final by jumping well on a wet day of qualifying on Friday – a significant achievement given that Acuff has described herself in the past as extremely tentative on a wet surface since injuring her foot while jumping on a wet apron at the 1996 Olympics. This is Acuff's best chance ever for an international medal.

Men's 4x100m final

5:50 p.m.

Team USA entrants: John Capel (Gainesville, Fla.), Bernard Williams (Miramar, Fla.), Darvis Patton (Fort Worth, Texas), J.J. Johnson (Garland, Texas)

THE SCOOP: The U.S. team of Texans and Floridians cruised through Saturday's quarterfinals and semifinals, winning by significant margins. Smooth handoffs will be the key to getting the Americans to the finish line first.



J.J. Johnson

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Men's 5,000 meters

6:40 p.m.

U.S. entrant: Jorge Torres (Boulder, Colo.)

THE SCOOP: Torres ran the qualifying round on Thursday as if it were his final. He made it through to the final as the last qualifier; now he has a chance to put icing on his World Championships cake. As a surprise finalist, Torres will try to improve his personal best of 13:24.56.

Women's 4x400m relay final

7:10 p.m.

U.S. 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: Team USA posted a world-leading mark in winning Saturday's semifinals. Competition in the final will be much stronger as the powerful Russian and Jamaican squads bring their "A" teams.



Jearl Miles-Clark

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Men's 4x400m relay final

7:35 p.m.

U.S. 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: Team USA goes after its seventh gold medal in this event. With the 400 meter gold and silver medalists in the lineup, the win seems Team USA's to lose.



Derrick Brew

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our coaches, they're going to make the judgement and we're going to do what they say.

Darvis Patton: I think in the first round, we were trying to be conservative, just to get the stick around. We decided we could open a step or two and get to the next round with a fast time.

J.J. Johnson: It felt good. These guys put it out there for me, I didn't have to do much work. We just have to get our wheels up under us. We'll put it out there and we're going to win this tomorrow. The passes in the second round were a lot better than they were in the first, we didn't move the baton around well. But, we'll go back to the drawing board tonight and find out what we can do better and maybe we can bring that time down a little bit for you.

Men's 4x400 Relay semifinal

Adam Steele: It was a great time. It's the biggest crowd I've run in front of. It's good I went on and did the job, got us to the finals along with the other three guys. We all worked hard and got there.



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Adam Steele

Derrick Brew: The purpose was to go out and get a lead at the start, so we did that. We just brought it home. I shut it down with about 80-90 meters left. I just made sure I was winning. First qualify, and we know we'll get a good lane. The best thing to do is to conserve energy for tomorrow.

Men's Marathon

Kevin Collins: I couldn't ask for much better. I was about four seconds off of my personal best. I had never felt that good in a marathon, ever. It was fantastic from the start and I'm going to go home a real happy man.

Keith Dowling: I gave it my best shot. I ran how I felt and gave it all I had. I didn't have the longest buildup this summer, so given the circumstances, I think I did alright. Certainly, it's not my PR, but I made the best out of a less-than-good situation this summer, I had about a six-week buildup, so it's about all I could do. There's not much more I could ask for.

Clint Verran: It was just a so-so race for me really. I thought I could go out and run even and conservative and smart and out-smart people and finish really high.

Jimmy Hearld: I went through halfway, felt 1:08, finished about 2:16 pace so that might be it. I fell apart after that. Not a good day for me.

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second fastest time by and American in 2002 (13:26.0). His 13:24.56 earlier this season at Stanford leads the 2003 U.S. outdoor list. He was the 2002 NCAA outdoor runner-up in the 5000 meters (13:59.88) and ended that season ranked #3 in the U.S. at that event.

Torres arrived in Paris for the World Championships with the sole purpose of making the men's 5000 meter final. With his ninth place finish in the qualifying round on Wednesday, he accomplished his goal, saying afterward, "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."

In addition to his successful collegiate career, Torres, a member of the 1999 U.S. World Cross Country Championships junior team, was a superb high school performer, who won his third Illinois Class AA state cross country title in 1998 at Peoria, Illinois' Detweiller Park in the fastest state meet performance on that course since 1977. Torres later went on to win the 1998 FootLocker National Cross Country Championship less than a month later in Orlando, Florida.

Although Torres has grown as a runner tremendously in just a short while, watch for the talented youngster from Boulder, Colorado to add to that growth Sunday in the men's 5000 meters in Paris.

ATHLETES OF THE DAY



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ALLEN JOHNSON



Angela Williams



Chryste Gaines



Inger Miller



Torri Edwards

WOMEN'S 4X100 RELAY TEAM



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