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TEAM USA GETS ROLLING WITH SATURDAY EVENTS

OSAKA, Japan – Team USA will begin its quest to extend its streak as the World's #1 Track & Field Team on Saturday when competition opens at the 2007 IAAF World Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Leading the way on Saturday are 2007 world leader **Reese Hoffa** (Athens, Ga.) and defending world champion **Adam Nelson** (Charlottesville, Va.) in the men's shot put. Fresh off a stunning personal-best throw of 22.43/73-7.25 on August 3 in London, Hoffa will be most tested by his American teammates. In addition to being the defending world champion, Nelson is a two-time Olympic and World Outdoor silver medalist. **Dan Taylor** (Carbondale, Ill.) and **Noah Bryant** (Santa Barbara, Calif.) also will challenge for medal-podium finishes.

On the track, American record holder **Deena Kastor** (Mammoth Lakes, Calif.) leads an American contingent that includes **Kara Goucher** (Portland, Ore.) and **Katie McGregor** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) in the women's 10,000 meters, while **Mbarak Hussein** (Albuquerque, N.M.), **Simeon Sawe** (Santa Fe, N.M.), **Fernando Cabada** (Bloomington, Ind.), **Mike Morgan** (Rochester Hills, Mich.) and **Kyle O'Brien** (Shelby Township, Mich.) contest the men's marathon.

The women's heptathlon begins day 1 of competition, with qualifying rounds in several events, including the men's 1500m, men's 400m hurdles, men's triple jump and men's 100 meters. At right is a time schedule for Saturday and list of U.S. entrants.



NAGAI STADIUM

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TEAM USA ENTRANTS – SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

7 a.m., men's marathon final - Mbarak Hussein (Albuquerque, NM), Simeon Sawe (Santa Fe, NM), Fernando Cabada (Bloomington, IN), Mike Morgan (Rochester Hills, MI), Kyle O'Brien (Shelby Township, MI)

10 a.m., men's shot put qualifying - Adam Nelson (Charlottesville, VA), Reese Hoffa (Athens, GA), Dan Taylor (Carbondale, IL), Noah Bryant (Santa Barbara, CA)

10 a.m., women's heptathlon 100H (Hyleas Fountain (Kettering, OH), Diana Pickler (Pullman, WA), Virginia Johnson (State College, PA)

10:40 a.m., women's steeplechase - Jennifer Barringer (Boulder, CO), Anna Willard (Ann Arbor, MI), Lindsey Anderson (Morgan, UT)

11:20 a.m., heptathlon high jump

11:25 a.m., men's 1500m - Alan Webb (Reston, VA), Leonel Manzano (Austin, TX), Bernard Lagat (Tucson, AZ)

12:10 p.m., men's 100m first round - Tyson Gay (Fayetteville, AR), Mark Jelks (Kansas City, KS), J-Mee Samuels (Fayetteville, AR)

7:10 p.m., heptathlon shot put

7:30 p.m., women's 800m first round - Alysia Johnson (Canyon Country, CA), Hazel Clark (Knoxville, TN), Alice Schmidt (San Diego, CA)

7:30 p.m., men's hammer qualifying - A.G. Kruger (Ashland, OH), Kibwe Johnson (Ashland, OH)

8:15 p.m., men's 100m second round

8:20 p.m., men's shot put final

8:30 p.m., men's triple jump qualifying - Walter Davis (Baton Rouge, LA)*, Aarik Wilson (Bloomington, IN), Lawrence Willis (Lafayette, LA), Kenta Bell (Decatur, GA)

8:40 p.m., men's 400m hurdles first round - Bershawn Jackson (Raleigh, N.C.)*, James Carter (Raleigh, N.C.), Kerron Clement (Gainesville, FL), Derrick Williams (Fayetteville, AR)

9:30 p.m., heptathlon 200m

9:50 p.m., women's 10,000m final - Deena Kastor (Mammoth Lakes, CA), Kara Goucher (Portland, OR), Katie McGregor (Saint Louis Park, MN)



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ADAM NELSON



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DEENA KASTOR

TEAM USA NOTES

FELIX FOCUSES ON 200



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Reigning women's 200m world champion Allyson Felix will focus on the 200 meters at the World Championships in Osaka, choosing to forgo the 100m. Mechelle Lewis (Fort Washington, Md.) will assume her 100m spot on the roster, where she is joined by 2003 world champion Torri Edwards, 2005 world champion Lauryn Williams and USA Outdoor third-place finisher Carmelita Jeter.

Felix qualified to compete in both the 100 and 200 meters in Osaka by

winning the 200 (22.34) and placing fourth in the 100 (11.24) at the 2007 AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. After arriving in Japan, she decided to focus her efforts on her specialty event, the 200, as well as Team USA relays.

The 2007 Pan Am Games silver medalist in the 100, Lewis placed fifth at the AT&T USA Outdoor Championships in 11.25, just .01 behind Felix. She has a best time this year of 11.13, run in the first round of the USA Championships. The 2002 graduate of University of South Carolina is a former NCAA All-American and was the 2002 NCAA woman of the year from that state.

REESE'S RUBIK ROMANCE

In addition to owning the world's top shot put in 2007, reigning world indoor champion Reese Hoffa evidently has other mad skills in his repertoire.

The bio on Hoffa's web site, www.reesehoffa.com, describes some of Hoffa's many hobbies. Among them: "He loves any sort of puzzle and his specialty is solving Rubik's cube (he's lightning fast ... see the video http://www.reesehoffa.com/ASF_0001.ASF of him solving the Rubik's cube in 55 seconds).

Hoffa's Rubik's mastery has earned him admiration from his teammates in Osaka, who now greet him and cheer for him with "RUBIK!"

Hoffa's bio also notes that he "likes almost anything to eat, especially his mom's lasagna, a good New York strip steak and chicken fettuccini Alfredo." No mention of the gigantic turkey leg Hoffa dramatically consumed after winning the 2007 USA Outdoor title.



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HERSH ELECTED IAAF VP

Bob Hersh, an IAAF Council member for the U.S. since 1999, has been elected as one of four IAAF Vice Presidents Wednesday at the first session of the 46th IAAF Congress.



The IAAF, under the leadership of its President Lamine Diack (SEN) who heads the 28 member Council, is the highest authority for athletics in the world. Today, the IAAF has 212 affiliated National Member Federations who gather once every two years for a Congress, which is the IAAF's ultimate decision making body.

Hersh had the second-most votes among all vice presidential candidates with 141, behind only World record-holder and six-time World champion in the men's pole vault, Segey Bubka (UKR), who had 167 votes. Also elected as Vice Presidents were London 2012 Chairman and four-time Olympic medalist Sebastian Coe (GBR) and Dahlan Al-Hamad, President of Qatar Athletics Association.

Hersh served as a member of the Technical Committee from 1984 until 1999, when he was elected to the Council. Since then, he has been a valued contributor, not only to the Council, but to the workings of three of its Commissions, the Doping Review Board and the Anti-Doping Task Force. Over the years, he has been appointed by the IAAF as a Technical Delegate, Jury of Appeal Member, ITO, Course Lecturer and English announcer at the IAAF's most important events including the Olympics and World Championships.

Also during the elections, David Katz was re-elected to the Technical Committee. Katz has served as Technical Director, meet director, athlete, surveyor and coach over the last 30 years. He works closely with the IAAF administration and membership, reaching out to athletes and experts in rules, meet management, coaching and facilities to offer their knowledge and opinions for the Committee's consideration.

Robert Bowman was re-elected to the Race Walking Committee of which he has been a member since 1981. Bowman has a deep background in race walking that includes being an athlete, competing in three Olympic Trials; and as a judge, he was the Chief Judge for the 1992 Olympic Games and the 1987-91 World Championships.

Long-time USATF Official Rex Harvey was elected to the Masters' Committee. Since its inception in the mid 70's, Harvey has been active in Masters Athletics working primarily in the technical areas. He is currently the WMA Vice President-Stadia, an elected position that is the Technical Delegate responsible for all technical aspects of the upcoming WMA Championships in Italy and Finland.

For complete election results from the 46th IAAF Congress, visit www.iaaf.org.



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