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## GAY GRABS CONVINCING GOLD IN MEN'S 100M

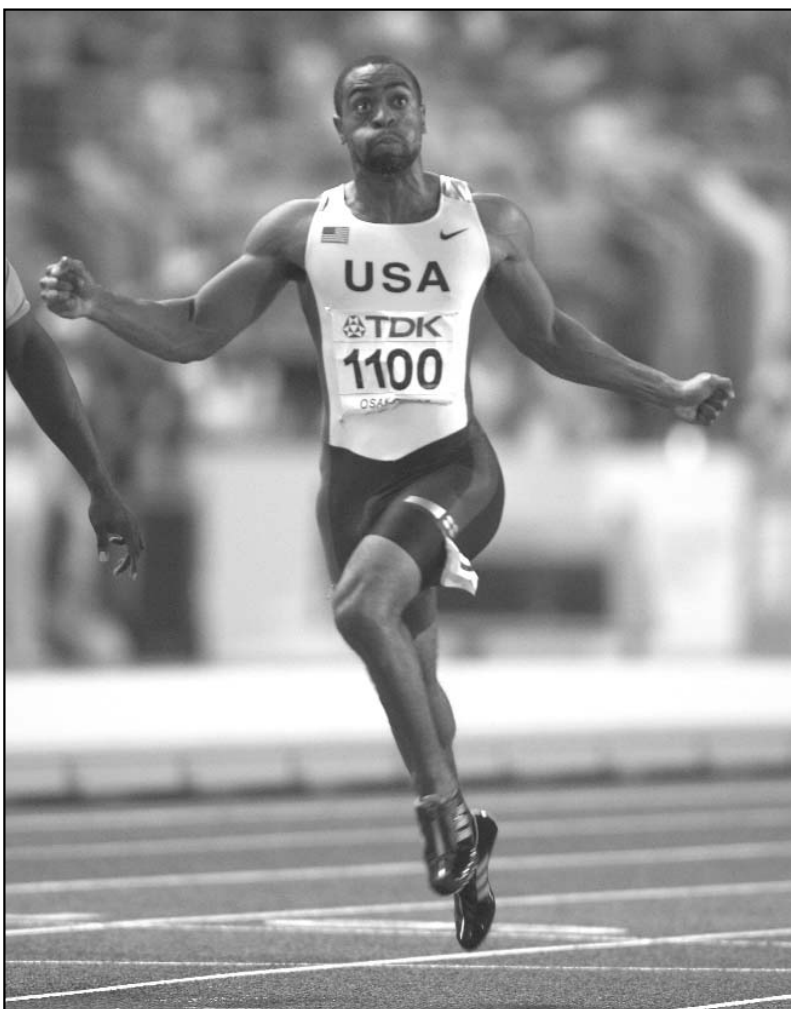
OSAKA, Japan – In the hazy, still air of Nagai stadium, Tyson Gay delivered on a season in which he has dominated the men's 100 meters, winning the event in impressive fashion Sunday night at the 2007 IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

Gay entered the meet owning the fastest time in the world in 2007, with his 9.84 from the AT&T USA Outdoor Championships, but world record holder Asafa Powell of Jamaica had looked in top form during the rounds. Gay, by contrast, had had somewhat sluggish starts through the rounds as he competed on the World stage for the first time.

Although Sunday's final was close from the gun, the outcome was never truly in doubt. With Powell in lane 4 and Gay in 5, the American had a very solid start, with the third-fastest reaction time of the field, and was virtually even with Powell. But it is the second half of Gay's 100m that is most impressive, and when he moved ahead at 60 meters, the race was as good as over.

Gay won convincingly in 9.85 seconds (-0.5 mps wind), while Derrick Atkins of the Bahamas, running off Gay's shoulder in lane 6, overtook Powell to finish second in a national-record time of 9.91 seconds. Powell was third in 9.96, in a race that featured eight athletes from eight different countries.

In Sunday's only other final with an American athlete, Diana Pickler (Pullman, Wash.) placed 25th in the heptathlon with 5838 points, posting marks of 6.01m/19-8.5 in the long jump (853 points), 39.62m/130-0 in the javelin (660) and 2:20.63 (815) in the 800. GiGi Johnson jumped 6.21m/20-4.5 in the long jump but hyperextended her left knee in the process and withdrew from the competition. Hyleas Fountain (Kettering, Ohio) had no mark in the long jump and withdrew with a right hamstring injury.



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TYSON GAY

### Hurdlers, sprinters move on

A trio of Americans will run in Tuesday's final of the men's 400m hurdles. 2005 World Outdoor silver medalist James Carter (Raleigh, N.C.) and Derrick Williams moved out of the first semifinal heat Sunday by placing second (48.30) and fourth (48.44), respectively. Carter qualified automatically while Williams made it on time, by just .01 over national hero Kenji Narisako of Japan, the 2005 bronze medalist in the event.

Leading the second semifinal, defending world champion Bershawn Jackson (Raleigh, N.C.) crashed the final hurdle with his lead leg and fell to third in 48.95, short of qualifying, but two-time USA champion Kerron Clement won the third and final semi in 48.60 to make the final.

Team USA's quartet of women's 100m runners moved into Monday's semifinal, with the final slated as the last event Monday night. In Sunday night's second round, 2003 world champ Torri Edwards (Corona Calif.) easily won Heat 1 in 11.13, while Carmelita Jeter (Long continued next page

### Team USA Medal Table

#### Gold (2)

Tyson Gay (Fayetteville, Ark.), M100m, 9.85  
Reese Hoffa (Athens, Ga.), MSP, 22.04m/72-3.75

#### Silver (1)

Adam Nelson (Charlottesville, Va.), MSP, 21.61m/70-10.75

#### Bronze (1)

Kara Goucher (Portland, Ore.), W10,000m, 32:02.05

## DAVIS GOES FOR GOLD IN MONDAY COMPETITION

Team USA entrants – Monday, August 27

OSAKA, Japan – Walter Davis defends his global title in the men's triple jump, and qualifying rounds keep American athletes busy Monday at the 2007 IAAF World Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Nagai Stadium.

The 2005 World Outdoor and 2006 World Indoor gold medalist, Davis (Baton Rouge, La.) will be joined in the final by Aarik Wilson (Bloomington, Ind.), the #2 jumper on the world list this year. On the track, Abdi Abdirahman (Tucson, Ariz.), Galen Rupp (Portland, Ore.) and Dathan Ritzenhein (Boulder, Colo.) take on the men's 10,000m final.

All four U.S. sprinters compete in the women's 100m semifinals, aiming for the final later in the night, as do Team USA's women's 400m trio. Other key qualifying events include the women's 100m hurdles, women's long jump and women's 400m hurdles.

To the right is a complete listing of USATF entrants for Monday competition.



WALTER DAVIS

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10 a.m., women's discus qualifying – Suzy Powell (Modesto, CA), Rebecca Breisch (Chula Vista, CA), Cecilia Barnes (Fresno, CA)

10:10 a.m., women's 100m hurdles first round – Michelle Perry (Santa Clarita, CA), Virginia Powell (Los Angeles, CA), Lolo Jones (Baton Rouge, LA), Nichole Denby (Champaign, IL)

10:30 a.m., women's long jump qualifying – Tianna Madison (Los Angeles, CA), Grace Upshaw (Santa Monica, CA), Brittney Reese (Gulfport, MS), Rose Richmond (Bloomington, IN)

10:40 a.m., men's high jump qualifying – Jim Dilling (Fond du Lac, WI), Jamie Nieto (Chula Vista, CA), Jesse Williams (Raleigh, N.C.)

10:50 a.m., women's 400m hurdles first round – Tiffany Williams (Columbia, SC), Sheena Johnson (Los Angeles, CA), Nicole Leach (Los Angeles, CA)

8 p.m., women's 100m semifinal – Lauryn Williams (Miami, FL), Torri Edwards (Corona, CA), Carmelita Jeter (Long Beach, CA), Mechelle Lewis (Raleigh, N.C.)

**8:30 p.m., men's triple jump FINAL** – Walter Davis (Baton Rouge, La.), Aarik Wilson (Bloomington, Ind.)

8:40 p.m., men's 1,500m semifinal – Alan Webb (Reston, Va.), Bernard Lagat (Tucson, Ariz.)

9:10 p.m., women's 400m semifinal – De'Hashia Trotter (Knoxville, TN), Natasha Hastings (St. Albans, NY), Mary Wineberg (Cincinnati, OH)

**9:40 p.m., men's 10,000m FINAL** – Abdi Abdirahman (Tucson, AZ), Galen Rupp (Portland, OR), Dathan Ritzenhein (Boulder, CO)

**10:20 p.m., women's 100m FINAL**

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Beach, Calif.) overcame a horrible start to place third in Heat 2 in 11.17. Mechelle Lewis (Raleigh, N.C.) was third in Heat 3 in 11.17 to move on, and defending gold medalist Lauryn Williams (Miami, Fla.) placed second in Heat 4 in 11.16.

American record holder Jenn Stuczynski easily made Tuesday's women's pole vault final by clearing the automatic qualifying height of 4.55m/14-11 on her first attempt. Jillian Schwartz cleared a season's best 4.45m/14-7.25 and Niki McEwen (Medford, Ore.) cleared 4.35m/14-3.25, but neither woman qualified.

Hazel Clark (Knoxville, Tenn.) was eighth in her semifinal of the women's 800m in 2:02.92 and did not advance.

### Morning Glory

In morning qualifying action, all three Americans easily advanced to the women's 400m semifinals. 2007 national champion Dee Dee Trotter (Knoxville, Tenn.) had little difficulty in winning her opening round race in 51.27 seconds. 2007 USA Outdoor Champs third-place finisher Mary Wineberg was the runner-up in Heat 2 in 51.25 seconds, and 2007 USA Outdoor runner-up and NCAA Indoor and Outdoor champion Natasha Hastings (St. Albans, N.Y.) placed third in Heat 5 in 51.07.

The men's 20 km race walk final was held in brutally hot conditions under an unrelenting bright sun. Three-time USA 20 km champion Kevin Eastler (Aurora, Colo.) was the top American, placing 27th in 1 hour 28 minutes 29 seconds. Two-time Olympian and five-time U.S. 20 km champion Tim Seaman was 30th in 1:33:58.

### Tough times

Two-time USA men's discus throw champion Ian Waltz (Chula Vista, Calif.) had a best throw of 62.67 meters/205 feet 7 inches, 2004 Olympic Trials champion Jared Rome (Chula Vista, Calif.) threw 61.87m/203-0, and reigning U.S. champion Michael Robertson (Beebe, Ark.) threw 60.39m/198-1 in discus qualifying but none advanced to the final.

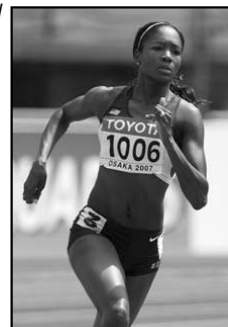
Women's shot put qualifying proved difficult as well, with no Americans making the final. Kristin Heaston (Palo Alto, Calif.) had a best throw of 17.40m/57-1, 2006 USA Outdoor champion Jillian Camarena (Tucson, Ariz.) threw 16.95m/55-7.50 and 2007 NCAA Indoor champion Sarah Stevens (Tempe, Ariz.) had a best toss of 16.87m/55-4.25.

In men's 3,000m steeplechase qualifying, Thomas Brooks (Eugene, Ore.), was 12th in his heat in 8 minutes 56.20 seconds. 2007 USA champion Joshua McAdams (Provo, Utah), placed fifth in Heat 2 in 8:32.46 and 2007 USA Outdoor runner-up Aaron Aguayo (Phoenix, Ariz.) finished 10th in Heat 3 in 8:30.86. None advanced.

### Notes on Nellie

Adam Nelson's silver medal in the men's shot put Saturday night etched him into history. With silver medals in 2001, 2003 and 2007, and a gold in 2005, Nelson's four World Outdoor Championships medals now make him the most-decorated men's shot putter in World Outdoor history. John Godina owns three golds, but no other thrower has four medals of any color.

His latest silver also makes Nelson the only American athlete in any event to medal in every World Outdoor and Olympic competition since 2000. His results are as follows: 2000 Olympics, silver; 2001 World Outdoors, silver; 2003 World Outdoors, silver; 2004 Olympics, silver; 2005 World Outdoors, gold; 2007 World Outdoors, silver.



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