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Atlanta - June 14-23

For the second time in a dozen years a US Olympic city played host to the Trials. The action on the track helped to mask the inefficiencies of the local transport system and stadium security. The heat was such that cooling machines were used on the infield, to the evident relief of many athletes; the daily temperatures were (from day 1 to 8), 85o, 85-88o, 84-87o, 78-84o, 87o, 87-92o, 91-93o, 92-94o, with humidity reaching 74% on June 17, the day of the mens' 10,000m and womens' 5,000m. Rain, on the couple of occasions it appeared, served to delay proceedings because of the threat of lightning. For the first time since 1988 a World Record was set at the Trials, with Michael Johnson finally breaking the 200m record.

100 Meters - June 15, 21.40 Hr (+1.1w)

1. Dennis Mitchell (Mizuno)	9.92	(5.53/4.39)
2. Mike Marsh (SMTC)	10.00	(5.68/4.32)
3. Jon Drummond (Nik)	10.02	(5.58/4.44)
4. Jeff Williams (Mizuno)	10.06	(5.71/4.35)
5. Tim Harden (Ky)	10.07	(5.61/4.46)
6. Leroy Burrell (SMTC)	10.07	(5.64/4.43)
7. Tim Montgomery (Norfolk St)	10.12	(5.66/4.46)
8. Carl Lewis (SMTC)	10.21	(5.74/4.47)

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 15, 18.10/18.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Mitchell 9.98, 2. Harden 10.02, 3. C.Lewis 10.03, 4. Williams 10.05, 5. Vincent Henderson (Reebok) 10.06, 6. Jeff Laynes (Goldwin TC) 10.08, 7. Terry Bowen (Miz) 10.15, 8. Anthony Jones (Unat) 10.21 (+0.6w)
- 2/ 1. Drummond 9.98, 2. Marsh 10.00, 3 Burrell 10.06, 4. Montgomery 10.09 /10.089, 5. Brian Lewis (Norf St) 10.09/10.090, 6. Henry Neal (Unat) 10.14, 7. Kenny Brokenburr (Unat) 10.20, 8. Alvis Whitted (NC St) 10.26 (-0.1w)

Quarter-finals - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 14, 20.20-20.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Drummond 10.00, 2. Burrell 10.01, 3. C.Lewis 10.04, 4. Bowen 10.13, 5. Brokenburr 10.15, 6. Whitted 10.17, 7. Maurice Greene (Powerade) 10.18, Sam Jefferson (Miz) - dnc (+0.6w)
- 2/ 1. Williams 10.07, 2. Marsh 10.07, 3. B.Lewis 10.10, 4. Harden 10.12, 5. Laynes 10.16, 6. Tony McCall (NC) 10.22, 7. David Oaks (Nike) 10.26, 8. Travis Grant (Nike) 10.33 (-0.9w)
- 3/ 1. Mitchell 10.08, 2. Henderson 10.16, 3. Neal 10.16, 4. Montgomery 10.19, 5. Jones 10.27, 6. Chris Cummings (LSU) 10.31, 7. Randall Evans (Unat) 10.32, 8. Andre Cason (Unat) 10.35-inj (-0.2w)

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 14, 17.30-17.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Drummond 9.99, 2. Bowen 10.07, 3. Montgomery 10.08, 4. Oaks 10.12, 5. Burrell 10.16, 6. McCall 10.17, Neal 10.18, 8. Cummings 10.28 (-0.3w)
- 2/ 1. Williams 10.02, 2. B.Lewis 10.05, 3. Mitchell 10.07, 4. Greene 10.08, 5. Laynes 10.10, 6. Brokenburr 10.15, 7. Grant 10.32, 8. Jonathan Carter (Unat) 10.34 (0.3w)
- 3/ 1. Henderson 10.10, 2. C.Lewis 10.10, 3. Jones 10.25, 4. Jefferson 10.34, 5. Rod Tolbert (Asics) 10.36, 7. Ron Clark (Unat) 10.56, 8. Wendell Gaskin (Nike) 11.13 (+1.1w)
- 4/ 1. Cason 10.07, 2. Marsh 10.17, 3 Whitted 10.28, 4. Evans 10.35, 5. Slip Watkins (Nike) 10.36, 6. Anthony Barnes (Unat) 10.45, 7. Tod Long (Nike A) 10.52, 8. Pete Hargraves (New Era) 10.54, 9. Keith Williams (Nike) 10.79 (-0.5w)

The Atlanta track was opened for the first of 3 meetings in its lifetime (it was uprooted after the Olympics to make way for baseball) at the Grand Prix Meeting on May 18, and Dennis Mitchell won the 100m there with a barely wind-assisted 9.93, just holding off resurging Carl Lewis's 9.94. These two were the favorites in an eagerly anticipated event. Jon Drummond helped to make things live up to expectations, as he seared the opening heat in 9.99 to equal his PR (with his 4th such clocking !). Behind him Tim Montgomery (10.08) and David Oaks (10.12) both ran lifetime bests, and Henry Neal did a seasonal best of 10.18.. in 7th place. Jeff Williams impressed in the next race, running a PR 10.02, with a 10.08 best for 4th placer Maurice Greene, behind surprising Brian Lewis (10.05) and Mitchell (10.07). Andre Cason showed a return to form in winning the final heat in 10.07, but injured himself (for the second straight OT) in his next race. Later in the day Drummond again won the first race - this time in 10.00, just holding off Leroy Burrell, who ran a seasonal best 10.01, as did Carl Lewis (10.04) in third. With slight headwinds the general tenor of the second round was slightly cooler than the

earlier races.

The next day the heat was turned up. Mitchell got a superb start in semi-final 1, and led the whole way to clock 9.98, with Tim Harden running a PR 10.02, just holding off fast finishing Carl Lewis - another yearly best of 10.03; ominously he said afterwards "I felt a slight cramp in my left calf". Jeff Williams got the final qualifying spot, edging past Vincent Henderson 10.05 to 10.06 at the finish. In the other race, Drummond finally lowered his PR by 1/100th to 9.98 after a fine pick-up, which took him a meter clear by halfway. Marsh closed very quickly for a 10 flat clocking, with Burrell in third. Brian Lewis lost out to Montgomery by 0.001 seconds.

A fast race (on a hard quick surface) was anticipated, and Dennis Mitchell duly obliged, showing the fastest reaction time (0.136 seconds) and an immaculate pick-up ahead of Drummond. Lewis got one of his worst starts, and was lagging in last at 20 meters. Harden and Burrell showed well to mid-race, but Marsh again produced the best finish, surging past Drummond in the last 10 meters, with Williams finishing well for 4th in 10.06, just ahead of Harden and Burrell. Lewis, hindered by his start and sore legs from the hardness of the track gave up when it was clear he would not make the first three, possibly thinking of the long jump and 200 meters to come. In all, Lewis had made 5 consecutive 100m finals – no-one else had more than 3 – averaging 10.13/+0.9w for his 19 races over 16 years ! It was clear that Lewis was not the only sufferer, as Marsh and Mitchell also had twinges of cramp after the race. For Mitchell it was a historic performance, as he became the first man to finish in the top-3 of three consecutive Trials 100 meter finals, though he was a little confused in his excitement in the post race interview, gleefully exclaiming "I'm Barcelona bound".

200 Meters - June 23, 17.40 Hr (+1.7w)

5. 1.	Michael Johnson (Nike)	19.66	(10.26/9.40)
6. 2.	Jeff Williams (Mizuno)	20.03	(10.44/9.59)
4. 3.	Mike Marsh (SMTC)	20.04	(10.41/9.63)
3. 4.	Ramon Clay (Norfolk State)	20.08	(10.51/9.57)
1. 5.	Carl Lewis (SMTC)	20.20	(10.47/9.73)
2. 6.	Alvis Whitted (NC St)	20.31	(10.56/9.75)
8. 7.	Floyd Heard (SMTC)	20.34	(10.53/9.81)
7. 8.	Kevin Little (USW)	20.39	(10.52/9.87)

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 17.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Johnson 19.70w (10.26/10.44), 2. Clay 19.99w (10.39/9.60), 3. Little 20.09w (10.35/9.74), 4. Heard 20.15w (10.47/9.68), 5. Gentry Bradley (UCLA) 20.20W (10.67/9.53), 6. Dino Napier (US-A) 20.22w (10.65/9.57), 7. Tony Wheeler (Clemson) 20.30w (10.54/9.76), 8. Rohsaan Griffin (LSU) 20.31w (10.52/9.79) (+2.7w)
- 2/ 1. Williams 20.02 (10.39/9.63), 2. Marsh 20.20 (10.39/9.81), 3. Lewis 20.29 (10.38/9.91), 4. Whitted 20.29 (10.51/9.78), 5. Dave Dopek (Powerade) 20.44 (10.70/9.74), 6. Bryan Bridgewater (Unat) 20.52 (10.59/9.93), 7. Slip Watkins (Nike) 20.69 (10.54/10.15), 8. Vincent Henderson (Reebok) 20.81 (10.62/10.19) (-0.3w)

Quarter-finals - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 22, 15.55 Hr

- 1/ 1. Williams 20.07w (10.36/9.71), 2. Little 20.35w (10.43/9.92), 3. Bridgewater 20.43w (10.51/9.92), 4. Henderson 20.48w (10.40/10.08), 5. Griffin 20.60w (10.58/10.02), 6. Anthuan Maybank (Nike) 20.70w (10.89/9.81), 7. Bryan Krill (Powerade) 21.09w (10.83/10.26) (+2.4w)
- 2/ 1. Johnson 20.23 (10.31/9.92), 2. Marsh 20.30 (10.46/9.84), 3. Whitted 20.36 (10.51/9.85), 4. Wheeler 20.39 (10.55/9.84), 5. Dopek 20.44 (10.72/9.72), 6. Watkins 20.67 (10.49/10.18), 7. Cornelius Cavitt (UT Arlington) 20.90 (10.82/10.08), 8. Mike Price (Tx A&M) 21.15 (10.77/10.38) (0.0w)
- 3/ 1. Clay 20.20 (10.44/9.76), 2. Lewis 20.29 (10.42/9.87), 3. Napier 20.33 (10.64/9.69), 4. Bradley 20.34 (10.63/9.81), 5. Heard 20.51 (10.49/10.02), 6. Chris Nelloms (Unat) 20.71 (10.51/10.20), 7. Rod Tolbert (Asics) 20.80 (10.57/10.23), 8. Jah'Shawn St.Julian (SMTC) 20.93 (10.71/10.22) (+0.7w)

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 21, 19.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Clay 20.12 (10.34/9.78), 2. Lewis 20.30 (10.38/9.92), 3. Wheeler 20.43 (10.51/9.92), 4. Henderson 20.47 (10.42/10.05), 5. Bridgewater 20.57 (10.53/10.04), 6. Nelloms 20.58 (10.50/10.08), 7. Cavitt 20.67 (10.61/10.06) (+1.1w)
- 2/ 1. Marsh 20.34 (10.42/9.92), 2. Maybank 20.42 (10.62/9.80), 3. Bradley 20.48 (10.55/9.93), 4. Dopek 20.49 (10.60/9.89), 5. Griffin 20.58 (10.56/10.02), 6. Jason Rouser (Nike) 20.80 (10.71/10.09) (+0.3w)
- 3/ 1. Johnson 20.61 (10.19/10.42), 2. St.Julian 20.91 (10.60/10.31), 3. Krill 20.95 (10.79/10.16), 4. Price 21.04 (10.62/10.42), 5. Thompson 21.06 (10.53/10.53) (+0.9w)
- 4/ 1. Williams 20.10 (10.38/9.72), 2. Little 20.44 (10.45/9.99), 3. Whitted 20.45 (10.48/9.97), 4. Napier 20.47 (10.49/9.98), 5. Heard 20.51 (10.47/10.04), 6. Watkins 20.65 (10.43/10.22), 7. Tolbert 20.71 (10.58/10.13) (+0.9w)

No athlete had ever been able to influence the Olympic schedule before Michael Johnson stated his aim of winning an Olympic double, but Johnson got the times changed to suit him - but first he had to make the team. Having won the 400, he made his intentions clear in round one with an electrifying first 100 of 10.19 (timed by the author by examination of videotape) and was almost as awesome in

continually checking his stride to come home in a reasonable 20.61. Surprising Ramon Clay (20.12 PR in heat 1) and Jeff Williams (20.10 in the final heat) were much quicker on the watch, but less impressive. Round 2, held the same day as the semis, was less frenetic than the 100 quarter-finals had been, but the semi-finals held something special. Johnson powered his way through his race, easing off in the last few strides, but the watch stopped at 19.70, and it seemed that Pietro Mennea's 17 year old WR had finally fallen, but the wind was over the limit, much to the chagrin of announcer Garry Hill and the 26,000+ crowd. Behind him Ramon Clay began to look like an Olympian. In the other race Jeff Williams ran 20.02 into a slight wind - with Mike Marsh looking solid in 2nd (20.20).

The Santa Monica supporters were not pleased at the draw, which saw Carl Lewis in lane 1 - the 4 top placers in the semis got the middle lanes in the final, with the other 4 lanes filled by random draw. Lewis needed lane 7 or 8 to have a chance of qualifying. Johnson was clearly intensely focused for the final, and had 2 meters on Marsh and Williams coming off the curve. He doubled the advantage steadily to the tape, and this time it was the WR - 19.66 ! - a virtually perfect way to finish off the 1996 FOT. Behind him Williams just edged Marsh for second (20.03 to 20.04), with Clay - good enough to star in any other Olympic team - running another PR in 20.08. Carl Lewis ran a fine 20.20 in his last major 200, and would have been a serious threat to run under 20.00 with a better lane. Afterwards Johnson said "I had a good reaction to the gun (0.183, some 0.043 slower than Lewis in lane 1). Then I started rolling and tried to build off the curve..I think 19.5 is certainly possible". As events transpired Johnson was underestimating his abilities. He made his Trials run look almost mundane with his Olympic run, crushing his record with an incredible 19.32.

400 Meters - June 19, 19.10 Hr

5. 1.	Michael Johnson (Nike)	43.44	11.02/21.27/31.64
4. 2.	Butch Reynolds (Foot Locker)	43.91	11.12/21.36/32.12
6. 3.	Alvin Harrison (Nike)	44.09	11.44/21.77/32.24
3. 4.	LaMont Smith (SMTC)	44.30	11.08/21.38/32.18
7. 5.	Derek Mills (Powerade)	44.67	11.12/21.32/32.16
1. 6.	Jason Rouser (Nike)	44.77	10.98/21.40/32.59
2. 7.	Quincy Watts (Nike)	45.64	10.92/21.16/32.52
8. -	Anthuan Maybank (Nike) -dq for lane infraction	44.39	

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 17, 18.35/18.41 Hr

- 1/ 1. A.Harrison 44.43, 2. Johnson 44.81, 3. Watts 45.10, 4. Maybank 45.18, 5. Antonio Pettigrew (Reeb) 45.19, 6. Andrew Valmon (Reeb) 45.84, 7. Obea Moore (CaHS) 46.01, 8. Leonard Byrd (UTSA) 46.15
- 2/ 1. Smith 44.51, 2. Reynolds 44.58, 3. Mills 44.65, 4. Rouser 44.77, 5. Calvin Harrison (Nike) 44.78, 6. Deon Minor (Nike) 45.32, 7. Jerome Young (Wallace JC) 45.57, 8. Tony Miller (Nike) 46.84

Quarter-finals - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 16, 20.05 Hr

- 1/ 1. Minor 45.10, 2. Johnson 45.11, 3. Maybank 45.28, 4. Rouser 45.35, 5. Young 45.50, 6. James Davis (Col) 45.92, 7. Kevin Jefferson (Sn) 46.11, Danny McCray (Tx A&M) Dnf
- 2/ 1. A.Harrison 44.66, 2. Watts 44.76, 3. C.Harrison 44.76, 4. Mills 45.28, 5. Moore 45.43, 6. Byrd 45.46, 7. Chris Jones (SMTC) 45.64, 8. Kevin Lyles (Adi) 46.63
- 3/ 1. Smith 45.04, 2. Reynolds 45.19, 3. Pettigrew 45.27, 4. Valmon 45.86, 5. Miller 45.96, 6. Dakari Lenear (Pr V) 46.07, Milton Campbell (NC) 46.28, 8. Tony Wheeler (Clem) 46.31

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 15, 19.40-19.58 Hr

- 1/ 1. Pettigrew 45.32, 2. Mills 45.44, 3. Watts 45.70, 4. Miller 45.89, 5. Campbell 45.98, 6. Danny Everett (SMTC) 46.61, 7. Raoul Howard (Bay) 47.02
- 2/ 1. Maybank 44.77, 2. Johnson 44.80, 3. Smith 44.94, 4. Byrd 45.09, 5. Rouser 45.29, 6. Moore 45.48, 7. Davis 45.88, 8. Dorian Green (Ill) 46.91
- 3/ 1. Reynolds 45.46, 2. Young 45.49, 3. Minor 45.62, 4. Wheeler 45.76, 5. Jefferson 46.18, 6. Lyles 46.31, 7. Otis Scott (Nike) 47.04
- 4/ 1. C.Harrison 44.70, 2. A.Harrison 44.93, 3. Lenear 45.53, 4. McCray 45.75, 5. Jones 45.80, 6. Valmon 46.04, 7. Andre Morris (Iowa) 46.50, 8. Darnell Hall (Asics) 2:08.2

The first round saw PRs for big Anthuan Maybank (44.77), and the boyish looking Calvin (44.70) and Alvin (44.93) Harrison twins. Michael Johnson ran a relaxed 44.80 behind Maybank and ahead of LaMont Smith (44.94). The other heats were won more conservatively by veterans Pettigrew (45.32) and Reynolds (45.46). Only heat 2 of the quarters saw 45 seconds broken, with the Harrisons again running well, and Quincy Watts, '92 champion, showing good form at the right time. Things hotted up in the semis, with Watts leading the first race to halfway, and Johnson then taking control. He relinquished the lead to Alvin Harrison with 50m to go. A fading Watts just held off Maybank and Pettigrew. In the other race Minor was the early leader, but Smith and Mills pushed the third 100 and led into the straight. Smith held form best and edged away from Mills, who was overtaken just before the finish by Reynolds. Tall (6'6") Jason Rouser just held off unlucky Calvin Harrison, whose 44.78 was 6th fastest of the day.

The anticipation of the final centered on how much Johnson had been holding back. A lot was the answer. Quincy Watts got

out quickest, and led by a meter at halfway, but Johnson maintained his speed with his quick striding upright stance as the others decelerated - his second 100 took 10.25, while his third was only slightly slower - 10.37. By the 300m mark he was 4 meters clear, and he maintained that margin all the way to the tape, to clock the third fastest time ever (43.44) ahead of WR holder Reynolds, who ran his second best time (43.91). Alvin Harrison was a clear third, having run his middle 200m section in 20.80. LaMont Smith ran 44.30 to edge Anthuan Maybank, who ran 44.39 but was subsequently disqualified for running out of his lane. Maybank was nevertheless picked for the Olympic relay squad, and responded with a fine anchor leg on the winning US team in Atlanta. Jason Rouser equalled his PR in 6th with 44.77 behind Derek Mills. Both they, plus Harrison and Smith ended up with relay gold medals as Reynolds was unable to run in the Games due to injury and Johnson pulled out of the relay after he injured himself at the end of his 19.32. Johnson was a little annoyed that he hadn't broken the 400 WR - "It's nobody's fault but mine...my coach instructed me to go out hard, and I didn't do it".

800 Meters - June 19, 18.50 Hr

1. Johnny Gray (SMTC)	1:44.00	(50.3/53.7)
2. Brandon Rock (Powerade)	1:44.64	(50.4/54.2)
3. Jose Parrilla (Adidas)	1:44.86	(52.4/52.5)
4. Rich Kenah (Reebok)	1:45.20	(50.6/54.6)
5. Stanley Redwine (Foot Locker)	1:45.68	(51.3/54.4)
6. Shaun Benefield (Unat)	1:46.14	(51.7/54.4)
7. Mark Everett (New Balance)	1:46.19	(52.8/53.4)
8. Todd Black (Nike)	1:46.99	

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 16, 20.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Gray 1:45.90, 2. Rock 1:46.18, 3. Everett 1:46.34, 4. Parrilla 1:46.52, 5. Elliott Gaskins (Reebok) 1:46.52, 6. Tracy Baskin (SMTC) 1:47.53, 8. Brad Sumner (NYAC) 1:47.69, 8. Bryan Woodward (Gtn) 1:48.15
- 2/ 1. Kenah 1:44.90, 2. Benefield 1:45.90, 3. Redwine 1:46.14, 4. Black 1:46.16, 5. George Kersh (Unat) 1:46.68, 6. Trinity Townsend (Mich) 1:47.31, 7. David Krummenacker (Ga T) 1:47.58, 8. John Honerkamp (St Johns) 1:50.81

Quarter-finals - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 15, 18.30-18.44 Hr

- 1/ 1. Gray 1:47.12, 2. Black 1:47.46, 3. Benefield 1:47.59, 4. Woodward 1:47.71, 5. Baskin 1:47.90, 6. Michael Granville (Ca HS) 1:47.90, 7. Terril Davis (Accusplit) 1:48.25, 8. Conrad Nichols (Ga T) 1:49.64
- 2/ 1. Kenah 1:46.96, 2. Rock 1:47.69, 3. Redwine 1:47.71, 4. Krummenacker 1:47.79, 5. Honerkamp 1:47.80, 6. Townsend 1:47.83, 7. Kevin Murphy (Bos U) 1:48.25, 8. Jeremy Stallings (Florida) 1:48.91
- 3/ 1. Parrilla 1:47.25, 2. Kersh 1:47.38, 3. Gaskins 1:47.52, 4. Everett 1:47.62, 5. Sumner 1:47.87, 6. Albert Royster (Seton Hall) 1:48.22, 7. Mike Schroer (Gtn) 1:49.66, 8. Tim Pitcher (AIA) 1:49.72

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 14, 19.30-19.51 Hr

- 1/ 1. Gray 1:47.35, 2. Black 1:47.71, 3. Sumner 1:47.73, 4. Rock 1:47.76, 5. Davis 1:48.01, 6. Murphy 1:48.30, 7. Stallings 1:49.73
- 2/ 1. Everett 1:48.07, 2. Benefield 1:48.23, 3. Krummenacker 1:48.50, 4. Gaskins 1:48.50, 5. Townsend 1:48.71, 6. Schroer 1:49.58, 7. Brian Klein (Rice) 1:49.75, 8. Eric Anderson (Wash St) 2:00.38
- 3/ 1. Kersh 1:47.94, 2. Honerkamp 1:48.08, 3. Granville 1:48.20, 4. Royster 1:48.28, 5. Baskin 1:48.31, 6. Tom Dow (Augustana) 1:50.22, 7. Patrick Robinson (Sacramento TC) 1:50.25, 8. Sean Maye (Nike) 1:54.34
- 4/ 1. Kenah 1:47.28, 2. Redwine 1:47.83, 3. Parrilla 1:47.95, 4. Woodward 1:48.09, 5. Pitcher 1:49.05, 6. Nichols 1:49.68, 7. Joseph King (UNA) 1:49.78, 8. Mike Daniels (Seton Hall) 1:50.18

The racing really began at the semi-final stage with Gray, Kenah and Parrilla the most impressive up to that point. Gray led the whole way in the first race with 200 splits of 24.7/51.24/1:17.5. Behind him Brandon Rock, the exceptional talent from Arkansas who had won the national title in '95 but had been injured most of 1996, followed the whole way with Everett taking 3rd after moving from 6th in the last 100 meters. In the other semi-final Trinity Townsend led through 400 in 49.76 four meters clear of the field. Kenah caught Townsend just before the finishing straight and won going away with 7 yards clearance ahead of Benefield, with veteran Redwine, an OT finalist in 1984, just in front of Black in 3rd.

Gray celebrated his 36th birthday by leading the final from gun to tape. He passed 200 in 24.3 and 400 in 50.25. Rock and Kenah followed him, and the positions on the Olympic team looked set. Gray led at 600m in 1:16.9 with Kenah 2 meters behind. Rock moved to second on the final bend and Parrilla drew level with Kenah. Gray continued to hold form and won by 5 meters from Rock, while Parrilla was too strong for Kenah, who gave up - clearly frustrated - in the last 10 meters. For Gray it was a great triumph, proving himself the most durable of US 800 meter runners. His OT/OG record is as follows:

	OT	OG
1980	8/3:28.9 (Inj)/ 1:47.41sf	
1984	2/1:43.74 NR	7/1:47.89
1988	1/1:43.96	5/1:44.80
1992	1/1:42.80	3/1:43.97
1996	1/1:44.00	7/1:44.21

Despite criticism for not fulfilling his Olympic potential, Gray is the only athlete to have run in 4 Olympic finals, and by the end of 1996 had run 1:45.26 or better an astonishing 74 times.

1500 Meters - June 23, 17.25 Hr

1. Paul McMullen (Asics)	3:43.86
2. Jim Sorensen (AIA)	3:43.88
3. Jason Pyrah (Mizuno)	3:44.03
4. Erik Nedeau (New Balance)	3:44.11
5. Brian Hyde (Wm and Mary)	3:44.13
6. Andy Downin (Gtn)	3:44.25
7. Paul Vandegrift (Unat)	3:44.94
8. Mark Sivieri (Gtn)	3:45.35
9. Jamie Harris (Reebok) 3:46.01, 10. Mark Dailey (Powerade) 3:46.29, 11. Derek Treadwell (Maine) 3:46.38, 12. Matt Holthaus (Reebok) 3:46.98, 13. Steve Holman (Reebok) 3:47.44, 14. Michael Cox (Nike) 3:51.72 (62.73/2:06.42/3:02.94)	

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 21, 18.50/19.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Holman 3:44.28, 2. McMullen 3:44.36, 3. Harris 3:44.53, 4. Hyde 3:44.56, 5. Vandegrift 3:44.59, 6. Dailey 3:44.66, 7. Christian Cushing-Murray (SMTC) 3:44.85, 8. Paul Michalek (Minn) 3:47.18, 9. Treadwell 3:47.41, 10. Cox 3:49.52, 11. Dan Held (Ind TC) 4:05.46. Jeff Atkinson (Unat) - disqualified for obstruction
<u>2/</u>	1. Pyrah 3:44.35, 2. Nedeau 3:44.39, 3. Sorensen 3:44.43, 4. Downin 3:44.53, 5. Sivieri 3:44.73, 6. Holthaus 3:44.76, 7. Dan Maas (Adidas) 3:44.98, 8. Shannon Lemora (Nike) 3:45.04, 9. Karl Paranya (Haverford) 3:45.60, 10. Bill Burke (Reebok) 3:45.86, 11. Eric O'Brien (Gtn) 3:46.93, 12. Seneca Lassiter (Ark) 3:48.55

Heats - first 5 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 17, 18.55-19.22 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Dailey 3:46.37, 2. Atkinson 3:46.74, 3. Michalek 3:46.77, 4. Cox 3:46.85, 5. Held 3:47.28, 6. Terrance Herrington (New Bal) 3:47.37, 7. Bill Bland (CMS) 3:47.97, 8. Scott Anderson (Princeton) 3:48.75, 9. Mike Kauffman (Brooks) 3:48.79. Rich Kenah (Reebok) - Dns (63.48/2:06.12/3:05.15)
<u>2/</u>	1. Holman 3:40.99, 2. Sorensen 3:41.98, 3. Cushing-Murray 3:42.13, 4. Maas 3:42.37, 5. Burke 3:42.51, 6. Vandegrift 3:42.85, 7. O'Brien 3:43.24, 8. Brad Sumner (NYAC) 3:44.29, 9. Mike Michno (New Bal) 3:44.62, 10. Steve Ave (Nike) 4:01.52 (59.56/1:59.94/3:00.97)
<u>3/</u>	1. Pyrah 3:41.50, 2. McMullen 3:41.67, 3. Sivieri 3:42.13, 4. Treadwell 3:42.30, 5. Harris 3:42.49, 6. Memora 3:43.72, 7. Mike Morin (New Bal) 3:47.06, 8. Todd Rosenburg (Unat) 3:47.80, 9. Clinton Bell (Reebok) 3:48.82 (59.49/2:00.37/2:59.42)
<u>4/</u>	1. Holthaus 3:42.92, 2. Paranya 3:42.97, 3. Downin 3:43.50, 4. Lassiter 3:43.62, 5. Nedeau 3:43.62, 6. Hyde 3:43.73, 7. Dave Wittman (Nike) 3:46.38, 8. Joseph Warwick (Asics) 3:47.10, 9. Monte Still (Nike) 3:48.42 (60.41/2:02.37/3:01.56)

It was generally considered that '92 Olympian Steve Holman was the best US miler around, but his failure to make the 1995 team for the World Championships was a blot that needed to be erased. Through the preliminary rounds Holman looked to be the top man in the field, but "the best laid plans of mice and men acht gang awry". For Holman things went very awry at the 1200m mark after a slow pace which heated up in the third circuit - but still reached the end of the third lap in only 3:02.94. As McMullen, who had made the '95 team, and Jason Pyrah kicked, Holman faded. McMullen won the race from surprising Jim Sorensen and Pyrah, as less than 4 yards covered the top 6 places. Sorensen did not have an Olympic qualifying time, and 5th placer Brian Hyde was his replacement. With no one brave enough to try and win this race with anything other than a big kick, this was a supremely disappointing event.

3000 Meters Steeplechase - June 21, 20.30 Hr

1. Mark Croghan (Adidas)	8:18.80
2. Robert Gary (Unat)	8:19.26
3. Marc Davis (Nike)	8:20.73
4. Tom Nohilly (Reebok)	8:21.70
5. Francis O'Neill (Asics)	8:32.22
6. Scott Strand (Brooks)	8:36.95
7. Mark Johansen (Unat)	8:38.45
8. Gavin Gaynor (Adidas)	8:38.95
9. Pascal Dobert (Wisc) 8:40.65, 10. Tony Cosey (Tenn) 8:40.66, 11. Rob Cook (CNW) 8:42.08, 12. Brian Diemer (Nike) 8:43.31, 13.	

Derek Kite (Future Track) 8:50.73, 14. Greg Metcalf (Nike) 8:59.18

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 19, 19.20/19.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Gary 8:33.72, 2. Strand 8:34.30, 3. Johansen 8:34.61, 4. Cosey 8:35.30, 5. Davis 8:35.53, 6. Gaynor 8:35.85, 7. O'Neill 8:37.22, 8. Clint Wells (Col) 8:41.98, 9. Brady Bonsall (Neb) 8:49.50, 10. Fred Carter (The Farm Team) 8:52.22, 11. Art Green (Ath Anonymous) 8:52.76, 12. Nick Pavach (Wash) 8:52.84, 13. Richard Lee (Brooks) 8:56.00. Dnf Karl van Calcar (Nike)
- 2/ 1. Croghan 8:32.50, 2. Cook 8:34.64, 3. Diemer 8:34.77, 4. Nohilly 8:34.90, 5. Dobert 8:34.96, 6. Metcalf 8:36.14, 7. Kite 8:36.76, 8. Rick Mestler (Unat) 8:39.46, 9. Peter Pritchett (US-A) 8:48.34, 10. Dan Reese (Team US West) 8:48.54, 11. Jon Warren (Nike) 8:51.42, 12. Casey O'Shea (Col) 8:52.65, 13. Todd Davis (Portland) 8:57.48, 14. John Lumkes (Nike) 9:02.69

Heats - first 7 plus 7 fastest losers qualify, June 17, 19.35-20.05 Hr

- 1/ 1. Johansen 8:49.84, 2. Lee 8:50.35, 3. Kite 8:50.39, 4. O'Neill 8:50.79, 5. van Calcar 8:50.97, 6. Reese 8:50.99, 7. Bonsall 8:51.04, 8. T.Davis 8:51.16, 9. Warren 8:52.54, 10. John Howell (Nn Az) 9:02.35, 11. Kieran Stack (NYAC) 9:15.97. Dnf - Matt McGuirk (Adidas)
- 2/ 1. Croghan 8:38.25, 2. Nohilly 8:38.36, 3. Gaynor 8:40.48, 4. Cosey 8:40.69, 5. Diemer 8:41.67, 6. Mestler 8:43.82, 7. Pritchett 8:45.13, 8. Lumkes 8:48.09, 9. O'Shea 8:56.93, 10. Bob Evans (Weber) 9:01.27. Dnf - Brian Abshire (Mizuno) and Sam Wilbur (New Bal)
- 3/ 1. Cook 8:47.51, 2. Gary 8:47.53, 3. Strand 8:48.01, 4. Dobert 8:48.39, 5. Metcalf 8:49.38, 6. M.Davis 8:50.31, 7. Wells 8:50.39, 8. Carter 8:50.53, 9. Pavach 8:51.92, 10. Green 8:58.05, 11. Rob Nelson (Asics) 9:11.36, 12. Jason Cullinane (US-A) 9:12.13, 13. Bryan Yockers (Unat) 9:15.01

Steeplechasers in the USA are a consistent breed. The top-3 men between 1976 and 1996 - Henry Marsh, Brian Diemer and Mark Croghan took the #1 ranking in the US in 19 of those 21 seasons. Croghan was the successor to Marsh and Diemer, and as expected won the Trials race to make his second Olympic team. Diemer was attempting to emulate Marsh in qualifying for 4 Olympic teams, but at the 2000m mark he realized that he was out of it, and sadly accepted that it was time to retire from the sport's top level. Up ahead Croghan had led from the gun, with laps of 65.3 - 2:12.7 - 3:19.3. In the 4th lap, the talented Marc Davis, a 7:43 man over 3000m but technically poor over the hurdles, went past Croghan, passing 4 laps in 4:25.2, with Tom Nohilly in 3rd, 15 meters clear of Gary. Croghan went clear for good in the 5th lap - reached in 5:32.4. His last 2 laps were 65.9 and 65.3. Behind him Davis began to struggle with a lap to go, just as Gary zipped by Nohilly. Gary ran his last lap in an excellent 60.2 to finish just a couple of meters down on Croghan at the finish. Nohilly closed on Davis, but lost out for the third place 8:20.73 to 8:21.70. Nohilly, recovering from a sinus infection later said "It's too bad..finishing 4th twice. As far as (the year) 2000 (is concerned) I'm not sure of that".

5000 Meters - June 21, 20.50 Hr

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| 1. Bob Kennedy (Nike) | 13:46.17 |
| 2. Matt Giusto (Footlocker) | 13:56.69 |
| 3. Ronnie Harris (Reebok) | 13:57.49 |
| 4. Jim Spivey (Asics) | 13:58.81 |
| 5. Steve Plasencia (Asics) | 13:59.95 |
| 6. Ray Pugsley (Reebok) | 14:01.69 |
| 7. Mark Coogan (New Bal) | 14:04.63 |
| 8. James Menon (Wisconsin) | 14:09.52 |

9. Brian Baker (New Bal) 14:11.72, 10. Alan Culpepper (Col) 14:14.37, 11. Jason Stewart (US-A) 14:15.63, 12. Peter Julian (Adidas) 14:18.82, 13. Dan Held (Nike) 14:30.41, 14. Adam Goucher (Col) 14:36.20, 15. Reuben Reina (Footlocker) 14:39.31, 16. Tim Gargiulo (Brooks) 14:51.37

Heats - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 19, 19.50/20.10/20.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Harris 13:57.37, 2. Reina 13:57.67, 3. Menon 13:57.77, 4. Goucher 14:01.01, 5. Held 14:08.96, 6. Eric Mack (Air Force) 14:13.87. Tom Ansberry (Nike) and Scott Dvorak (Brooks) - Dnf
- 2/ 1. Kennedy 13:58.95, 2. Baker 14:03.26, 3. Pugsley 14:03.47, 4. Giusto 14:03.53, 5. Julian 14:04.15, 6. Plasencia 14:05.19, 7. Shawn Found (Goldwin TC) 14:12.34, 8. Jim Westphal (Nike) 14:13.47, 9. Ted Fitzpatrick (Nike) 14:41.10
- 3/ 1. Culpepper 13:58.57, 2. Stewart 13:58.62, 3. Spivey 14:01.37, 4. Coogan 14:01.48, 5. Gargiulo 14:03.79, 6. Art Smith (Nike) 14:09.41, 7. Todd Lewis (Nike) 14:13.83, 8. Ryan Wilson (Ark) 14:15.47, 9. Dan Browne (Army) 14:23.86. Brad Schlapak (NYAC) - Dnf

Whoever wrote "speed kills" had never run in Atlanta. In that city, replace speed with "heat". Bob Kennedy, favorite to win the 5000m realized this, and ran hard enough to win, without damaging himself. After following the pace for 2000m reached in 5:41.11 (70.2 pace per lap), Kennedy kicked in laps of 63.6 and 62.2. Brian Baker went with Kennedy, but later faded to 9th. Reuben Reina caught Kennedy after he throttled back with a 67.9. Kennedy put in a 64.8 lap with a kilometer to go and Reina was lost - eventually covering his final 400m in a tortuous 1:42.1 (a 60 flat lap would have seen him finish 3rd). Meanwhile Matt Giusto was cautiously making his way

away from the pack, and eventually finished 5m clear of a fast finishing Ronnie Harris, some 50-60 meters behind Kennedy. Harris did not have a qualifying time, and veteran Jim Spivey replaced him in the OG, his 3rd Olympic selection in a dozen years. Kennedy was the only US athlete to make the final and finished a splendid 6th in 13:12.35 in the Games. At the end of the season the number 2 man in the USA, Todd Williams had a seasonal best of 13:21.95, while Kennedy had the top 7 American marks, with 2 under 13 minutes, averaging 13:05.32 for his top 6 runs.

10000 Meters - June 17, 20.55 Hr

1. Todd Williams (Adidas)	28:46.58
2. Joe LeMay (Adidas)	29:06.89
3. Dan Middleman (NYAC)	29:13.81
4. Brad Barquist (Mizuno)	29:20.07
5. Brian Clas (Reebok)	29:25.27
6. Travis Walter (Reebok)	29:29.68
7. Bo Reed (Mizuno)	29:35.01
8. Terrence Mahon (Reebok)	29:36.14

9. Pat Porter (Unat) 30:11.02, 10. Rod DeHaven (New Bal) 30:27.04, 11. Keith Dowling (Adidas) 30:37.92. Tom Ansberry (Nike), Ed Eyestone (Reebok), Chris Fox (Brooks), Dan Nelson (New Bal), Eric Polonski (New Bal) - all failed to finish.

Heats - first 6 plus fastest loser qualify, June 14, 21.30/22.05 Hr

- 1/ 1. Williams 29:05.65, 2. Walter 29:24.78, 3. DeHaven 29:25.00, 4. Ansberry 29:26.12, 5. Dowling 29:26.19, 6. Porter 29:26.77, 7. Reed 29:26.94, 8. Polonski 29:32.67, 9. Barquist 29:38.62, 10. Jim Westphal (Nike) 29:49.27, 11. Pete Julian (Adidas) 30:21.05, 12. Jon Hume (Mizuno) 30:28.07
- 2/ 1. Fox 29:26.78, 2. Mahon 29:26.88, 3. Eyestone 29:29.31, 4. Clas 29:32.40, 5. Nelson 29:32.96, 6. Middleman 29:36.20, 7. LeMay 29:42.34, 8. Aaron ramirez (Mizuno) 29:43.69, 9. Gary Stoltz (Farm Team) 30:05.62. Ashley Johnson (Asics) and Todd Lewis (Nike) - Dnf

Todd Williams summed up the 10,000m simply - "I think the weather was brutal for some people". Not for him, as he cruised his heat winning it by almost 20 seconds, and then dominated the final. Williams led from the gun at 29 minute pace, picking things up a little in the third kilo, and then pushing the pace in the 5th kilometer, extending a slight lead at 4k into a 75 meter lead by halfway. He increased his lead to over 120m by the finish without pushing himself, and then was greeted by his adoring fan club. Eyestone looked solid for second until he began to weaken in the 9th kilometer, dropping out with a lap to go. LeMay finished well to take 2nd, but like others in the distance events didn't make the Olympic team, as he did not have a qualifying time, and his place was taken by 4th placer Barquist.

20 Kilometer Walk - June 22, 07.00 Hr

1. Curt Clausen (Shore AC)	1:29:50
2. Tim Seaman (LaGrange)	1:30:27
3. Gary Morgan (NYAC)	1:31:00
4. Allen James (AIA)	1:31:17
5. Rob Cole (LaGrange)	1:31:42
6. Phil Dunn (Adidas)	1:32:33
7. Jonathan Matthews (Reebok)	1:33:47
8. Herm Nelson (CNW)	1:34:07

Dave Marchese (AIA) 1:35:28, 10. Andrew Hermann (Adidas) 1:35:41, 11. Al Heppner (Wis-Parkside) 1:39:49, 12. Dave McGovern (NYAC) 1:45:45. Ian Whatley (Potomac Valley TC) - Dnf, Andrzej Chylinski (NYAC) and Chad Eder (Cedarville) - Disqualified for "lifting"

James and Seaman led for 3k and were joined then by Clausen and Dunn, with the latter being the first to tail off the pace. Morgan, who had joined the quartet at 5k was dropped at 13k when Seaman surged. Clausen kicked at 14k and built up a 70m lead. Seaman got that back down to 15m with 3k to go, but Clausen again got away to win the only Olympic place available by 120m, and Morgan took third, though James, already qualified for the 50k was less intense than he might have been.

50 Kilometer Walk - LaGrange, Georgia, April 20

1. Allen James (AIA)	3:59:11
2. Andrew Hermann (Adidas)	4:07:52
3. Andrzej Chylinski (NYAC)	4:09:22
4. Marco Evoniuk (Unat)	4:10:45
5. Ian Whatley (Potomac Valley TC)	4:14:48
6. Dave Marchese (AIA)	4:15:31
7. Rob Cole (Unat)	4:16:42

8. Herm Nelson (CNW) 4:17:51
 9. Mark Green (Las Vegas WC) , 10. Curtis Fisher (NYAC) 4:32:57, 11. Michael Rohl (LaGrange) 4:37:36. Michael DeWitt (Parkside), Eugene Kitts (Unat), Carl Schueler (Unat) and Rick Yeager (US-N) - Dnf

Both Marco Evoniuk and Carl Schueler were attempting to make their 5th Olympic teams, but age caught up with them, as Allen James dominated the race . James, the #1 American since he graduated from the 20k walk in 1994, waited until the 20k mark, reached in 1:35:57 with Herm Nelson and Rick Yeager, before detaching himself. Both Nelson and Yeager faded, the latter dropping out, as James went on to win by over 8 minutes. Hermann didn't have an OG qualifier, so Nelson took his place in the Olympic race.

Marathon - Charlotte, North Carolina, February 17, 09.00 Hr

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| 1. Bob Kempainen (Nike) | 2:12:45 |
| 2. Mark Coogan (New Bal) | 2:13:05 |
| 3. Keith Brantly (New Bal) | 2:13:22 |
| 4. Steve Plasencia (Asics) | 2:14:20 |
| 5. Marco Ochoa (Reebok) | 2:14:22 |
| 6. Keith Dowling (Adidas) | 2:14:30 |
| 7. Dan Held (Nike) | 2:14:53 |
| 8. Jon Warren (Nike) | 2:15:59 |

9. Jeff Jacobs (Nike) 2:16:13, 10. David Morris (Nike) 2:16:20, 11. Terrence Mahon (Reebok) 2:16:28, 12. Darrell General (Mizuno) 2:16:30, 13. Ashley Johnson (Asics) 2:16:40, 14. Craig Woshner (PittRT) 2:16:41, 15. Ed Eyestone (Reebok) 2:16:51, 16. Budd Coates (Rodale Press) 2:17:26, 17. Jose Iniguez (USLD) 2:17:42, 18. Kevin Collins (Syr TC) 2:17:51, 19. Dennis Simonaitis (Sp Soles) 2:17:57, 20. John Dimoff (Unat) 2:18:06. (33 at 2:21:38 or better, 90 finished)

Bob Kempainen won in spectacular fashion - taking the lead at the 18 mile mark, kicking in mile splits of 4:46 and 4:50 from that point. Kempainen's kick broke up the pack, leaving a small enclave, consisting of Brantly, Coogan, Dowling and Plasencia to get back on terms. Coogan and Brantly caught Kempainen at 20 miles, but he surged uphill over the next mile (5:02) and created a 100m gap. With 2 miles to go Kempainen began to vomit the drink he had taken on board at 22 miles. After 6 technicolor yawns, Kempainen recovered and won going away by 110 meters from Coogan, with Brantly another 100m back, well ahead of Plasencia. The heat had not been a factor, with the race begun in freezing conditions.

110 Meters Hurdles - June 23, 16.40 Hr (0.9w)

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| 1. Allen Johnson (Nike) | 12.92 |
| 2. Mark Crear (Reebok) | 13.05 |
| 3. Eugene Swift (InSport) | 13.21 |
| 4. Steve Brown (Team GFAE) | 13.28 |
| 5. Roger Kingdom (Footlocker) | 13.34 |
| 6. Antony Dees (Unat) | 13.67 |
- Dnf - Jack Pierce (Mizuno) and Larry Harrington (Mid Atl Sports)

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 16.40 Hr

- 1/ 1. Crear 13.08, 2. Harrington 13.20, 3. Kingdom 13.30, 4. Dees 13.37, 5. Duane Ross (Powerade) 13.50, 6. Jeff Jackson (Baylor) 13.50, 7. Robert Reading (Accu) 13.52. Charles Johnson (Hillsborough TC) - Dnf (+1.7w)
- 2/ 1. Pierce 12.94, 2. Johnson 13.21, 3. Brown 13.25, 4. Swift 13.28, 5. Terry Reese (Unat) 13.31, 6. Brian Amos (Young Achievers TC) 13.39, 7. Derek Spears (Tex) 13.55, 8. Ubeja Anderson (SMTC) 13.58 (+1.6w)

Quarter-finals - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 22, 15.05 Hr

- 1/ 1. Crear 13.14w, 2. Harrington 13.21w, 3. Dees 13.32w, 4. Anderson 13.35w, 5. Jackson 13.38w, 6. Darius Pemberton (SMTC) 13.58w, 7. Derek Knight (Elite Athletes) 13.68w, 8. Willie Hibler (Neb) 13.74w (+2.1w)
- 2/ 1. Pierce 13.17, 2. Kingdom 13.25, 3. Brown 13.30, 4. Ross 13.57, 5. Spears 13.62, 6. Phil Riley (Fla St) 13.68, 7. Dudley Dorival (Conn) 13.83, 8. Glenn Terry (Asics) 14.33 (+1.7)
- 3/ 1. Swift 13.30w, 2. A.Johnson 13.37w, 3. Reading 13.38w, 4. Amos 13.43w, 5. Reese 13.45, 6. C.Johnson 13.56w, 7. Dominique Arnold (Wash) 13.62w, 8. Reggie Torian (Wisc) 13.64w (+2.1w)

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 21, 18.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Crear 13.25, 2. Ross 13.45, 3. Knight 13.48, 4. C.Johnson 13.53, 5. Riley 13.57, 6. Anderson 13.64, 7. Rod Jett (Unat) 14.47 (+1.8w)
- 2/ 1. Harrington 13.39, 2. Swift 13.41, 3. Jackson 13.46, 4. Dees 13.57, 5. Spears 13.59, 6. Dorival 13.68, 7. Torian 13.72, 8. Kevin Ellis (Unat) 13.96 (+1.2w)
- 3/ 1. A.Johnson 13.18w, 2. Kingdom 13.34w, 3. Reese 13.55w, 4. Hibler 13.57w, 5. Richard Benoy (Springco Athletics) 13.83w, 6.

Patrick Duffy (Unat) 13.97w, 8. Courtney Hawkins (Adidas) 14.52w (+2.4w)

4/ 1. Brown 13.19, 2. Reading 13.37, 3. Pierce 13.51, 4. Terry 13.53, 5. Arnold 13.58, 6. Amos 13.59, 7. Pemberton 13.65, 8. Jeremichael Williams (Clemson) 13.76 (+1.9w)

Mark Crear and Allen Johnson, the world's top two in 1995, were favored to make the team, and opened with heat wins of 13.25 and 13.18w respectively. Steve Brown, big Wake Forest graduate was the major surprise in the first round, running a PR 13.19 (previous PR - 13.60 in 1990). Crear was fastest in the quarter-finals with a 13.14w, but Jack Pierce had the best legal mark - 13.17, with fellow veteran Roger Kingdom running 13.25 behind him.

Dees was out fastest in semi-final 1, but Crear caught him at the third hurdle, and powered away to win by over a meter from surprising Larry Harrington, with Kingdom a meter back in 13.30 ahead of Dees, whose 13.37 was well ahead of Duane Ross. In the other semi Allen Johnson was off best, but Jack Pierce caught him before halfway, and flowed away winning by almost 3 meters with a breathtaking display of sprint hurdling. Pierce beat his PR from the 1991 World Championships by 12/100ths to clock the fastest time ever seen in the USA - 12.94. Johnson edged Brown and Swift for second, with Terry Reese and Brian Amos running PRs of 13.31 and 13.39 without making the final. The previous fastest non-qualifiers had been Milan Stewart with 13.44 in 1988, and a 13.60 in 1984 for.. Jack Pierce !

Pierce got a great start in the final, but his momentum carried him into the first hurdle, and at the age of 33 his last chance at Olympic glory was lost as he drew up to a halt at hurdle two. Harrington, who had an outside shot at the US team fell at the first barrier - doubling the usual OT final attrition rate (Kingdom in 1992 and Nehemiah in 1988 had fallen). Johnson showed his usual neat control over the hurdles and drew 4 ft clear of Crear in the closing stages to equal the US record with 12.92. Eugene Swift was the shocker, beating Steve Brown and Roger Kingdom for the third spot. Johnson and Crear went on to Olympic gold and silver, with Swift 6/100 off third place in placing 6th.

400 Meters Hurdles - June 16, 21.10 Hr

8. 1. Bryan Bronson (Powerade)	47.98
5. 2. Derrick Adkins (Reebok)	48.18
3. 3. Calvin Davis (Nike)	48.32
4. 4. Eric Thomas (Nike)	48.54
7. 5. Torrance Zellner (Asics)	48.65
6. 6. Stephen Flenoy (Maccabi)	48.74
2. 7. Joey Woody (Unat)	48.96
1. 8. William Porter (UTEP)	49.49

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 15, 20.35 Hr

1/ 1. Flenoy 48.56, 2. Davis 48.60, 3. Woody 48.62, 4. Zellner 48.76, 5. Kevin Young (Up and Over TC) 49.19, 6. Kevin Hendsen (Goldwin TC) 49.42, 7. McClinton Neal (Unat) 49.77, 8. Marty Beck (Nike) 50.88

2/ 1. Adkins 48.33, 2. Thomas 48.54, 3. Bronson 48.58, 4. Porter 48.84, 5. Maurice Mitchell (Team US West) 49.10, 6. Octavius Terry (GaT) 49.38, 7. John Rothell (Nike) 49.60, 8. Regan Nichols (LSU) 49.98

Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 14, 18.30-18.48 Hr

1/ 1. Adkins 48.75, 2. Zellner 49.48, 3. Bronson 49.49, 4. Vincenzo Cox (SMTTC) 50.18, 5. Kenny Hall (Mizuno) 50.31, 6. Louis Sales (World Expr.AC) 50.40, 7. Rodrigues Pfister (Tex A&M) 51.51, 8. Keadrick Washington (Bush TC) 51.86

2/ 1. Woody 48.65, 2. Davis 49.00, 3. Young 49.15, 4. Beck 49.15, 5. Porter 49.69, 6. Tony McKennie (Georgia Foundation AC) 49.76, 7. Andrew Dean-Neil (Unat) 50.59, 8. Aaron Lacy (LA Patriots) 51.26

3/ 1. Mitchell 49.05, 2. Terry 49.33, 3. Thomas 49.40, 4. Nichols 49.43, 5. Neal 49.71, 6. Matt Levine (Shore AC) 50.69, 7. Ferdana Johnson (Unat) 51.20

4/ 1. Flenoy 49.06, 2. Rothell 49.42, 3. Henderson 49.54, 4. Cliff Alexander (Unat) 49.88, 5. Derek Spears (Tex) 49.96, 6. Quinton Milner (Rice) 51.50, 7. Andy Collins (Princeton) 51.79

Three athletes ran sub-50 in the first round and didn't make it to the semi-finals. All the favorites did get through, except Danny Harris, whose cocaine habit caused his suspension before the Trials began. Biggest surprise of the first round was Northern Iowa's Joey Woody, who produced the fastest time - 48.65. In the first semi-final, Kevin Young ran 49.19, but the world record holder came up 4 meters short of 4th place. The race was won by Stephen Flenoy with 48.56, some 2.12 seconds better than his pre-1996 best. Behind him was Calvin Davis, who had never tried the event until 1996 (!), while Woody again ran a PR (48.60) in third. In the other race Derrick Adkins was the fastest qualifier for the final with 48.33. Maurice Mitchell almost fell on the backstretch, then gained almost 10 yards on the rest of the field over the last 250 meters, yet still just missed qualifying, as Thomas ran a PR 48.54 for second just ahead of Bronson (48.58).

Adkins started well in the final, but Bronson, who was running against Adkins for the third straight race, caught Adkins at the 9th hurdle. Although less smooth technically, Bronson's quickness between the hurdles was enough to overcome Adkins as Bronson ducked under 48 for the first time. Calvin Davis amazed by taking third place, with a PR 48.32 ahead of Eric Thomas, who equalled his previous day's lifetime best of 48.54. Adkins rounded into form in the Games, and the World Champion equaled his PR in taking gold in

his hometown in 47.54, while Davis improved to a fine 47.96 to take bronze. Bronson, injured, didn't get out of the semis.

High Jump - June 23, 14.00 Hr

1. Charles Austin (Unat)	7'6 1/2" (2.30)
2. Ed Broxterman (Unat)	7'6 1/2" (2.30)
3. Cameron Wright (Unat)	7'6 1/2" (2.30)
4. Matt Hemingway (Ark)	7'6 1/2" (2.30)
5. Eric Bishop (N.Car)	7'5 1/4" (2.27)
6. Hollis Conway (Reebok)	7'5 1/4" (2.27)
7. Brian Brown (Cheetahs)	7'4 1/4" (2.24)
7. Randy Jenkins (Nike)	7'4 1/4" (2.24)
7. Michael Roberson (McNeese)	7'4 1/4" (2.24)
7. Tim Suchan (Unat)	7'4 1/4" (2.24)

11. Tray Barley (Unat) 7'4 1/4" (2.24), =12. Ray Doakes (Adi), Rick Noji (SSTC) 7'2 1/2" (2.20), 14. Dillon Phelps (Ga) 7'2 1/2" (2.20). No Height - James Ballard (Barton), Tony Barton (Adi), Terrance Bean (NWNLa), Chris Nelson (Or), Chris Olsson-O'Neill (SF Austin), Henry Patterson (Toledo), Eric Taylor-Perry (Unat) and Jeff Wylie (AIA)

Qualifying: June 21, 19.50 Hr, Hr: Austin, Barton, Bean, Brown, Broxterman, Conway, Hemingway, Jenkins and Noji cleared 7'4 1/4" (2.24). All other qualifiers cleared 7'2 1/2" (2.20). Non-qualifiers: no height - Omarr Dixon (NC St), Donald Driver (Alcorn), Tom McCants (Unat), Shane Lavy (Neb), Steve Smith (Nike), Otis Winston (Ohio St), Lee Pool (Unat), Alex Rosen (Unat)

18 jumpers did 2.24 or 2.20 on their first attempt. Rather than have a jump-off for the 9 who cleared 2.20, it was decided to take all who made 2.20, creating a final with 22 competitors, a ludicrous decision in view of the heat levels on the infield (1050 plus).

6 men made 7'5 1/4" and as the bar went to 7'6 1/2" it seemed that Austin and Hemingway were jumping best of all. Austin duly cleared first time, and was followed by Broxterman, who had passed his last 2 attempts at 2.27 after seeing others clear first time. Cameron Wright emulated him on his second jump at 2.30, leaving Hemingway in 4th after he made 2.30 on his final attempt. Hemingway had good tries at 2.33, but like the other 3, couldn't make it. Neither Wright nor Broxterman qualified for the Olympic final, but Austin won a dramatic duel with Poland's Artur Partyka, by clearing 2.39 after missing twice at 2.37

Pole Vault - June 16, 18.30 Hr

1. Lawrence Johnson (Tenn)	19'0 1/4" (5.80)
2. Jeff Hartwig (Bell Athletics)	19'0 1/4" (5.80)
3. Scott Huffman (Foot Locker)	18'8 1/4" (5.70)
4. Kory Tarpenning (Nike)	18'8 1/4" (5.70)
5. Greg Duplantis (Reebok)	18'8 1/4" (5.70)
6. Pat Manson (Goldwin)	18'8 1/4" (5.70)
7. Dean Starkey (Reebok)	18'8 1/4" (5.70)
8. Brit Pursley (Unat)	18'4 1/2" (5.60)

9. Scott Hennig (No Limit) 18'0 1/2" (5.50), =10. Brent Burns (Reebok) and Mark Buse (Nike) 18'0 1/2" (5.50). Tim Bright (Mizuno) - no height (18'4 1/2" (5.60))

Qualifying: June 14, 17.15 Hr: All qualifiers cleared 18'4 1/2" (5.60). Mike Holloway (Mizuno), Bill Payne (Asics), Kevin Brown (Unat), Bill Deering (Powerade), Nick Hysong (SSTC), Joe Dial (Outlaw Sports) all 18'0 1/2" (5.50). No height - Tim McMichael (AIA), Garth Willard (CNW), Ricky Wright (AIA), Wayne Guidry (Tex), Paul Babits (Unat), Ryan Barkdull (Wchita), David Cox (Fres St), Jim Drath (Mizuno), Tim Mack (Unat), Lance White (Rocky Mountain Elite).

Lawrence Johnson, the US junior record holder whose career had been dogged by injury, had developed into the US senior record holder, clearing 19'7 1/2" (5.98) three weeks before the Trials. After taking 2 jumps in the final, Johnson had already qualified for the US team, having cleared 5.60 and then 5.70 first try. Johnson and Hartwig then made 5.75 first time, while Duplantis failed. Trying at 5.80 were Johnson and Hartwig, plus Manson and Tarpenning who had passed 5.75, and Huffman who had missed twice at 5.75. Huffman missed his 1 jump at 5.80, then had to wait as Tarpenning fended off leg cramps in an unavailing effort to make his 3rd consecutive Olympic team. Even unluckier was Manson, who was agonisingly close on 2 jumps at 5.80. Johnson cleared first time - again, and Hartwig, the surprise of the day, on his second jump. Hartwig retired for the night happy with his efforts and grateful to Earl Bell - "without Earl's guidance and direction I would never have achieved what I have". Johnson, extremely lucid, noted "there were headwinds to deal with..it's been a long road what with the injuries...it's good that even though I had a bad day (!) I could still clear 19 feet".

Long Jump - June 19, 18.45 Hr

1. Mike Powell (Foot Locker)	27'6 1/2"	(8.39)	+0.5w	x/8.04/7.88/8.08/8.15/8.39
2. Joe Greene (Goldwin)	27'4 1/2"w	(8.34)	+2.3w	8.34w/x/x/7.98/x/7.99
3. Carl Lewis (SMTC)	27'2 3/4"	(8.30)	-0.2w	7.98/8.30/8.04/8.29/8.15/8.24
4. Mike Conley (Foot Locker)	27'1 1/2"	(8.27)	+0.2w	x/8.27/x/8.22/x/x
5. Sean Robbins (Ashland)	27'1 1/4"	(8.26)	+0.7w	7.77/7.93/7.70/8.26/x/5.83
6. Erick Walder (Adidas)	26'11 3/4"	(8.22)	-0.0w	8.00/8.15/x/8.19/8.22/8.22
7. Dominick Milner (Unat)	26'6 1/4"	(8.08)	+1.7w	
8. Percy Knox (Mint Corp)	26'1 3/4"	(7.97)	+0.5w	

9. Eric Bowers (Ga T) 26'0" (7.92) +1.4w, 10. Kareem Streete-Thompson (Nike) 25'11 1/2" (7.91) +0.1w, 11. Marc Bailey (Ga) 25'8 1/4" (7.83) -0.5w, 12. Robert Thomas (Neb) 24'7 1/4" (7.50) +0.5w

Qualifying: June 17, 15.00 Hr, 27'2 3/4" (8.30) or top-12: Powell 27'3 1/2" (8.32), Conley 27'3 1/2" (8.32), Walder 26'11 1/4" (8.21), Streete-Thompson 26'9 1/4" (8.16), Greene 26'5" (8.05), Lewis 26'4 1/4" (8.03), Thomas 26'1 3/4" (7.97), Knox 26'1 3/4" (7.97), Bailey 26'0 3/4" (7.94), Bowers 26'0 1/2" (7.93), Robbins 25'8 1/4" (7.83), Milner 25'8 1/4" (7.83). Non-qualifiers: Kevin Dilworth (Ab Chr) 25'6 3/4" (7.79), Robert Howard (Ark) 25'6 1/4" (7.78), Shawn Watson (Unat) 25'5 1/2" (7.76), Darius Pemberton (SMTC) 25'4" (7.72), Tim Bryant (Tex A&M) 24'10" (7.57), Sheddric Fields (SMTC) 24'10" (7.57), Ray Hawkins (Unat) 24'7 1/2" (7.51), LaMark Carter (Powerade) 24'7 1/2" (7.51), Dennis Harris (Unat) 24'5 3/4" (7.46), Dion Bentley (Unat) 24'4 1/2" (7.43), Neil Chance (NC State) 23'9 3/4" (7.25). Derrick Homesley (Unat) and Roland McGhee (Powerade) no mark.

There were 2 big questions - after the 100m, would Carl Lewis make the LJ team; and after the fifth round of the final, would Mike Powell qualify for the Games. Languishing in 6th place after his 26'9" (8.15) fifth round jump. Powell sat gloomily awaiting his final jump and then "when I got on the runway I just had to put it in the Lord's hands. I definitely didn't get a lot of points for style". However, he did get the requisite points for distance. With about 4 inches to spare on the board, he carried out to 27'6 1/2", good enough to win by 2 inches from Joe Greene. Powell had obtained his team place in the final round in 1988, and duplicated the record of Ralph Boston and Lewis of winning 2 Olympic Trials LJ finals. Greene had opened the competition with his best jump and didn't get within a foot of it the rest of the evening. Lewis had struggled in the qualifying, taking all 3 jumps without hitting the automatic qualifier of 27'2 3/4" (8.30), and looked as if he'd lost his spark. In the final, he opened with a tentative 26'2 1/4" and then made the team with his 27'2 3/4". He backed it up with 2 jumps over 27', but with 6 jumpers hitting 26'11 3/4" or better was never safe. Mike Conley's qualifying jump, if repeated, would have pushed Lewis off the team, but in the final his best was 27'1 3/4" just 1/4" ahead of Sean Robbins, who was the surprise package of the final. Erick Walder rounded out the top-6. For Conley it was the second straight OT that he had placed second in the LJ qualifying and then missed making the team - and to the same jumpers each time.

Lewis afterwards noted "the long jump has always been my favorite event. There wasn't a time when I didn't think I was going to make the Olympic team". It was a historic moment in US track as Lewis became the first man to qualify for 5 US Olympic teams in a single event. Pointedly, he added "the Trials is just creating opportunity. Once you get there anyone can win". When the Olympics arrived - he did, with his best jump since the previous Olympics - 8.50 into a headwind of 1.3, which would likely have been a Lewisesque 8.70-8.75 with the wind in the opposite direction.

Lewis's championships record at a glance:

	OG	WCh	OT	PAG	NC	NCAA W.Cup
1979				3/8.13	2/8.09w	1/8.35w
1980			2/8.01w			
1981					1/8.62	1/8.25 NCAA 1/8.15 W Cp
1982					1/8.48	
1983		1/8.55		1/8.79		
1984	1/8.54		1/8.71			
1986					1/8.67w	
1987		1/8.67		1/8.75	1/8.65	
1988	1/8.72		1/8.76			
1991		2/8.91w (8.87ok)			1/8.64	
1992	1/8.67		2/8.53 (also NC)			
1996	1/8.50		3/8.30 (also NC)			

18 wins out of 24 championships in 18 years - with 4 second places, and two third places.

Statistically, Lewis had not - at first sight been the most prolific jumper of all-time. At 8.16/26'9 1/2" or better he ended his career with 75 competitions - compared with 96 for Mike Powell and 170 (!) for Larry Myricks, but Lewis's efforts were more high powered. At 8.50m/27'10 3/4" Lewis had 39 legal marks, more than Powell (16) and Myricks (17) combined. For those readers not yet gorged on Long Jump stats, this is the listing of 8.50 jumpers and jumps at the end of 1996. (note that windy competitions show only those marks where there was not also a legal 8.50 or better) -

	Competitions		Total Jumps		Total
	Legal Windy		Legal Windy		
Lewis	39	7	63	22	85 (42%)
Powell	16	12	21	20	41 (20%)
Myricks	17	4	22	7	29
Pedroso	14	4	15	7	22
Emmiyan	3	-	5	-	5
Streete-Thompson	3	2	3	2	5
Walder	2	1	2	1	3
Greene	-	2	-	3	3
Dombrowski	2	-	2	-	2
Jefferson	2	-	2	-	2
Beckford	1	1	1	1	2
Conley	-	2	-	2	2
Beamon	1	-	1	-	1
McGhee	1	-	1	-	1
Starks	1	-	1	-	1
Grimes	-	1	-	1	1

Finally, at the end of his career Lewis had 100 legal jumps averaging 8.54/28'0 1/2" - a mark that only 7 other jumpers had ever exceeded in regular conditions; and including wind-assisted jumps, his top-100 averaged 8.602/28'2 1/2"

Triple Jump - June 15, 19.10 Hr

1. Kenny Harrison (Nike)	59'1 1/4"w	(18.01)	+3.7	18.01w/p/p/p/p/p/
2. Mike Conley (Foot Locker)	57'7 3/4"	(17.57)	+1.2	x/17.36/x/17.57/x/x/
3. Robert Howard (Ark)	56'4 3/4"	(17.19)	+0.7	17.01w/17.19/16.88/x/x/16.85
4. LaMark Carter (Powerade)	55'11 3/4"	(17.06)	+1.5	17.03/16.93/16.61/16.95/16.62/17.06
5. Erick Walder (Adidas)	55'9 1/4"	(17.00)	+2.0	x/17.00/x/16.71/x/x/
6. Desmond Hunt (Unat)	55'7 1/2"	(16.95)	-0.0	
7. Rich Thompson (GFAE)	54'9 1/2"	(16.70)	+0.7	
8. Warren Posey (Unat)	54'9 1/4"	(16.69)	-0.6	

9. Robert Cannon (Unat) 54'2 3/4w" (16.53) +2.4w, 10. Clifton Etheridge (Goldwin) 53'5" (16.28) +1.8w, 11. Kendrick Morgan (Unat) 53'3 1/2 (16.24) +1.1w, Rodney Black (SF Austin) - no mark.

Qualifying: June 14, 20.30 Hr, 55'9 1/4" (17.00) or top-12: Howard 56'1" (17.09), Walder 55'10 1/2" (17.03), Conley 17.00 (55'9 1/4"), Harrison 55'1 1/2" (16.80), Carter 54'10 1/4" (16.72), Thompson 54'7" (16.64), Hunt 54'2 3/4" (16.53), Morgan 53'8 (16.36), Black 53'3 3/4" (16.25), Etheridge 53'3" (16.23), Posey 53'2 1/2" (16.22), Cannon 53'1 3/4" (16.20). Non-qualifiers: Deon Simmons (Unat) 53'1 1/4" (16.19), Ivory Angello (Asics) 52'5 1/4" (15.98), Tyrone Scott (Accu) 52'0" (15.85), Nat Sowell (Northeast Louisiana) 51'9 1/2" (15.79), Tyrone Taitt (Unat) 51'9 1/4" (15.78), Antoine Howard (Ark) 51'3 3/4" (15.64), Brandon Craven (Ark) 51'1" (15.57), Leonard Cobb (Unat) 50'11 3/4" (15.54), Dmitry Piterman (Unat) 50'10 3/4" (15.51), Kendrick Smith (Mizuno) 49'5 1/4" (15.07), Joseph Taiwo (Club Ballard) 49'2" (14.99). Von Ware (Sheffield Elite) - no mark

A series of minor injuries had frustrated Kenny Harrison's career since 1991, when he had powered his way to the world championship. The lesson learnt was that to win as effectively as possible at the OT would be to take as few jumps as possible. During the 1996 OT he took just 3 jumps - a foul and 55'1 1/2" in the qualifying, and then his windy 59'1 1/4" in the opening round in the final. Mike Conley had the incentive to take all 6 jumps in the final - 56'11 1/2" in round two, and 57'7 3/4" in the fourth round, with 4 fouls beyond 58 feet. One of Conley's training partners, Robert Howard, produced a PR of 56'1" in the qualifying round and improved to 56'4 3/4". His place was almost taken by another Fayetteville based jumper - Erick Walder, who placed 5th with 55'9 1/4", but had a 57' foul. Just ahead of him LaMark Carter, US indoor champion, the only jumper to have 6 legal efforts in the final, with 4 beyond 55'6". Harrison went on to win the Olympic title with 59'4 1/4" (18.09) 8 1/2" ahead of British WR holder Jonathan Edwards. Harrison's girlfriend - Gail Devers - won a gold medal in the 100 on the same evening, reminiscent of the Zatopeks' 2 gold medals in 1952.

Shot Put - June 15, 19.30 Hr

1. Randy Barnes (Goldwin)	70'1 1/2"	(21.37)
2. John Godina (Reebok)	69'6 1/4"	(21.19)
3. C.J. Hunter (Nike)	69'1 1/2"	(21.07)
4. Kevin Toth (Nike)	65'6 3/4"	(19.98)
5. Mark Parlin (Bruin TC)	64'8"	(19.71)

6. Ron Backes (NYAC)	64'6 1/2"	(19.67)
7. Brad Mears (Unat)	62'11 1/4"	(19.18)
8. Ernie Conwell (Wash)	62'1"	(18.92)

9. Kevin Coleman (Unat) 60'11 1/4" (18.57), 10. Nathan Davis (Ind) 59'11" (18.26), 11. Brian Miller (Unat) 59'7 1/2" (18.17), Scott Petersen (Unat) - 3 fouls

Qualifying: June 14, 20.45 Hr, 63'11 3/4" (19.50) or top-12: Godina 66'5" (20.24), Toth 65'4 1/4" (19.92), Hunter 64'11 1/4", Barnes 64'3 1/4" (19.59), Parlin 64'1 3/4" (19.55), Backes 63'4 3/4" (19.32), Coleman 63'2" (19.25), Mears 62'8" (19.10), Davis 61'3" (18.67), Petersen 60'3 1/2" (18.38), B.Miller 60'2 1/4" (18.36), Conwell 59'9 3/4" (18.23). Non-qualifiers: Steve Albert (American Big Guys) 59'9" (18.21), Paul Miller (UCTC) and Pete Kaligis (SSTC) 59'5 3/4" (18.13), Adam Nelson (Dartmouth) 58'10 1/4" (17.94), Dennis Black (Upper Iowa) 58'2 1/4" (17.74), Dennis DeSoto (Sacramento TC) 56'4 1/2" (17.18), Rob Carlson (Unat) 56'2 3/4" (17.14), Glenn Griffin (Ab Chr) 55'7" (16.94), Chris Volgeneau (Goldwin) 55'5" (16.89). Jon Ogden (Bruin TC), Jim Doehring (Reebok) and Brett Sullivan (Ind) - no mark.

This was expected to be a 4-way battle with Toth (21.23 in '96), Hunter (21.17), Godina (21.11), and Barnes (20.98) well ahead of the rest. The first round of the final settled the affair. Hunter popped his only fair throw of the day - 69'1 1/2" to lead from Godina (68'9 1/2") and Barnes (67'9 1/2") with Toth throwing 65'6 1/2", which turned out to be *his* best of the day. Hunter had injured himself on his first throw - "its either my groin or my hamstring" he said later (to which Godina immediately responded - "it's his groinstring"); Godina improved slightly to 68'10" in the second round and then 69'0" in the third stanza, with Barnes also going beyond 21 meters with 68'11 1/2" (21.02). Next round saw more improvement as Godina threw 69'6 1/4" and Barnes took the lead for good with 69'6 3/4". He improved to 70'1 1/2" in the final round, and later emulated his last round series best in the Olympics (as he had done in 1988 when taking Olympic silver) with a jump up from 6th to gold with his 70'11 1/4" (21.62)

Discus Throw - June 17, 17.30 Hr

1. Anthony Washington (US West)	216'1"	(65.86)
2. John Godina (Reebok)	211'10"	(64.58)
3. Adam Setliff (SSTC)	207'7"	(63.28)
4. Andy Bloom (Wake Forest)	205'4"	(62.58)
5. Brian Blutreich (Bruin TC)	204'0"	(62.18)
6. Randy Heisler (Nike)	203'4"	(61.98)
7. Kevin Fitzpatrick (SSTC)	202'2"	(61.62)
8. Greg Hart (Indiana TC)	200'7"	(61.14)

9. Jamie Presser (Bruin TC) 189'1" (57.64), 10. Mike Mielke (US-A) 187'2" (57.04), 11. Erik Johnson (Menace to the Game TC) 186'8" (56.90). Mike Buncic (Nike) - No mark

Qualifying: June 16, 15.30 Hr, 206'8" (63.00) or top-12: Washington 218'0" (66.44), Setliff 203'4" (61.98), Fitzpatrick 203'2" (61.94), Bloom 203'0" (61.88), Godina 201'4" (61.38), Heisler 201'0" (61.26), Blutreich 198'10" (60.60), Buncic 198'8" (60.56), Johnson 197'8" (60.26), Mielke 195'1" (59.48), Hart 194'7" (59.32), Presser 194'2" (59.20). Non-qualifiers: Andy Meyer (Mizuno) 190'6" (58.08), Jason Schlueter (Minn) 187'11" (57.30), John Wirtz (Reebok) 187'10" (57.26), Lance Davenport (Unat) 187'6" (57.18), Steve Muse (AIA) 184'11" (56.36), Carlos Brown (Unat) 183'6" (55.94), Casey Malone (Col St) 180'1" (54.90), Matt Lepsis (Col) 179'6" (54.72), Mike Walsh (Sector) 176'11" (53.94), Jim Seifert (Unat) 174'9" (53.26), Clifford Felkins (Unat) 167'9" (51.14). Doug Reynolds (unat) - No mark

In 1995 Anthony Washington had been the #1 American, but inexplicably had finished 12th in the US championships. It was not going to happen again. Washington produced the longest throw of the meet with his qualifying throw, and proceeded to dominate the final, with three casts beyond 65 meters. Second fell to John Godina with his second round 211'10" (64.58), which sent the statisticians scurrying to their history books. A check yielded the knowledge that Bud Houser had been the last American male to make the team in shot and discus back in 1924. (Rather more impressively Earlene Brown did the same in 1956 to 1964, and was succeeded by Lorna Griffin in 1980 and 1984, Ramona Pagel in 1988 and Connie Price-Smith in 1988 and 1992). Houser went on to win both events in the Olympics, unknowingly heaping pressure on Godina nearly 3/4 of a century later. Adam Setliff had thrown 219'4" two weeks earlier at the Jenner classic and was expected to make the team - he did so with *his* second throw - indeed the team places were settled with 1/3 of the competition gone.

Hammer Throw - June 19, 16.00 Hr

1. Lance Deal (NYAC)	249'4"	(76.00)
2. David Popejoy (NYAC)	243'8"	(74.26)
3. Kevin McMahon (Reebok)	241'5"	(73.58)
4. John Walker (Sector SC)	226'2"	(68.94)
5. Steve Dering (NYAC)	225'9"	(68.82)
6. Jim Driscoll (NYAC)	222'4"	(67.76)

7. Craig Carter (Rocky Mountain Elite) 219'5" (66.88)
 8. Marvin Williams (Unat) 217'4" (66.24)
 9. Gerald Ingalls (Army) 216'2" (65.90), 10. Mark McGehearty (Bos C) 214'11" (65.50), 11. Brian Murer (Unat) 209'8" (63.90), 12. Sean McGehearty (Bos C) 205'8" (62.68)

Qualifying: June 17, 14.00 Hr, 229'8" (70.00) or top-12: Deal 240'0" (73.16), McMahon 233'5" (71.14), Popejoy 232'5" (70.84), Walker 227'9" (69.42), M.McGehearty 223'8" (68.18), Murer 222'5" (67.80), Dering 222'3" (67.80), Driscoll 220'1" (67.08), Ingalls 219'11" (67.04), Williams 216'2" (65.90), S.McGehearty 216'1" (65.88), Carter 215'10" (65.80). Non-qualifiers: Pat Egan (Boston Running) 213'11" (65.20), Lorne McGee (NYAC) 213'9" (65.16), Stephen Desantis (Pacific Bay TC) 208'11" (63.68), Ken Norlen (Sacramento TC) 208'10" (63.66), Jeff Napolitano (Unat) 208'6" (63.56), John Zera (Unat) 207'9" (63.32), Scott Sargeant (Team Thor) 207'6" (63.26), Matt Shaffer (Performance Training) 203'5" (62.02), Justin Strand (Stanford) 200'8" (61.18), Robert Dilts (Sacramento) 196'8" (59.94), Dennis Kline (Unat) 193'9", Darren Zaylor (Unat) 193'5" (58.96). Peter Cyr (Sallie Mae TC) - No mark.

The qualifying round saw Deal, McMahon and Popejoy as the only throwers to get beyond 230', with Brian Murer, who had thrown 243'10" in April, well down at 222'5". The final was held up by a summer storm, which threatened lightning for a short time, and then Deal opened with a workmanlike 248'3", which was easily good enough to win. Popejoy's opener of 228'11" was enough to make the team, but he made sure with improvements of 234'8", 236'8" and 243'8" over the next three rounds. Kevin McMahon, who had been in the same class as Popejoy at High School, was languishing in 6th with 220'5" until round three when he whacked one out to 241'5", and the team was selected - as 4th place was more than 15 ft back. Deal's season was then governed by good fate as he led the Olympic qualifying round with 257'9" (a throw which should have been ruled a foot foul), placed 9th in the final - until it was determined that =8th on distance (which he shared with Sgrulletti (Ita) meant 3 more throws which he used to good measure with a last round 266'2" to win Olympic silver, the first US Olympic medal in the event since 1960, and then he was ranked #1 in the world for 1996 (Hal Connolly was the previous American to do so in 1962).

Javelin Throw - June 16, 19.00 Hr

1. Todd Riech (Nike) 268'7" (81.86)
 2. Tom Pukstys (Adidas) 267'8" (81.60)
 3. Breaux Greer (Unat) 262'5" (79.98)
 4. Dave Stephens (NYAC) 255'3" (77.80)
 5. Roald Bradstock (Unat) 253'5" (77.24)
 6. Ed Kaminski (Nike) 251'4" (76.62)
 7. Jim Connolly (Unat) 241'2" (73.50)
 8. Chris Sagnella (Rutgers) 235'8" (71.84)
 9. Erik Smith (Bruin TC) 229'9" (70.02), 10. Jason Bender (Bruin TC) 226'4" (69.00), 11. Troy Burkholder (Wash) 222'8" (67.88), 12. Gerard Langlois (Shore AC) 210'0" (64.02)

Qualifying: June 14, 16.00 Hr, 249'4" (76.00) or top-12: Pukstys 264'0" (80.48), Riech 258'9" (78.86), Stephens 254'5" (77.56), Bradstock 253'1" (77.16), Kaminski 251'7" (76.68), Greer 251'4" (76.60), Sagnella 244'2" (74.42), Langlois 241'3" (73.52), Smith 238'9" (72.78), Bender 235'11" (71.90), Burkholder 231'5" (70.54), Connolly 227'3" (69.28). Non-qualifiers: Art Skipper (Nike) 225'7" (68.76), Mike Barnett (NYAC) 225'1" (68.62), Ty Sevin (NYAC) 223'11" (68.24), John Taylor (Boston AA) 223'0" (67.96), Rob Curtis (Keihas) 222'3" (67.74), John Corwin (Emporia St) 217'4" (66.30), Charlie Cohen (Unat) 217'1" (66.18), Will Boudloche (AIA) 216'10" (66.10), Ozie Duncan (Idaho) 207'2" (63.16), Kris Theriault (Boston RC) 200'5" (61.10), Ron McDonnell (Unat) 194'9" (59.36)

Tom Pukstys, the best American javelin thrower of the 1990's and Todd Riech were favored to qualify, with former British double Olympian Roald Bradstock, Ed Kaminski and veteran Dave Stephens contenders for the third spot. At the end of round 1, Riech led with a PR 268'7" from Pukstys' 262'1", with Kaminski on 249'6" in third ahead of surprising Breaux Greer (243'8"). There were no material changes until round three, when Pukstys hit 265'7" and Stephens moved to 4th with 250'7". The surprise came in round 4, when Greer improved his PR by 20 ft to 262'5", just 1/2" (2 cm) short of the Olympic qualifier of 80 meters. Pukstys continued his solid throwing with 265'10", followed by 263'3" and rounded off his days work with 267'8". Stephens took 4th place with a last round 255'3" to beat Bradstock's 6th round 253'5". Greer failed to get an Olympic qualifier, so his place was taken by Stephens in the Games.

Decathlon - June 21/22

1. Dan O'Brien (Nike) (4618/2) 8726
 10.32/7.46/15.64/2.08/46.81/14.04/49.38/5.20/65.22/5:12.01
 2. Steve Fritz (Asics) (4445/3) 8636
 10.74/7.62/16.25/2.05/49.36/13.80/50.24/4.90/63.74/4:46.20
 3. Chris Huffins (Mizuno) (4687/1) 8546
 10.22/7.91/16.44/2.02/48.05/14.09/48.62/4.80/63.64/5:27.42
 4. Kip Janvrin (Visa) (4170/9) 8345
 10.83/7.08/14.82/1.96/48.35/14.64/45.58/5.20/59.20/4:21.18
 5. Drew Fucci (Mizuno) (4315/5) 8227
 10.75/7.53/13.73/2.08/48.91/14.13/43.82/4.90/60.46/4:54.69

6. Dave Johnson (Reebok)	(3935/17)8189
11.15/6.95/14.66/1.90/49.81/14.54/49.22/4.90/71.70/4:37.05	
7. Ricky Barker (Visa)	(4313/6) 8163
10.60/7.26/14.19/2.08/48.87/14.51/41.70/5.20/58.30/5:00.55	
8. Aric Long (Visa)	(4321/4) 8095
11.08/7.31/16.10/2.14/50.33/14.64/46.12/5.00/59.68/5:20.56	
9. Rob Muzzio (Visa)	(4154/11)8028
11.09/7.01/16.20/2.02/50.07/14.73/49.10/4.80/59.98/5:01.18	
10. Darwin VandeHoef (Unat)	(4257/7) 7827
10.68/7.04/13.40/2.17/49.32/14.21/43.22/4.40/47.92/4:52.65	
11. Chris Wilcox (Visa) 7822, 12. Shawn Wilbourn (Nike) 7793, 13. Brad Swanson (Unat) 7596, 14. Jeromy Williams (Nike) 7594, 15. Ray Livingston (Unat) 7575, 16. Tage Peterson (Azusa) 7389, 17. Brian Brophy (Reeb) 7215, 18. Ray Pope (Unat) 5512 (7 events), 19. Matt Zuber (USAF) 5373 (7), 20. Dan Steele (Reeb) 4037 (5), 21. Mario Sategna (Visa) 3038 (4), 22. Darrin Steele (US-A) 1598 (3), 23. Steve Rowland (Visa) 1566 (2), 24. Chad Smith (Tenn) 502 (1)	

No-one entered the 1996 Trials with as much pressure on him as Dan O'Brien. Having failed in the 1992 OT vault after being an overwhelming favorite to take Olympic gold, The 3-time world champion had been the focus of much media attention leading up to the Trials. His immediate response was to run a legal lifetime best in the 100m of 10.32 This was overshadowed a few minutes later when Huffins ran a startling 10.22, a decathlon WR. Huffins then jumped 7.91, as O'Brien had step trouble and did only 7.48m (24'6 1/2") - good jumping for most, but not when you are capable of 26+. Weighing 194 stretched over a 6'2 1/2" frame meant that O'Brien's effort in the Shot of 51'3 3/4" was impressive - though well below his PR of 54'9", and a notch down from Huffins' PR of 53'11 1/4" (this from a taller, lighter man - 6'3"/189). At this point, the competition looked like a Chris Huffins exhibition, but Huffins was known as a first day specialist, and from the 4th event - despite 7 PRs in the competition - he was outshone by O'Brien 2.08 to 2.02 in the HJ, and a great 46.81 to 48.05 in the 400. By then third place Steve Fritz, despite a PR of 53'3 3/4" in the Shot, was almost 200 points behind O'Brien. In all, 14 men scored over 4000 points on day 1. One who didn't was Dave Johnson, whose jumping put him out of Olympic contention, though his usual second day excellence drew him up 11 places to 6th at the end of the competition. O'Brien later said "I was looking for the second day" - and he began with 14.04 - just 6/100ths off his decathlon PR, though a country mile short of his superb open best of 13.47. . Steve Fritz had the best run of the day, a fine 13.80 (almost half a second better than his previous best legal run). Fritz also led the discus throwers, with 164'11", with O'Brien on 161'11". Dan then crushed the demons of New Orleans with a fine PV, eventually clearing 17'0 3/4", taking the lead for good. O'Brien threw a PR 214'0" in the javelin, with Johnson the event winner with 235'3", and then struggled through 1500m in 5:12.01, not bad in the 900 heat, but way short of the 4:43.8 needed to break his WR. Huffins suffered even more, clocking 5:27.42, with Fritz cruising past him into second with his 4:46.20. These three were well clear of 4th placer Kip Janvrin's lifetime PR of 8345 (a remarkably balanced effort over the two days - 4170/4175). In the Olympics, O'Brien again rose to the occasion, claiming his rightful place as Olympic champion with the 6th best ever score - 8824, with Fritz 4th with a PR 8644, and Huffins 10th with a solid 8300. This was the best decathlon in US history in terms of depth - with the best ever mark for second place through to ninth in a domestic American competition.

WOMEN

100 Meters - June 15, 21.05 Hr (+1.1w)

1. Gwen Torrence (Nike)	10.82	(5.99/4.83)
2. Gail Devers (Nike)	10.91	(5.98/4.93)
3. D'Andre Hill (LSU)	10.92	(6.03/4.89)
4. Inger Miller (Powerade)	10.96	(6.11/4.85)
5. Chryste Gaines (Powerade)	10.96	(6.06/4.90)
6. Dannette Young-Stone (Reebok)	11.08	(6.06/5.00)
7. Carlette Guidry (Adidas)	11.07	(6.12/4.95)
8. Cheryl Taplin (Nike)	11.11	(6.12/4.99)

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 15, 17.50/17.55 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Hill 10.97, 2. Devers 10.98, 3. Guidry 11.06, 4. Young-Stone 11.06, 5. Zundra Feagin (LSU) 11.26, 6. Sheila Echols (Unat) 11.30, 7. Aspen Burkett (Illinois) 11.45, 8. Benita Kelley (Illinois) 11.45 (+1.1w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Torrence 10.98, 2. Gaines 11.02, 3. Miller 11.10, 4. Taplin 11.19, 5. Celena Mondie-Milner (Powerade) 11.19, 5. Kisha Jett (Fla) 11.38, 7. Juan Ball (Mizuno) 11.39, 8. Holli Hyché (Adidas) 11.41 (+0.2w)

Quarter-finals - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 14, 20.00-20.10 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Torrence 10.99, 2. Gaines 11.04, 3. Mondie-Milner 11.17, 4. Jett 11.31, 5. Ball 11.37, 6. Hyché 11.47, 7. Tameka Roberts (Tex San Antonio) 11.54, 8. Keisha Owens (Sw La) 11.65 (-0.2w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Hill 10.99, 2. Miller 11.00, 3. Guidry 11.14, 4. Feagin 11.27, 5. Kelley 11.48, 6. Melinda Sergent (UTEP) 11.52, 7. Kathy Miiller (Unat) 11.66, 8. Michelle Bookman (Trac Sth) 11.72 (0.0w)
<u>3/</u>	1. Devers 10.99, 2. Young 11.18, 3. Taplin 11.26, 4. Echols 11.29, 5. Burkett 11.46, 6. Keisha Quick (NC) 11.64, 7. Nanceen Perry (Tex) 11.68, 8. Passion Richardson (Ky) 11.81 (+0.6w)

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 14, 17.00-17.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Devers 10.96, 2. Gaines 10.96, 3. Hill 11.00, 4. Burkett 11.39, 5. Richardson 11.56, 6. Quick 11.56, 7. Bookman 11.68, 8. DeMonica Davis (Unat) 11.71, 9. Lesa Parker (Sac TC) 11.78 (-0.1w)
- 2/ 1. Miller 11.03, 2. Young 11.25, 3. Taplin 11.37, 4. Kelley 11.46, 5. Stephanie Fields (Trac South) 11.76, 6. Vonetta Jeffrey (Ala-Birm) 11.77, 7. Sue Walton (Angels) 12.07, 8. Loretta Curry (NE La) 12.16 (+0.3w)
- 3/ 1. Torrence 11.13, 2. Echols 11.18, 3. Feagi 11.19, 4. Ball 11.40, 5. Hyche 11.41, 6. Roberts 11.58, 7. Müller 11.60, 8. Lakeisha Backus (Texas) 11.79 (-0.2w)
- 4/ 1. Guidry 11.29, 2. Mondie-Milner 11.29, 3. Jett 11.35, 4. Sergeant 11.46, 5. Owens 11.69, 6. Perry 11.70, 7. Tinisha Jackson (TCU) 11.74, 8. Janine Courville (Unat) 11.78, 9. Angela Williams (Mizuno) 17.83-inj (+0.6w)

Gwen Torrence was the most celebrated of local athletes in the Trials - the World 100 Champion, and favorite to win in the Trials. Like Carl Lewis in 1984, she had been the subject (or victim) of a "Sports Illustrated" profile, but unlike Lewis she had an injury to nurse going into the Trials - as had been the case in 1992.. She won her heat in 11.13, fourth fastest, as Gail Devers ran her best time for 3 years in winning the first heat in 10.96, just edging Chryste Gaines and D'Andre Hill, who both ran PRs (10.96 and 11.00). Five hours later they were back, and Torrence showed good early acceleration to control the first quarter-final with a 10.99 clocking, while Gaines again ran well (11.04), but Torrence limped away from the track, giving concern to her supporters. Hill ran her 2nd PR of the day, echoing Torrence's run with 10.99, just holding off Inger Miller by 1/100th, with Carlette Guidry a good third in 11.14. Defending Olympic champion Gail Devers then came out and ran the third 10.99 of the evening, well clear of Dannette Young-Stone. Devers was 0.01 quicker in her semi-final, but eased just before the line and was caught by Hill who ran 10.97 (another PR !), with Guidry 3rd, inches ahead of a fast finishing Young-Stone. Torrence won the other semi in 10.98, with Gaines - the leader to 60m - in 2nd in 11.02 ahead of Miller (11.10). Cheryl Taplin and Celena Mondie-Milner shared the same time of 11.19, with Taplin making the cut. The final followed the formbook, with the stocky Devers barreling out of the blocks ahead of Torrence, but she was caught by 50m by Torrence, who powered away to win by a meter, clasping her thigh just after the finish, with Devers just holding off the fast finishing Hill 10.91 to 10.92. Hill had run a PR 11.03 winning the NCAA, and so ran 5 PRs in a row culminating in her 10.92, equal 7th all-time among Americans. Inger Miller ran a fine 10.96 edging Gaines (same time) for 4th, and Taplin had the misfortune of running 11.11 in 8th - easily the fastest time ever in last place in a domestic race. Devers went on to retain her Olympic title, beating Merlene Ottey by about 2 inches (10.94 for both) with a less than perfectly fit Torrence third in 10.98.

200 Meters - June 23, 17.10 Hr (-0.6w)

3.	1. Carlette Guidry (Adidas)	22.14	(11.22/10.92)
5.	2. Dannette Young-Stone (Reebok)	22.18	(11.27/10.91)
8.	3. Inger Miller (Powerade)	22.25	(11.28/10.97)
4.	4. Gwen Torrence (Nike)	22.25	(11.29/10.96)
6.	5. Zundra Feagin (LSU)	22.33	(11.33/11.00)
7.	6. Celena Mondie-Milner (Powerade)	22.55	(11.62/10.93)
2.	7. Cheryl Taplin (Nike)	22.59	(11.37/11.22)
1.	8. Kisha Jett (Fla)	23.09	(11.60/11.49)

(Womens' splits from Technical Analysis team, headed by Dr Bert Lyle)

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 17.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Guidry 22.29 (11.35/10.94), 2. Feagin 22.35 (11.55/10.80), 3. Mondie-Milner 22.59 (11.62/10.97), 4. Jett 22.94 (11.65/11.29), 5. Aspen Burkett (Illinois) 23.36 (12.03/11.33), 6. Tameka Roberts (Tex San Ant) 23.39 (11.88/11.51), 7. Angela Williams 1 (Sheffield Elite) 23.40 (11.98/11.42), 8. Esther Jones (Vector) 23.47 (12.00/11.47) (-0.5w)
- 2/ 1. Young-Stone 22.31 (11.39/10.92), 2. Torrence 22.35 (11.47/10.88), 3. Miller 22.48 (11.52/10.93), 4. Taplin 22.95 (11.67/11.28), 5. Nanceen Perry (Tex) 23.46 (11.96/11.50), 6. Treshell Mayo (Clem) 23.49 (11.89/11.60), 7. Flirtisha Harris (Reebok) 24.00 (12.07/11.93) (+0.5w)

Quarter-finals - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 22, 15.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Feagin 22.30, 2. Guidry 22.35, 3. Jett 22.85, 4. Roberts 23.21, 5. Perry 23.41, 6. Juan Ball (Mizuno) 23.58, 7. Angelia Clay (Miss) 23.64, 8. Yashiva Edwards (Fla St) 23.81 (+0.9w)
- 2/ 1. Torrence 22.53, 2. Mondie-Milner 22.59, 3. Taplin 22.73, 4. Gaines 22.92, 5. Jones 23.21, 6. Williams 23.27, 7. Ali McKnight (Nike) 24.12 (+0.4)
- 3/ 1. Miller 22.57, 2. Young-Stone 22.96, 3. Burkett 23.11, 4. Mayo 23.14, 5. Harris 23.72, 6. Wenda Vereen (Unat) 23.79, 7. TaNisha Mills (Rice) 24.38 (+1.6w)

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 21, 19.10 Hr

- 1/ 1. Feagin 22.35, 2. Guidry 22.67, 3. Mayo 23.33, 4. Williams 23.70, 5. McKnight 23.91, 6. Clay 24.15, 7. Vonda Newhouse (Nike) 24.40 (+1.6w)
- 2/ 1. Young-Stone 22.32, 2. Miller 22.75, 3. Taplin 22.94, 4. Stevens 23.31, 5. Edwards 23.84, 6. Grace-Ann Dinkins (Unat) 23.86, 7. Giesla Jackson (TCU) 24.40 (+1.5w)
- 3/ 1. Mondie-Milner 22.79, 2. Jett 23.07, 3. Roberts 23.18, 4. Perry 23.35, 5. Harris 23.64, 6. Mills 24.19 (+1.2w)

4/ 1. Gaines 22.82, 2. Burkett 23.06, 3. Torrence 23.07, 4. Jones 23.44, 5. Ball 23.54, 6. Vereen 23.72 (+1.0w)

A healthy Torrence would have made this an interesting race for second place, but she was clearly suffering from hamstring problems exaggerated in the 100m; however, her hobbling at the end of her third place 23.07 in her heat made it look like she would never make the final. As the event progressed she looked better, with a 22.35 in her semi-final. Still, it looked very open, with Guidry, Young-Stone and the fast finishing Feagin all looking possible Olympians. Young-Stone (0.168) and Miller (0.167) reacted fastest, but Guidry edged into the lead on the second half of the turn, with Miller in third, inches ahead of Torrence. It became clear that Torrence was not about to burst clear of the field, but she battled the whole straight with Miller. Guidry finished 4 feet clear of third place, with Young-Stone 0.04 behind her 22.14, both lifetime bests. Miller took third - by 1/1000th - 22.247 to 22.248, with Feagin a close 5th in 22.33. Mondie-Milner just edged Taplin for 6th - 22.55 to 22.59. Taplin's double of 11.11/22.59 would have made any other Olympic team. Miller went on to be the best placed American, missing Olympic bronze by 0.03 with her 22.41, while Guidry placed 8th in the final and Young-Stone finished 5th in her semi. Both Miller and Guidry ended up with Olympic gold medals for their contribution (Guidry - heat, Miller - heat/final) to the sprint relay team. This gave the Miller family a full set of medals, as her father Lennox had won 100 silver and bronze for Jamaica in 1968/72.

400 Meters - June 19, 19.00 Hr

5.	1. Maicel Malone (Asics)	50.52	(23.78/26.74)
4.	2. Jearl Miles (Reebok)	50.61	(24.05/26.56)
6.	3. Kim Graham (Asics)	50.87	(24.34/26.53)
1.	4. Rochelle Stevens (Posner Cosmetics)	51.16	(23.99/27.17)
7.	5. Linetta Wilson (Santa Barbara TC)	51.49	(24.38/27.11)
2.	6. Natasha Kaiser-Brown (Footlocker)	51.52	(24.58/26.94)
8.	7. Nicole Green (Powerade)	51.95	(24.56/27.39)
3.	8. Youlanda Warren (Unat)	52.10	(24.26/27.84)

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 17, 18.15/18.21 Hr

1/ 1. Graham 50.53, 2. Warren 50.90, 3. Wilson 51.02, 4. Green 51.09, 5. Shanelle Porter (US West) 51.35, 6. Denean Howard-Hill (Unat) 51.74, 7. Janeen Jones (Unat) 52.49, 8. Suziann Reid (Tex) 54.39

2/ 1. Malone 50.15, 2. Miles 50.46, 3. Stevens 50.65, 4. Kaiser-Brown 51.18, 5. Michelle Collins (Mizuno) 52.03, 6. Toya Brown (Tex) 52.27, 7. Donna Howard (Tex) 52.37, 8. Monique Hennagan (N Car) 52.50

Quarter-finals - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 16, 19.35-19.55 Hr

1/ 1. Malone 50.62, 2. Stevens 50.67, 3. Kaiser-Brown 51.34, 4. Collins 52.11, 5. Anita Howard (Unat) 52.56, 6. Chandra Burns (Mich St) 53.51

2/ 1. Graham 51.06, 2. Green 51.72, 3. Howard-Hill 51.89, 4. Reid 52.16, 5. Ebony Robinson (Fla) 52.33, 6. Angelia Clay (Miss) 52.59

3/ 1. Porter 51.00, 2. Wilson 51.36, 3. Warren 51.69, 4. Jones 52.18, 5. Tanya Dooley (AIA) 53.18, 6. Flirtisha Harris (Reeb) 53.46, 7. Eusheka Bartley (Auburn) 53.48

4/ 1. Miles 51.41, 2. Hennagan 52.37, 3. Brown 52.38, 4. Do.Howard 52.54, 5. Jessica Hudson (Unat) 52.96, 6. Michelle Brown (Ky) 54.45

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 15, 19.15-19.35 Hr

1/ 1. Wilson 51.29, 2. T.Brown 51.45, 3. Porter 51.62, 4. Collins 52.30, 5. Jones 52.32, 6. Hudson 52.89, 7. Tiffany Weatherford (N Car) 58.22

2/ 1. Stevens 51.38, 2. Warren 52.26, 3. Hennagan 52.62, 4. Bartley 53.34, 5. Reid 53.64, 6. Latasha Gilliam (Cal) 55.13

3/ 1. Miles 52.00, 2. Malone 52.00, 3. Kaiser-Brown 52.51, 4. Robinson 52.68, 5. A.Howard 52.78, 6. M.Brown 53.14, 7. Crystal Irving (Atoms) 54.04

4/ 1. Graham 51.31, 2. Howard-Hill 52.01, 3. Green 52.14, 4. Do.Howard 52.29, 5. Clay 52.59, 6. Burns 53.30, 7. Harris 53.99

The semi-finals were notable for Kim Graham's PR 50.53, the fastest by an American in 1996, which was superseded by Maicel Malone's 50.15 six minutes later, and the elimination of veteran Denean Howard-Hill who failed to reach the OT final after an unprecedented 4 Trials finals (and 3 Olympic relay medals - 1 gold, 2 silver). The final saw Malone out quickest, holding a 2 meter lead over Miles at halfway, passing 300m in 36.22 some 3m clear of Miles, and holding on to beat the 1993 World Champion by 2 ft. Behind them Kim Graham confirmed her form, catching Rochelle Stevens at 350m, and finishing 2 meters ahead - 50.87 to 51.16. In the Games Miles ran 49.55, the fastest time by an American for 12 years, placing 5th as the sole US finalist. The top-5 in the Trials all shared in the relay gold medal in Atlanta.

800 Meters - June 17, 20.20 Hr

1.	Meredith Rainey (Footlocker)	1:57.04	(56.7/60.3)
2.	Joetta Clark (Footlocker)	1:58.22	(56.7/61.5)
3.	Suzy Hamilton (Reebok)	1:59.04	(57.0/62.0)
4.	Kathi Rounds (Unat)	1:59.28	(57.3/62.0)

5. Michelle DiMuro (Asics)	1:59.85 (57.1/62.7)
6. Alisa Hill (Unat)	2:00.06 (56.6/63.5)
7. Tosha Sumner (Goldwin)	2:00.82 (57.2/63.6)
8. Amy Wickus (Nike)	2:01.63 (56.9/64.7)

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 15, 20.20/20.25 Hr

- 1/ 1. Clark 2:00.41, 2. Sumner 2:00.46, 3. Hamilton 2:00.65, 4. Rounds 2:00.99, 5. Debbie Marshall (New Bal) 2:01.57, 6. Delisa Floyd (Team Paul Mitchell) 2:02.95, 7. Jill Stamison (Asics) 2:07.41, Sarah Thorsett (Powerade) - Dnc. (58.11/62.35)
- 2/ 1. Rainey 2:01.18, 2. Wickus 2:01.85, 3. Hill 2:02.17, 4. DiMuro 2:02.31, 5. Jen Buckley (Asics) 2:04.09, 6. Nekita Beasley (Reebok) 2:04.57, 7. Jane Brooker (AIA) 2:05.42, Julie Jenkins (Unat) - Dnc (59.83/61.35)

Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 14, 19.00-19.16 Hr

- 1/ 1. Clark 2:01.85, 2. Sumner 2:02.15, 3. Jenkins 2:02.29, 4. Buckley 2:02.45, 5. Beasley 2:02.70, 6. Debbie Marshall (New Bal) 2:02.77, 7. Nicole Teter (Nike) 2:05.44
- 2/ 1. Wickus 2:02.02, 2. Hamilton 2:02.27, 3. DiMuro 2:02.40, 4. Rounds 2:02.69, 5. Floyd 2:04.31, 6. Brooker 2:05.36, 7. Jessica Kluge (NYAC) 2:06.60, 8. Monique Hunt (No Car) 2:08.20
- 3/ 1. Rainey 2:02.17, 2. Hill 2:02.99, 3. Stamison 2:03.77, 4. Thorsett 2:03.83, 5. Carrie Neugebauer (Nike) 2:05.99, 6. Lesley Noll-Mayne (Asics) 2:11.78, 7. Renee Ross (Seton Hall) 2:13.34, 8. Genesia Eddins (Cent Mass Striders) - Dnf

Rainey and Floyd were the pre-race favorites, and were the class of the field. After following Alisa Hill's quick pace (27.0/56.6), Rainey burst into the lead after 550m and went through 600m in 1:26.1, on pace for Mary Slaney's US record of 1:56.90. Rainey led by 10 meters into the finishing straight and held almost all of that advantage to the tape, clocking the 3rd fastest ever by a US citizen with 1:57.04. The elegant moving Rainey had double cause for celebration, having married Andrew Valmon (relay gold medalist in 1988) three days earlier. Clark, in her 5th Trials, made the team for the 3rd straight time, missing her PR by 0.42 with her 1:58.22. Behind her Suzy Hamilton finished 2 meters ahead of surprising Kathi Rounds, with her legs looking like India rubber over the last 10 meters. Hamilton collapsed as she crossed the line in one of the most dramatic moments of the '96 Trials. Behind them Michelle DiMuro placed 5th in 1:59.85 and was overjoyed - "If you would have told me a month ago I would finish 5th..I would have said "you're crazy". If I was under 2 minutes..that would be great..you're all invited to my house for a party" !

1500 Meters - June 23, 16.25 Hr

1. Regina Jacobs (Mizuno)	4:08.67
2. Juli Henner (Reebok)	4:09.49
3. Vicki Huber (Asics)	4:11.23
4. Amy Wickus (Nike)	4:12.06
5. Sarah Thorsett (Powerade)	4:12.34
6. Kathy Franey (Nike)	4:12.34
7. Sarah Schwald (Nike)	4:13.00
8. Cheri Goddard (Reebok)	4:13.10

9. Alisa Hill (Unat) 4:13.34, 10. Fran ten Bensel (New Bal) 4:13.58, 11. Stephanie Best (Mountain West) 4:13.95, 12. Debbie Marshall (New Bal) 4:15.94, 13. Suzy Hamilton (Reeb) 4:17.28, 14. Ruth Wysocki (Nike) 4:23.59 (69.22/2:20.14/3:25.98)

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 21, 18.30/18.40 Hr

- 1/ 1. Jacobs 4:11.50, 2. Marshall 4:12.45, 3. Wickus 4:12.80, 4. Huber 4:13.04, 5. Goddard 4:13.05, 6. Hamilton 4:13.28, 7. Lynn Jennings (Nike) 4:13.91, 8. Darcy Arreola (Nike) 4:15.36, 9. Jasmin Keller (Adidas) 4:16.63, 10. Suzanne Jones (Unat) 4:17.16, 11. Claudette Groenendaal (SMTC) 4:17.71, 12. Nnenna Lynch (Footlocker) 4:18.16 (72.16/2:20.12/3:26.29)
- 2/ 1. Franey 4:10.76, 2. Henner 4:11.70, 3. Hill 4:12.61, 4. Best 4:12.61, 5. Schwald 4:12.68, 7. Mary Slaney (Nike) 4:15.85, 8. Karen Hecox (Nike) 4:17.34, 9. Kristen Seabury (New Bal) 4:17.87, 10. Wysocki (fell) 4:25.09, 11. Kari Bertrand (Reeb) 4:25.77, Sarah Thorsett (Powerade) - DQ (70.46/2:18.55/3:23.78)

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 19, 18.15/18.23/18.31 Hr

- 1/ 1. Jacobs 4:15.38, 2. Marshall 4:15.78, 3. Thorsett 4:16.03, 4. Huber 4:16.29, 5. Wickus 4:16.30, 6. Best 4:16.36, 7. Lynch 4:16.80, 8. Jennings 4:18.44, 9. Miesha Marzell (Gtn) 4:24.14, 10. Nicole Karr (Portland) 4:24.78, 11. Shelly McBride (Reeb) 4:25.57 (75.07/2:24.76/3:29.90)
- 2/ 1. Keller 4:14.42, 2. Hill 4:14.86, 3. Hamilton 4:15.32, 4. Henner 4:15.35, 5. Schwald 4:16.15, 6. Groenendaal 4:16.30, 7. Seabury 4:16.67, 8. Arreola 4:17.93, 9. Jenifer Bravard (Asics) 4:19.11, 10. Maryann Harring (New Bal) 4:19.42, 11. Joline Staeheli (Gtn) 4:24.02 (69.24/2:18.95/3:27.21)
- 3/ 1. Slaney 4:15.28, 2. Wysocki 4:15.29, 3. Goddard 4:15.31, 4. Franey 4:15.33, 5. ten Bensel 4:15.52, 6. Hecox 4:15.66, 7. S.Jones 4:16.99, 8. Kari Bertrand (Reeb) 4:17.69, 9. Polly Plumer (Asics) 4:22.62 (70.14/2:21.18/3:25.33)

Media attention was initially devoted to Mary Slaney and Ruth Wysocki, both of them veterans of 20 years at the top in US athletics; but Slaney was eliminated at the semi-final stage, and Wysocki made the final only by advancing after falling. Attention moved to Regina Jacobs, who was looking to make her third Olympic team. On the basis of a 58.7 final lap, she achieved her wish, beating Juli

Henner's 4:09.49 by 6 yards, with Henner showing great finishing speed with a 58.9 lap. Third was taken by Vicki Huber, 1988 Olympian over 3000m, who zipped by Amy Wickus with 3m to go. Held just before the 1500 was the sole non-Olympic event of the meet - the womens' steeplechase, which was won by Courtney Pugmire of BYU in 10:23.47

5000 Meters - June 17, 20.30 Hr

1. Lynn Jennings (Nike)	15:28.18
2. Mary Slaney (Nike)	15:29.39
3. Amy Rudolph (Reebok)	15:29.91
4. Libbie Johnson (Mizuno)	15:30.77
5. Annette Peters (Nike)	15:39.91
6. Cheri Goddard (Reebok)	15:41.80
7. Kim Jones (Nike)	15:53.58
8. Elva Dryer (Unat)	15:55.82
9. PattiSue Plumer (Nike) 16:03.72, 10. Carmen Troncoso (Nike) 16:10.84, 11. Amy Skieresz (Ariz) 16:12.82, 12. Katrina Price (Asics) 16:29.79, 13. Tania Fischer (SMTC) 16:33.97, 14. Lisa Karnopp (Unat) 16:35.22	

Heats - first 5 plus 5 fastest losers qualify, June 14, 20.40/21.05 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Jennings 15:44.33, 2. Rudolph 15:46.78, 3. Dryer 15:47.54, 4. Jones 16:06.54, 5. Skieresz 16:12.82, 6. Rosalind Taylor (Brooks) 16:34.23, 7. Molly Watcke (New Bal) 16:46.22, 8. Tara Carlson (Wash) 16:50.63. Vicki Huber (Asics), Cathy Palacios (Asics) and Laura Mykytok (New Bal) - Dnf
<u>2/</u>	1. Slaney 16:02.47, 2. Peters 16:03.52, 3. Johnson 16:04.67, 4. Goddard 16:04.67, 5. Plumer 16:06.80, 6. Troncoso 16:12.55, 7. Price 16:20.82, 8. Karnopp 16:22.79, 9. Fischer 16:24.17, 10. Lisa Senatore (New Bal) 16:31.41, 11. Milena Glusac (Unat) 16:34.86, 12. Lura Byrne (Adidas) 17:03.30

Lynn Jennings, twice an Olympian over 10000m, showed that age had not dimmed her abilities as she won the first heat comfortably, and was succeeded in the second heat by Mary Slaney, with Annette Peters and PattiSue Plumer qualifying handily behind her, the latter after recovering from a series of injuries.

Amy Rudolph was the only athlete to have broken 15:30 in 1996 before the Trials, but there were at least half a dozen other finalists capable of quicker than that in good conditions. These were not good conditions with the temperature at 84o with 60% humidity. The pace was cautious with Dryer leading at 1km with 3:12.17 (16:00) pace, with marathoner Kim Jones ahead at 2k (6:22.13). The pace was maintained by Slaney (9:32.33), and marginally quickened at 4km by Johnson (12:35.66) who attempted to break the field from 3 laps out. Jennings and Rudolph leached on, but Slaney slipped back. The crowd, on Slaney's side, reacted as she fought back, head characteristically genuflecting, and she caught the leading trio with 400m to go. Jennings powered away just after the bell, and after evoking memories of Zola Budd by slightly tripping over Rudolph's feet in the backstretch, Slaney eased away from Rudolph to make her 4th Olympic team in an international career which would span a full quarter of a century the following season (when in a remarkable world indoor championship 1500, she would be a superb second in 4:05.22 - behind Russia's 44 year old Podkopayeva (4:05.19). Slaney's previous world title race against the Russian had been a win 14 years earlier !).

10000 Meters - June 21, 21.15 Hr

1. Kate Fonshell (Asics)	32:37.91
2. Olga Appell (Reebok)	32:43.79
3. Joan Nesbit (New Bal)	32:46.77
4. Lynn Nelson (Mizuno)	33:05.03
5. Laurie Henes (Adidas)	33:16.59
6. Trina Painter (New Bal)	33:19.50
7. Laura LaMena-Coll (Moving Comfort)	33:30.93
8. Carole Zajac (Nike)	33:36.32
9. Cathy O'Brien (New Bal) 33:41.77, 10. Lucy Nusrala (Nike) 33:51.72, 11. Kristin Ihle (Unat) 33:56.76, 12. Jen Rhines (Vill) 33:58.71, 13. Liz Wilson (New Bal) 34:04.95, 14. Colette Murphy (Adidas) 34:26.34. Gwyn Coogan (Adidas) and Sylvia Mosqueda (Cacique) - Dnf	

Heats - first 6 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 14, 22.40/23.20 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Nesbit 33:18.71, 2. Mosqueda 33:21.60, 3. Nusrala 33:22.59, 4. Appell 33:23.82, 5. Henes 33:33.23, 6. Murphy 33:38.09, 7. Wilson 33:39.62, 8. Zajac 33:51.07, 9. Christine McNamara (Bos AA) 33:57.86, 10. Melody Fairchild (Unat) 34:12.68, 11. Kata Landau (Gtn) 34:33.07, 12. Michele Buresh (Mt West TC) 34:53.39. Annette Luevano (SMTC) and Nicole Woodward (Adidas) - Dnf
<u>2/</u>	1. Coogan 33:36.80, 2. LaMena-Coll 33:37.40, 3. Nelson 33:37.96, 4. Fonshell 33:38.54, 5. Painter 33:38.92, 6. Ihle 33:39.20, 7. Rhines 33:41.56, 8. O'Brien 33:45.55, 9. Shelley Smathers (Mt West TC) 34:44.53, 10. Elaine van Blunk (Adidas) 34:53.18, 11. Celsa Bowman-Kidman (Reeb) 35:12.03. Laura Craven (Unat) and Vicki Mitchell (Brooks) - Dnf

The heats eliminated 11 athletes, of whom 4 were non-finishers at the end of 12 hours of non-stop track at the end of day 1. There then followed a record break of 7 days before the final. Nesbit led from the gun, with Appell on her shoulder helping push the pace along. Nesbit passed halfway in 16:18.53, with Henes, Appell and Fonshell in tow. Fonshell waited until the last lap before kicking past the

pacemakers, finishing with 5k splits of 16:18.8/16:19.1. Nesbit, who had placed 4th in the '92 Trials over 3000m (after being the final finisher in the 1988 OT 10,000m), won most of the plaudits from the press after the race for forcing the pace in highly uncomfortable conditions.

10 Kilometer Walk - June 22, 09.50 Hr

1. Debbi Lawrence (Natural Sport)	46:05
2. Michelle Rohl (Parkside AC)	46:37
3. Victoria Herazo (Walking Club of Georgia)	48:12
4. Debby van Orden (Unat)	49:13
5. Sara Stanley (Asics)	49:23
6. Teresa Vaill (Unat)	49:36
7. Dana Yarbrough (La Grange TC)	50:12
8. Kim Wilkinson (Monterey Peninsular WC)	50:47

17 Finishers - 1 Dnf

Lawrence cruised away from the field after a steady start to win her third successive Trials event (though the walk was not an Olympic event in 1988). Michelle Rohl, who would clock a PR 44:29 for 14th in the cooler conditions of the Olympics the following month, passed halfway in 23:33, 13 seconds behind Lawrence, and lost another 19 in the second half, still finishing over a minute and a half in front of Herazo.

Marathon - Columbia South Carolina, February 10, 09.00 Hr

1. Jenny Spangler (SMTC)	2:29:54
2. Linda Somers (Adidas)	2:30:06
3. Anne Marie Lauck (Nike)	2:31:18
4. Gwyn Coogan (Adidas)	2:33:51
5. Kristy Johnston (Reebok)	2:34:21
6. Debbi Kilpatrick-Morris (Moving Comfort)	2:34:52
7. Jeanne Petersen (Unat)	2:35:19
8. Elaine van Blunk (Adidas)	2:35:31
9. Lynn Nelson (Unat)	2:35:34
10. Lisa Knoblich (Unat)	2:36:05
11. Bonnie McReynolds (Unat)	2:36:15
12. Jennifer Martin (Unat)	2:36:26
13. Joan Samuelson (Nike)	2:36:54

129 finished, 20th - 2:39:08, 30th - 2:41:46, 50th - 2:46:17

30 athletes were listed in the "elite" section in the Trials program, but Jenny Spangler, whose PR of 2:33:52 dated back to 1983, was not one of them. Spangler first took the lead after 5 miles, and at halfway, only Lauck was in attendance, and she was dropped after the 16th mile, covered in 5:22 (downhill) by Spangler. At 22 miles she had a 40 second lead, and coasted to the finish, as she and Somers lopped over 3 minutes from their PRs. Joan Samuelson, history's fastest marathoner, and #1 in the USA as far back as 1979, finished a creditable 13th three months before her 38th birthday.

100 Meters Hurdles - June 23, 16.55 Hr (+0.6w)

1. Gail Devers (Nike)	12.62
2. Lynda Goode (Goldwin)	12.69
3. Cheryl Dickey (Unat)	12.76
4. Dawn Bowles (Footlocker)	12.93
5. Tonya Lawson (La Grange TC)	12.94
6. Tananjalyne Boutte (Unat)	12.97
7. Kim Carson (LSU)	13.01
8. Melissa Morrison (Unat)	13.45

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 16.20 Hr

1/ 1. Bowles 12.88, 2. Dickey 12.89, 3. Morrison 12.92, 4. Boutte 13.04, 5. Donna Waller (Reeb) 13.08, 6. Rhonda Colvin (US Army) 13.25, 7. Marsha Guialdo (Unat) 13.28, 8. Michelle Johnson (Ariz) 13.84 (-1.7w)

2/ 1. Goode 12.74, 2. Carson 12.88, 3. Devers 12.93, 4. Lawson 12.98, 5. Rosa Jolivet (Tex A&M) 13.02, 6. Tonya Williams (Ill) 13.08, 7. LaTasha Colander (No Car) 13.11, 8. Dominique Calloway (Col HS) 13.55 (+0.4w)

Quarter-finals - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 22, 14.40 Hr

- 1/ 1. Bowles 12.65w, 2. Boutte 12.84, 3. Williams 12.96w, 4. Carson 13.01w, 5. Johnson 13.19w, 6. Anjanette Kirkland (Unat) 13.32w, 7. Joanna Hayes (UCLA) 13.35w, 8. Amanda Farquhar (Col) 13.47w (+3.2w)
- 2/ 1. Devers 12.69, 2. Colvin 13.02, 3. Morrison 13.07, 4. Waller 13.19, 5. Calloway 13.25, 6. Guialdo 13.26, 7. Trecia Roberts (Joe Gentry) 13.29, LaVonna Martin-Floreale (Cheetahs) - Dns (+0.3w)
- 3/ 1. Goode 12.94, 2. Lawson 13.04, 3. Dickey 13.11, 4. Colander 13.11, 5. Jolivet 13.24, 6. Jackie Humphrey (Georgia Foundation) 13.28, 7. Dawn Riley (Ill) 13.42, 8. Keri Hinderlie (Syracuse) 13.42 (+0.4w)

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 21, 17.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Goode 12.78, 2. Dickey 12.97, 3. Williams 13.01, 4. Lawson 13.07, 5. Guialdo 13.17, 6. Johnson 13.19, 7. Allison Williams (Unat) 13.39, 8. Nicole Belcher (Unat) 13.51 (+1.7w)
- 2/ 1. Bowles 12.98, 2. Riley 13.00, 3. Colander 13.12, 4. Hayes 13.24, 5. Hinderlie 13.35, 6. Jamie McNeair (Reeb) 13.54, 7. Doris Williams (Goldwin) 13.61, 8. Yolanda McCray (Miami) 13.64 (+0.6w)
- 3/ 1. Carson 12.97w, 2. Calloway 13.03w, 3. Waller 13.09w, 4. Colvin 13.14w, 5. Humphrey 13.18w, 6. Jolivet 13.20w, 7. Roberts 13.25w, 8. Val Manning (Sac TC) 13.40w (+2.5w)
- 4/ 1. Devers 12.83, 2. Morrison 12.96, 3. Boutte 13.00, 4. Kirkland 13.31, 5. Farquhar 13.35, 6. Martin-Floreale 13.35, 7. Monifa Taylor (Reeb) 13.47, 8. Kwani Stewart (Unat) 13.60 (+1.8w)

Devers had not hurdled all season, so her initial race was eagerly awaited. She cruised through a 12.83, looking rusty over the barriers, but only Lynda Goode was quicker, winning heat 1 in 12.78. A possible star of the future was revealed in heat three, when 17 year-old Dominique Calloway ran 13.03w, the second fastest run ever by a highschooler. The second round again saw Devers as second fastest, as Bowles ran 12.65w, with Devers taking her race in a US leading 12.69. Her hurdling foibles came to the fore in the semis as she whacked the 4th hurdle ("what went through my mind was "I'm not going down, I'm not going to fall"), but recovered from 5th place to finish 3rd (12.93) to Goode (12.74) and Kim Carson (12.88). Fourth placer Tonya Lawson ended up as the finalist with the slowest preliminary time despite running a PR 12.98. In the final Goode was out quickest (reaction time 0.119 versus Devers 0.153) but was caught by Devers by halfway. From then on it was Devers' quickness against Goode's superior hurdling technique - quickness won 12.62 to 12.69. This was to be Devers best time of the year, though she equalled it in her Olympic semi-final (before finishing 4th in 12.66 in the final). Cheryl Dickey won the battle for third, after Melissa Morrison smacked the 8th hurdle hard while running level with her.

400 Meters Hurdles - June 16, 21.10 Hr

4. 1. Kim Batten (Reebok)	53.81
3. 2. Tonja Buford-Bailey (Nike)	53.92
5. 3. Sandra Farmer-Patrick (Nike)	54.07
7. 4. Trevaia Williams (Atoms)	54.87
6. 5. Rebecca Buchanan (Angels TC)	55.69
1. 6. Tonya Williams (Illinois)	55.94
8. 7. Tonya Lee (Unat)	56.59
2. 8. Rosa Jolivet (Tex A&M)	57.53

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 15, 20.50/20.56/21.02 Hr

- 1/ 1. Farmer-Patrick 54.88, 2. To. Williams 54.96, 3. Jolivet 55.91, 4. Rebecca Williams (Miami/O) 55.99, 5. Alison Poulin (Fleet Feet) 56.67, 6. Julie Harrison (Mizuno) 57.29
- 2/ 1. Batten 54.67, 2. Buchanan 54.87, 3. Tr. Williams 54.95, 4. Ryan Tolbert (Vanderbilt) 56.27, 6. Sandra Glover (Mizuno) 58.33, 6. LaTanya Sheffield (Reeb) 81.90
- 3/ 1. Buford-Bailey 55.66, 2. Lee 56.46, 3. Melinda Sallins (SW Mo) 56.74, 4. Tracy Mattes (Nike) 57.86, 5. Michelle Johnson (Ariz) 58.90, 6. Erica Pietrzak (Brooks) 59.56

Heats - first 2 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 14, 18.00-18.18 Hr

- 1/ 1. Buford-Bailey 55.80, 2. M. Johnson 56.71, 3. Tolbert 56.87, 4. Sheffield 57.02, 5. Leona Russell (Unat) 58.34, 6. Angela Harris (Nev-Las Vegas) 59.89
- 2/ 1. Farmer-Patrick 55.86, 2. Buchanan 56.24, 3. Lee 56.60, 4. Sallins 57.05, 5. Harrison 57.22, 6. Sharifa Cox (San Diego St) 61.75
- 3/ 1. Batten 55.33, 2. Tr. Williams 55.85, 3. Glover 57.55, 4. Pam Brooks (Unat) 58.00, 5. Connie Ellerbe (Unat) 58.09, 6. Dawn Slavens (Kansas) 63.64
- 4/ 1. To. Williams 55.86, 2. R. Williams 57.17, 3. Poulin 57.38, 4. Kim Townes (Unat) 57.90, 5. Le'Gretta Hinds (LB St) 58.07, 6. Meka Rembert (Ky) 58.64
- 5/ 1. Mattes 57.61, 2. Jolivet 58.54, 3. Tamika Higgins-Francis (Unat) 59.80, 4. Patrice Woods (Wash) 60.39, 5. Renea Jordan (G. Mason) 60.75. Redhiya Teagle (Fla St) - Dnf

Kim Batten, Tonja Buford-Bailey and Sandra Farmer-Patrick were favored to make the team, though there were some question marks as to the fitness of Batten. She was fastest in every round, winning the final after kicking hard at the 6th hurdle to go clear of Buford-Bailey, though the margin never climbed beyond a meter. Farmer-Patrick was a further meter back, some 6 yards clear of Trevaia

Williams, an isolated 4th well ahead of the rest in her second PR of the meet (54.95 semi, 54.87 final).

High Jump - June 17, 18.45 Hr

1. Tisha Waller (Goldwin)	6'4 3/4" (1.95)
2. Connie Teaberry (Goldwin)	6'4 3/4" (1.95)
3. Amy Acuff (UCLA)	6'3 1/2" (1.92)
4. Karol Jenkins (Unat)	6'3 1/2" (1.92)
5. Tanya Hughes-Jones (Unat)	6'2 1/4" (1.89)
6. Angela Bradburn (Powerade)	6'2 1/4" (1.89)
7. Gwen Wentland (Nike)	6'2 1/4" (1.89)
8. Erin Aldrich (Texas HS)	6'2 1/4" (1.89)
9. Nicki Hudson (Goldsboro Athletic), Shelly Nixon (Unat) and Corissa Yasen (Purdue)	6'0 3/4" (1.85), 12. Camille Williams (Wisc) 6'0 3/4" (1.85), 13. Clare Look-Jaeger (Nike) 5'10 3/4" (1.80), 14. Lisa Coleman (Advantage Ath) 5'10 3/4" (1.80), 15. Holly Kelly (Unat) 5'10 3/4" (1.80), 16. Sue Renbao (unat) 5'10 3/4" (1.80)

Qualifying: June 15, 16.00/17.00 Hr: All finalists cleared 5'10 3/4" (1.80). Non-qualifiers (all no heights (1.80)): Megan Franza (Unat), Karen Gaita (Unat), Yolanda Henry (Nike), Kim Jones (No Car), Monika Black (Mich), Melinda Hale (BYU), Heather Francis (Unat).

This was a victory particularly enjoyed by the local press, as Waller, a local kindergarten teacher, backed up her 2 second places in the preceding two US championships with a countback win here. Waller was 4th when the bar moved up to the winning height, having made 6'3 1/2" on her third attempt, but she sailed over 6'4 3/4" first time to seal the victory. Karol Jenkins missed the team with misses at 3 heights, compared with no failures until 6'4 3/4" for Acuff. Most popular jumper was schoolgirl Erin Aldrich, who nearly cleared 6'3 1/2" and evidently relished the competition and the setting.

Pole Vault - June 19, 18.30 Hr (Guest event)

1. Stacy Dragila (Unat)	13'9 1/4" (4.20)
2. Melissa Price (Fresno St)	12'9 1/2" (3.90)
3. Tiffany Smith (No Limit Sports)	12'5 1/2" (3.80)
4. Jocelyn Chase (UCLA)	12'1 1/2" (3.70)
5. Melissa Feinstein (Ma, HS)	12'1 1/2" (3.70)
6. Alexa Harz (Unat)	11'9 3/4" (3.60)
Kellie Suttle (Bell Athletics)	11'9 3/4" (3.60)
8. Glenda Smith (No Limit Sports)	11'9 3/4" (3.60)
9=. Erica Hoernig (No Limit) and Melissa Mueller (Unat)	11'5 3/4" (3.50), 11. Sue DiMarco (SSTC) 11'5 3/4" (3.50)

While this was not a championship event it gave US vaulters the opportunity to compete at a Trials meet in advance of the event being accepted as an event on the world stage. Dragila was the class of the field, showing good acrobatic ability and athleticism in her push-off. She had clearances of 4.00 and 4.10 before her winning jump, and was close at 14'1 1/4. The following March she would be the first woman's world champion, taking the indoor title with an indoor WR equalling 4.40/14'5 1/4".

Long Jump - June 23, 15.00 Hr

1. Jackie Joyner-Kersey (Honda TC)	23'1 1/4"w	(7.04)	+2.9
2. Shana Williams (Nike)	22'9"	(6.93)	+1.8
3. Marieke Veltman (Reebok)	22'7"	(6.88)	+1.7
4. Sharon Couch (Goldwin)	22'1 3/4"	(6.75)	+0.2
5. Sheila Hudson (Reebok)	21'11 3/4"w	(6.70)	+3.2
6. Gwen Loud (Nike)	21'11"	(6.68)	+0.6
7. Tonya Sedwick (Unat)	21'10 1/4"	(6.66)	+0.9
8. Sheila Echols (Unat)	21'8 1/4"	(6.61)	+0.1
9. Cynthia Rhodes (Unat) 20'6 1/2" (6.26), 10. Julie Bright (Unat) 20'2 1/2" (6.16). No mark - Angela Henry (Neb) and DeDee Nathan (Nike)//			

Qualifying: June 21, 20.20 Hr, 21'11 3/4"/6.70 or top-12 - Williams 23'02 (7.01) +1.1w, Joyner-Kersey 22'9 1/4" (6.94) +0.8w, Veltman 22'4 1/4" (6.81) +0.4w, Loud 21'11" (6.68) +0.5w, Henry 21'6 1/2" (6.56) +0.1w, Echols 21'5 1/4" (6.53) +1.4w, Sedwick 21'5 1/4" (6.53) +0.9w, Rhodes 21'4" (6.50) +1.1w, Bright 21'2" (6.45) +1.5w, Couch 21'1 1/2" (6.44) +0.8w, Hudson 21'0 3/4"w +2.5w, Nathan 20'11 3/4" (6.39) +1.3. Non-qualifiers: Shonda Swift (Flint) 20'7 3/4" (6.29), Terri Turner-Hairston (Mizuno) 20'7 1/4" (6.28), Vonetta Jeffrey (Ala-Birm) 20'3 3/4" (6.19), Simone Brooks (US-A) 20'3 3/4" (6.19), Angela Brown (G Mason) 20'3" (6.17), Kelly Blair (Nike) 20'2 1/2" (6.16), Adrien Sawyer (Tex A&M) 20'2 1/4" (6.15), Tameka Roberts (Tex San Ang) 19'5 1/2" (5.93), Cheryl Brantle (Bos AA) 19'4 1/4" (5.90), Demetrica Hayes (Unat) 19'3 1/2"w (5.88), Tamara Cuffee (Unat) 18'8 3/4" (5.71), Niambi Dennis (US-A) 18'5 3/4" (5.63). Dawn Burrell (Mizuno) - no mark.

Joyner-Kersey, quite possibly the greatest athlete in US history, became the first person to win 6 Trials titles with her LJ victory. In the qualifying she strained a hamstring and shelved her attempt at 24'+ in the final. In fact, she took one jump, hitting 23'1 1/4", and then passing her other jumps. Williams, who had become only the third American to reach 23' in the qualifying round took second after her 3rd round jump moved her up from 5th. Veltman, the only other jumper to have reached the qualifying standard of 6.70 was languishing in 4th with one jump to go, and made the team with her final effort before bursting into tears of joy and relief. JJK went on to a bronze medal in the Games, despite being severely hindered by her hamstring injury. By the end of 1996 JJK had jumped over 7 meters (22'11 3/4") with legal wind more than 60 times in 44 competitions. At that time other Americans had 4 jumps at that level.

Triple Jump - June 17, 19.45 Hr

1. Cynthia Rhodes (Unat)	46'1 1/2"	(14.06)	+1.0w
2. Sheila Hudson (Reebok)	46'1 1/4"	(14.05)	+1.1w
3. Diana Orrange (Nike)	45'5"	(13.84)	+0.5w
4. Wendy Brown (Unat)	45'3 1/2"	(13.80)	+1.3w
5. Telisa Young (Unat)	44'11"	(13.69)	+1.6w
6. Nicole Gamble (N Car)	44'2"	(13.46)	+1.4w
7. Amanda Banks (Unat)	44'1 1/4"	(13.44)	+1.1w
8. Lisa Austin (Unat)	43'3 3/4"	(13.20)	+1.2w

9. Carla Shannon (Unat) 43'1 1/2" (13.14), 10. Vanitta Kinard (Kans St) 43'1" (13.13), 11. Niambi Dennis (US-A) 42'7" (12.98), 12. Amy Littlepage (Cal) 41'11 1/4" (12.78)///

Qualifying: June 16, 18.45 Hr, 44'3 1/2" (13.50) or top-12: Rhodes 46'6" (14.17) 0.0w, Orrange 44'11 1/2" (13.70), Hudson 44'7 1/2" (13.60), Young 44'6 1/4" (13.57), Kinard 44'0 1/2" (13.42), Gamble 44'0" (13.41), Banks 43'9 3/4" (13.35), Dennis 43'5" (13.23), Littlepage 43'2 1/2" (13.17), Shannon 43'2 1/4" (13.16), Austin 42'7 1/2" (12.99). Non-qualifiers: LaShonda Christopher (N Car) 42'5 1/2" (12.94), Tiombe Hurd (Unat) 42'2" (12.85), Robyne Johnson (Unat) 42'1 1/4" (12.83), Shandi Boyd-Pleasant (Ohio St) 42'0" (12.80), Tyra Moore (N Car) 41'9 3/4" (12.74), Toshei Woods (Unat) 41'5" (12.62), Penny Blackwell (Unat) 41'3 3/4" (12.59), Monica Cabbier (Ga) 41'1" (12.52)

Sheila Hudson, the US #1 for 9 of the previous 10 seasons was hot favorite to win, but Cynthia Rhodes, world championship team member in 1993 and 1995, was in the form of her life. First she jumped over 14 meters for the first time. moving to #2 all-time on the USA list with 46'6/14.17 in the qualifying round, and then took the lead - from 4th spot - in the fifth round with 46'1 1/2". Hudson recovered well, reaching 46'1 1/4" - 1 cm short of victory - in the last round, but it was Rhodes' day. Also producing her best jump in round 6 was Orrange, who nipped in front of Wendy Brown 45'5 to 45'3 1/2"

Shot Put - June 23, 15.10 Hr

1. Connie Price-Smith (Reebok)	62'7 3/4"	(19.09)
2. Ramona Pagel (Nike)	61'0 1/4"	(18.60)
3. Dawn Dumble (Fresno State)	58'2"	(17.73)
4. Valeyta Althouse (UCLA)	57'9 1/2"	(17.61)
5. Amy Christiansen (BYU)	57'7 1/2"	(17.56)
6. Teri Steer (SMU)	56'8 1/2"	(17.28)
7. Eileen Vanisi (Reebok)	56'6 1/2"	(17.23)
8. Tressa Thompson (Neb)	55'3 3/4"	(16.86)

9. Beth Bunge (Unat) 55'0 3/4" (16.78), 10. Paulette Mitchell (Neb) 52'11 1/2" (16.14), 11. Collinus Newsome (Ill) 50'10 1/4" (15.50), 12. Rica Brown (Cheetahs) 50'4" (15.34)///

Qualifying: June 21, 18.15 Hr, 55'9 1/4" (17.00) or top-12: Price-Smith 60'10 3/4" (18.56), Dumble 58'1 1/4" (17.71), Pagel 57'7 1/2" (17.71), Althouse 57'0 1/4" (17.38), Steer 56'0" (17.07), Christiansen 54'6 3/4" (16.63), Thompson 54'5 1/4" (16.59), Vanisi 54'1" (16.49), Bunge 53'10" (16.41), Newsome 50'11" (15.52), Mitchell 50'5 1/4" (15.37), Brown 50'4 3/4" (15.36). Non-qualifiers: Kristin Heaston (Unat) 48'6 3/4" (14.80), Dawn Ellerbe (S Car) 46'7 3/4" (14.20). Crystal Brownlee (S Car) - No mark.

Multi-Olympians Price-Smith and Pagel were expected to make the team, and they diligently followed the script, with all 9 throws between them exceeding the best mark of third-placer Dumble. Their throws were - Smith: 61'7" - 60'0 1/2" - 60'11 1/4" - x - 62'7 3/4" - 60'11 1/2", and Pagel: 58'11 1/4" - x - 60'8 1/2" - 59'2 3/4" - 61'0 1/4" - x. Dumble only just beat out the favored Althouse and the PR of Amy Christiansen, but it was to no avail, as she didn't have an OG qualifying mark, and was replaced at the Games by Althouse. Price-Smith and Pagel finished 5-9 in the Olympic final, with Price-Smith missing an Olympic medal by less than 6 inches.

Discus Throw - June 19, 19.10 Hr

1. Suzy Powell (UCLA)	198'9"	(60.58)
2. Lacy Barnes-Mileham (Nike)	195'9"	(59.66)
3. Aretha Hill (Wash)	190'5"	(58.04)
4. Carla Garrett (Unat)	188'10"	(57.56)
5. Melisa Weis (Goldwin)	187'10"	(57.26)
6. Dawn Dumble (Reebok)	187'2"	(57.04)

7. Erica Ahmann (Cal Poly SLO) 185'9" (56.62)
 8. Seilala Sua (Fla HS) 181'5" (55.30)
 9. Janet Hill (Unat) 181'2" (55.22), 10. Laura DeSnoo (US-A) 180'4" (54.998), 11. Mindy Wirtz (Kent St) 169'3" (51.60), 12. Allison Franke (Unat) 164'9" (50.22)//

Qualifying: June 15, 15.30/16.45 Hr, 196'10" (60.00) or top-12: Barnes-Mileham 195'4" (59.54), Powell 194'4" (59.24), Dumble 192'8" (58.74), Weis 189'8" (57.82), J.Hill 188'7" (57.48), Sua 186'3" (56.78), DeSnoo 183'9" (56.02), A.Hill 181'6" (55.32), Garrett 180'6" (55.02), Ahmann 179'11" (54.84), Franke 170'6" (51.96), Wirtz 169'1" (51.54). Non-qualifiers: Julie Koebecke (Unat) 168'2" (51.26), Shelley Greathouse (Col St) 164'11" (50.26), Laura Mindock (Ill) 162'8" (49.58), Carol Finsrud (Lockhart Int'l) 160'7" (48.96), Paulette Mitchell (Neb) 158'1" (48.18), Laura Trapp (Unat) 154'9" (47.16), Dawn Ellerbe (S Car) 152'9" (46.56), Pam Dukes (Nik) 152'7" (46.50), Edie Boyer (Unat) 149'8" (46.52). Kris Kuehl (Unat) and Alana Preston (Cinder TC) - No mark

Curious scheduling gave 4 days (as in 1992) between the qualifying and final, plenty of time to recover from seeing Edie Boyer, Kris Kuehl and Alana Preston missing the final. This trio had thrown seasonal bests two weeks earlier at the Jenner meeting of 210'3", 198'7" and 187'1" respectively. However, US womens' discus throwing has frequently been something of a lottery. This year's winners were teenagers Powell and Aretha Hill, plus veteran Lacy Barnes-Mileham. Powell made the team with her first throw, but did not have an Olympic qualifying mark - by the end of the second round she did, throwing a PR 198'9" to win from Barnes-Mileham's 4th round best of 195'9". Hill was already in third when she hit 190'5" in the penultimate round.

Hammer Throw - June 19, 14.00 Hr (Guest event - National Championship)

1. Dawn Ellerbe (S Car) 193'9" (58.06)
 2. Leslie Coons (USC) 188'6" (57.46)
 3. Katie Panek (Wichita St) 184'10" (56.34)
 4. Crystal Corbeil (Boston AA) 184'4" (56.20)
 5. Kiyomi Parish (Pomona Pitzer) 183'5" (55.90)
 6. Molly Duggan (Nike) 182'9" (55.70)
 7. Paulette Mitchell (Neb) 179'1" (54.60)
 8. Dawn Tabla (BYU) 177'11" (54.22)
 9. Wendy Berutto (Ct) 177'10" (54.22), 10. Bonnie Edmondson (Boston RC) 176'0" (53.66), 11. Liz Legault (Boston AA) 171'9" (52.36), 12. Kim Johnson (Syr) 171'0" (52.12)

Qualifying: June 17, 10.30/13.30 Hr, 183'9" (56.00) or top-12: Panek 186'4" (56.80), Ellerbe 178'3" (54.34), Corbeil 177'9" (54.18), Mitchell 177'4" (54.06), Duggan 176'10" (53.90), Parish 176'52 (53.78), Coons 175'9" (53.58), Johnson 174'1" (53.06), Edmondson 173'7" (52.90), Legault 172'8" (52.62), Berutto 172'4" (52.52). Non-qualifiers (only 6 of 21 listed): Staci Darden (Fresno St) 171'1" (52.14), Lisa Petersen (Unat) 170'9" (52.04), Erika Dice (Unat) 168'8" (51.42), Rebecca Ball (Ashland) 168'1" (51.24), Wendy Egbert (Utah St) 168'0" (51.20), Sandy Sparrow (Idaho St) 167'0" (50.90). 22 over 50 meters (164'0 1/2"), 29th at 158'3" (48.24)

In a field which commenced with 33 throwers in the qualifying round, Dawn Ellerbe was simply overpowering. Having become the first American to throw 200' at the NCAA - 201'2" (61.32) followed by a winning mark of 209'2" (63.76) - she duly won the US title with 193'9" despite an off day caused by tension. "I felt more pressure here than at..the NCAA's. I really wanted to throw over 200 feet". She echoed the thoughts of women HTers worldwide "hopefully this will be an Olympic event in 2000" - though the PV was a more likely bet.

Javelin Throw - June 17, 20.00 Hr

1. Nicole Carroll (Unat) 188'11" (57.58)
 2. Windy Dean (SMU) 187'4" (57.10)
 3. Lynda Lipson (Club Keihas) 184'9" (56.32)
 4. Paula Berry (Unat) 182'3" (55.66)
 5. Erica Wheeler (Mizuno) 181'11" (55.56)
 6. Meg Foster (Unat) 179'9" (54.78)
 7. Kristin Dunn (Unat) 176'4" (53.74)
 8. Jan McCormick (San Mateo AC) 170'9" (52.04)
 9. Teri Spiers (Coke) 169'7" (51.68), 10. Ashley Seiman (Asics) 160'8" (48.98), 11. Ann Crouse (Va) 158'8" (48.36), 12. Heather Berlin (Unat) 157'10"

Qualifying: June 14, 19.50 Hr, 183'9" (56.00) or top-12: Dean 188'7" (57.48), Wheeler 186'11" (56.98), Carroll 184'6" (56.24), Berry 182'10" (55.74), Lipson 179'6" (54.72), Selman 175'3" (53.42), Spiers 171'5" (52.24), Berlin 169'9" (51.74), McCormick 169'2" (51.56), Dunn 168'10" (51.46), Crouse 167'11" (51.18), Foster 166'10" (50.86). Non-qualifiers: Carrie Gorton (Unat) 164'11" (50.26), Kim Hyatt (Nike) 161'0" (49.08), Donna Mayhew (Nike) 160'11" (49.06), Chris Stancliffe (US-N) 159'1" (48.50), Cindy Herczeg (Unat) 158'9" (48.38), Tanya Simonsen (Minn) 158'5" (48.30), Kirsten Schulz (Unat) 156'11" (47.84), Jan Pasquali (Vill) 155'2" (47.30), Jill Widmer (Idaho) 147'9" (45.04), Staci Raine (San Mateo AC) 142'5" (43.42), Sara Nichol森 (New Mex) 141'7" (43.16), Candy Mitchell (S Car) 139'10" (42.62), Mindy Lyne (Ft Hayes St) 121'9" (37.12)

Carroll, one of only 2 with an OG qualifying mark (Wheeler was the other), gradually improved through the final (54.78 - 55.04 - x - 56.22 - x - 57.58) to win from NCAA winner Dean. However, neither Dean nor third placer Lynda Lipson had a qualifying effort for Atlanta, so the US contingent at the Games was Carroll and Wheeler, neither of whom qualified for the final.

Heptathlon - June 14/15

1. Kelly Blair (Nike)	(3650-5) 6406
13.47/1.78/12.34/24.24/6.48/48.10/2:12.23	
2. Jackie Joyner-Kersey (Honda TC)	(3916-1) 6403
13.03/1.78/15.41/24.27/6.71/36.36/2:20.80	
3. Sharon Hanson (Unat)	(3785-3) 6352
13.07/1.73/14.23/24.10/5.71/48.76/2:09.68	
4. DeDee Nathan (Nike)	(3847-2) 6327
13.10/1.83/13.38/24.12/6.29/38.10/2:13.82	
5. Jamie McNeair (Reebok)	(3557-7) 6287
13.08/1.68/12.03/24.30/6.25/49.68/2:11.30	
6. Kym Carter (Reebok)	(3757-4) 6281
13.98/1.78/15.15/24.30/5.98/40.04/2:06.73	
7. Wendi Simmons (Nike)	(3524-9) 6078
14.15/1.73/12.92/24.28/6.31/38.22/2:09.32	
8. Corissa Yasen (Purdue)	(3444-11)5912
14.77/1.83/11.81/24.78/5.77/43.74/2:11.04	
9. Nicole Haynes (USC) 5891, 10. Marla Runyan (Nike) 5708, 11. Terry Roy (Boston RC) 5691, 12. Ali McKnight (Nike) 5649, 13. Marvena Almond (Tenn) 5628, 14. Sheila Burrell (Unat) 5601, 15. Denise Steenstra (Unat) 5599, 16. Rebecca Grube (Boston AA) 5543, 17. Edwina Ammonds (Unat) 5527, 18. Trina Bindel (Wake Forest) 5455, 19. Janet Blomstedt (Neb) 5451, 20. Crystal Young (Unat) 5448, 21. Heather Sterlin (Col) 5445, 22. Kristi McGihon (Beach TC) 5435, 23. Martha Brennan (Unat) 5394, 24. Gea Johnson (3628-6) 5077 (6 events), 25. Peggy Odita (Sacramento TC) 4003 (5)	

The mark of a champion is the manner of dealing with adversity. Jackie Joyner-Kersey twisted her ankle in the High Jump, after smacking 2 hurdles in the opening event - running 13.03 rather than the expected 12.85, and trod very carefully through the 200m before producing an anaemic javelin throw. Still favoring her ankle she chugged through her 800m in 2:20.80, to lose the event by 3 points. Just 3/10ths quicker in the 800 would have sufficed for victory, but JJK noted "I'm not angry or disappointed (about losing)..It just didn't happen for me". It did happen for Blair, who leapt up from 5th after the first day with fine efforts of 21'3 1/4" and 157'10" succeeded by an 800 PR of 2:12.23. Sharon Hanson trailed DeDee Nathan by 37 points going into the final event but her 2:09.68 (worth 909 points) was enough to take 3rd by 25 points over Nathan's 2:13.82.

Joyner's career in the Heptathlon featured:

- * 2 Olympic titles, 1 silver medal, 2 World Titles
- * 3 Olympic Trials wins, 1 second place, 5 US titles, 2 NCAA titles
- * 6 scores over 7000 (only 2 other scores by 2 athletes ever at 31.12.2004), with a top-10 average of 7059
- * Lifetime average of 6496 points for 34 completed heptathlons - next best at 31.12.1996 by an American was 6803 by Jane Frederick, then 6424 by Jodi Anderson
- * World ranked #1 6 times between 1986 and 1993, and top-ranked US Heptathlete 8 times between 1986 and 1994, and #2 in 1981-85, 1995-96
- * Heptathlon WR holder in the 200 (22.30) and LJ (7.27), and US record-holder in the HJ (1.93 shared with Gwen Wentland) and 100H (12.69)