

2004

Sacramento - July 9-18

Sacramento was again the venue for the trials, and was blessed with excellent weather, ranging from the mid 70's to the low 90's, other than the first day's evening session, which sunk to the mid-60's. Beyond the track the principle facet of the 2004 trials was the specter of the BALCO scandal, involving accusations affecting various sports stars, with Marion Jones being the prime subject for public scrutiny.

<u>100 Meters</u> - July 11, 16.48 Hr (0.0w)	Reaction		Unofficial					
		Times	20m	40m	50m	60m	80m	100y
1. Maurice Greene (adidas)	9.91	0.126	2.92	4.74	5.61	6.47	8.17	9.15
2. Justin Gatlin (Nik)	9.92	0.157	2.94	4.75	5.60	6.47	8.17	9.17
3. Shawn Crawford (Nik)	9.93	0.179	3.00	4.78	5.63	6.49	8.19	9.18
4. Coby Miller (Nik)	9.99	0.152	2.97	4.78	5.62	6.50	8.20	9.22
5. John Capel (adidas)	10.02	0.146	2.94	4.77	5.62	6.50	8.24	9.25
6. Bernard Williams (Nik)	10.04	0.129	2.95	4.77	5.62	6.50	8.22	9.26
7. Tim Montgomery (Nik)	10.13	0.188	3.00	4.84	5.71	6.61	8.32	9.35
8. Leonard Scott (Nik)	10.35	0.177	3.02	4.83	5.70	6.62	8.40	9.49

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 11, 14.30 Hr

- 1/ 1/ 1. Greene 10.05, 2. Capel 10.16, 3. Miller 10.17, 4. Montgomery 10.23, 5. Mickey Grimes (Nik) 10.23, 6. Josh Norman (Unat) 10.25, 7. Brian Lewis (Unat) 10.25, 8. Marcus Brunson (Nik) 10.45 (-2.0w)
- 2/ 1. Crawford 9.93, 2. Gatlin 9.96, 3. Scott 10.01, 4. Williams 10.04, 5. Tyson Gay (Ark) 10.13, 6. Mardy Scales (MTn) 10.16, 7. Jason Smoots (Nik) 10.17, 8. Dwight Phillips (Nik) 10.28 (0.8)

Quarter-finals - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 10, 17.50-18.05 Hr

- 1/ 1. Greene 10.06, 2. Williams 10.11, 3. Gay 10.17, 4. Scales 10.23, 5. Phillips 10.25, 6. Norman 10.30, 7. Tyree Gales (TxT) 10.31, 8. Korey Cook (Unat) 10.34 (-1.3)
- 2/ 1. Capel 10.01, 2. Gatlin 10.03, 3. Lewis 10.14, 4. Montgomery 10.16, 5. Smoots 10.30, 6. Kaaron Conwright (Nik) 10.36, 7. Tim Harden (Nik) 10.37, 8. Obadiah Cooper (Unat) 10.38 (-0.4w)
- 3/ 1. Crawford 10.00, 2. Miller 10.13, 3. Scott 10.15, 4. Grimes 10.17, 5. Brunson 10.27, 6. Rae Edwards (Nik) 10.30, 7. Aaron Armstrong (Nik) 10.35, 8. Jerome Avery (Unat) 10.38 (-0.7w)

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, July 10, 15.00-15.20 Hr

- 1/ 1. Lewis 10.23, 2. Brunson 10.24, 3. Gay 10.28, 4. Capel 10.29, 5. Miller 10.36, 6. Gales 10.41, 7. Greg Saddler (Nik) 10.50, 8. Ernest Wiggins (App St) 10.59 (-0.7w)
- 2/ 1. Gatlin 10.10, 2. Scott 10.16, 3. Grimes 10.27, 4. Conwright 10.32, 5. Smoots 10.33, 6. Anthony Buchanan (Wa St) 10.44, 7. Olan Coleman (HolyF) 10.50, 8. Shomari Wilson (Unat) 10.51 (-0.6w)
- 3/ 1. Greene 10.07, 2. Cook 10.22, 3. Harden 10.2, 4. Scales 10.22, 5. Avery 10.26, 6. Norman 10.28, 7. Jonathon Brown (W Ky) 10.43, 8. Jon Drummond (Nik) 10.45 (0.8w)
- 4/ 1. Crawford 10.08, 2. Williams 10.18, 3. Montgomery 10.21, 4. Edwards 10.28, 5. Phillips 10.30, 6. Armstrong 10.31, 7. Cooper 10.35, 8. DaBryan Blanton (Okla) 10.44 (-0.2w)

Maurice Greene had dominated 100m running from 1997 to 2001, with an injury suffered during the World Championship final of that year (which prevented him from running what would probably have been a 9.75 clocking) symptomatic of the change in his fortunes. Further injuries and an auto accident served to make him just one of the contenders, rather than the favorite, to make the US team. Greene (10.07), Justin Gatlin (10.10) and Shawn Crawford (10.08) looked to be the men in form in round one. Crawford, listed at 165 lb but looking more like 190, appeared the most impressive in the second round running 10.00 into a 0.7 wind in the final heat with a ground devouring stride and a relaxed upper body. Greene had earlier won the first heat into an even stronger breeze in 10.13, and John Capel moved into the reckoning, parlaying a superb start from lane 1 in the second heat, and holding off the fast finishing Gatlin 10.01 to 10.03.

Greene showed his stuff in the semifinals, bursting clear of Capel and Coby Miller early on, and building a 2 meter lead which reduced when he eased off in the last 15m as he clocked 10.05 into a 2.0 wind. Montgomery just edged Mickey Grimes (later suspended for a doping abuse prior to the Trials) for 4th, joining Capel and Miller in the final. In the other heat Leonard Scott was out fastest and held the lead until Crawford surged past at 80m, with Gatlin in his slipstream. Gatlin (9.96) and Scott (10.01) ran PRs, while Crawford missed his by 0.05 with his 9.93. Bernard Williams was an isolated 4th, a meter clear of NCAA champion Tyson Gay.

The line-up for the final was Montgomery, Williams, Greene, Capel, Gatlin, Crawford, Miller and Scott, with only the last-named having a PR outside 10 seconds. Williams, the reigning US champion, had the best start, but Greene, Gatlin and Capel passed him just after 10m. At halfway Greene maintained a 6" lead over Gatlin and Crawford, who had accelerated best between 20m and

30m. These 3 eased away from Miller and Capel, with Greene not bothering to lean as he looked across at Gatlin and Crawford at the finish. Greene's time of 9.91 was an OT record (though not a US championship best – 9.90 by Greene '97 and Burrell '91), and he needed it to stay clear of Gatlin (9.92) and Crawford (9.93). Greene was quick to display the tattoo on his right arm with the abbreviation GOAT (greatest of all-time) on display. The trio went on to perform brilliantly in Athens, with Gatlin winning the gold in 9.85, ahead of Greene (3rd – 9.87) and Crawford (4th – 9.89). Stats aficionados should note that the 100y time was derived from the 90m time plus 14.4% of the time for the last 10m.

<u>200 Meters</u> - July 18, 17.38 Hr (-0.3w)				50m	100m	150m
5. 1.	Shawn Crawford (Nik)	19.99		5.72	10.25	14.87
7. 2.	Justin Gatlin (Nik)	20.01		5.79	10.32	14.96
6. 3.	Bernard Williams (Florida)	20.30		5.76	10.30	15.03
4. 4.	Darvis Patton (adidas)	20.32		5.89	10.51	15.22
3. 5.	J.J.Johnson (Nik)	20.58		5.94	10.59	15.34
1. 6.	John Capel (adidas)	20.72		5.84	10.54	15.43
2. 7.	Mickey Grimes (Nik)	20.92		5.96	10.73	15.53
8. -.	Tyson Gay (Ark)	Dnf		5.84		

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 17, 14.17 Hr

- 1/ 1. Williams 20.15, 2. Johnson 20.45, 3. Grimes 20.48, 4. Gatlin 20.50, 5. Leonard Scott (Nik) 20.57, 6. LeShaunte Edwards (Unat) 20.67, 7. Aaron Armstrong (Nik) 20.81, 8. Wallace Spearmon (Ark) 20.92 (-0.7w)
- 2/ 1. Crawford 20.00, 2. Patton 20.17, 3. Gay 20.17, 4. Capel 20.49, 5. Stanford Rutt (Hous) 20.60, 6. Leo Bookman (Nik) 20.66, 7. Domenik Peterson (AzSt) 20.82, 8. Jimmy Hackley (Unat) 20.83 (0.1w)

Quarter-finals - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 17, 12.00-12.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Johnson 20.42, 2. Capel 20.46, 3. Grimes 20.60, 4. Peterson 20.63, 5. Jordan Vaden (LivC) 20.93. Wes Felix (USC) – dns (-1.2w)
- 2/ 1. Crawford 20.09, 2. Scott 20.51, 3. Bookman 20.54, 4. Rutt 20.62, 5. Coby Miller (Nik) 20.68, 6. Walter Dix (Fl HS) 21.19 (-0.4w)
- 3/ 1. Williams 20.07, 2. Gatlin 20.09, 3. Hackley 20.54, 4. David Neville (Ind) 20.85, 5. Kevin Braunskill (Unat) 20.86, 6. Jerome Mathis (Hamp) 24.40 (-0.8w)
- 4/ 1. Gay 20.22, 2. Patton 20.45, 3. Armstrong 20.52, 4. Spearmon 20.60, 5. Edwards 20.67, 6. Jabari Fields (TCU) 21.01 (0.0w)

Heats – first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 16, 18.00-18.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Gatlin 20.06, 2. Spearmon 20.25, 3. Armstrong 20.50, 4. Neville 20.72, 5. Braunskill 20.86, 6. Kaaron Conwright (Nik) 21.10, 7. Kenny Brokenburr (Nik) 21.30 (0.7w)
- 2/ 1. Gay 20.07, 2. Miller 20.39, 3. Patton 20.66, 4. Fields 20.78, 5. Dix 20.87, 6. Milton Mallard (US Army) 21.24 (-0.3w)
- 3/ 1. Crawford 19.88, 2. Williams 20.26, 3. Capel 20.53, 4. Scott 20.62, 5. Edwards 20.80, 6. John Woods (CoSt) 20.99 (0.3w)
- 4/ 1. Johnson 20.41, 2. Rutt 20.52, 3. Mathis 20.77, 4. Peterson 20.81, 5. Kyle Farmer (Fla) 21.09, 6. LeTra Lewis (MsV) 21.98 (-0.3w)
- 5/ 1. Grimes 20.39, 2. Hackley 20.54, 3. Vaden 20.61, 4. Bookman 20.65, 5. Felix 20.69, 6. Seth Amoo (Az St) 21.11 (0.3w)

4 days of recovery after the 100m meant that Gatlin and Crawford were fresh again for the 200m. Greene bypassed the longer sprint to concentrate on the 100, but Gatlin opened the heats with a fluid run of 20.06, the fastest ever first round heat. Tyson Gay won the next heat as impressively in 20.07, and then Crawford let his intentions be known with a blistering run of 19.88, four meters clear of Bernard Williams. Williams moved into the mix of contenders when winning the third heat of round two just ahead of Gatlin (20.07 to 20.09), after Crawford had again won his race by a big margin, this time in 20.09. Behind him the only surprise of the round occurred when Coby Miller placed 5th. Later in the day Williams capitalized on a good start to win the first semifinal in 20.15 from big (6'3/195) JJ Johnson, while Gatlin eased off to place a safe 4th ahead of Leonard Scott. Crawford was cumbersome out of the blocks in the other qualifying race, but easily reeled in Patton and Gay off the curve, while 2000 winner Capel, looking very sluggish, took the last spot ahead of footballer Stanford Rutt.

Crawford was sharper in his getaway in the final, but still (briefly) behind Williams. By 50m he had half a meter's advantage and cruised through 100m in 10.25 ahead of Williams (10.30) and Gatlin (10.32). Crawford held off his training partner Gatlin, though his meter advantage at 150m had dwindled to 6" by the finish. Williams held on till 150m, but tailed off, and just held on to the final Olympic spot ahead of Patton. Crawford and Gatlin became the first athletes to double up in the 100/200 US Olympic team since Carl Lewis (1984-88) and Ray Norton (1960). A measure of Crawford's impressiveness is gauged by his four race total of 79.96 seconds – an average of 19.99. In comparison Michael Johnson ran 80.14 (20.035 ave) in 1996, and Carl Lewis 80.31 (20.078) in 1984. Crawford repeated his win in Athens, with Williams edging Gatlin for the bronze (with Gatlin's relay silver meaning he was the first man to get a full set of medals in the OG since Thane Baker in 1956).

400 Meters - July 15, 19.50 Hr

5. 1. Jeremy Wariner (Baylor) 44.37 (11.08/10.38/10.87/12.04) 21.46/32.33

8. 2.	Otis Harris (Nik)	44.67	(11.38/10.19/11.10/12.00)	21.57/32.67
3. 3.	Derrick Brew (Nik)	44.69	(10.99/10.45/11.01/12.24)	21.44/32.45
2. 4.	Darold Williamson (Baylor)	44.70	(11.28/10.47/10.78/12.17)	21.75/32.53
7. 5.	Calvin Harrison (Nik)	44.85	(11.40/10.32/11.00/12.13)	21.72/32.72
6. 6.	Andrew Rock (adidas)	44.95	(11.38/10.36/10.99/12.22)	21.74/32.73
4. 7.	Kelly Willie (LSU)	44.97	(10.89/10.73/10.86/12.49)	21.62/32.48
1. 8.	Jerry Harris (adidas)	45.06	(11.36/10.51/11.23/11.96)	21.87/33.10

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 12, 20.25/20.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Brew 44.75, 2. Willie 44.89, 3. Williamson 44.92, O.Harris 45.13, 5. Craig Everhart (UCLA) 45.16, 6. Jerome Davis (Nik) 45.63, 7. A.Harrison (Nik) 45.85, 8. Jason Barton (Az St) 46.28
- 2/ 1. Wariner 44.81, 2. Rock 44.97, 3. Ca. Harrison (Nik) 44.98, 4. J.Harris 45.07, 5. Jerome Young (adi) 45.24, 6. Tyree Washington (Nik) 45.46, 7. Mitch Potter (Minn) 45.67, 8. Milton Campbell (HolyF) 46.05

Heats - first 2 plus 6 fastest losers qualify, July 11, 15.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Ca. Harrison 45.22, 2. Potter 45.23, 3. Barton 45.39, 4. Jamel Ashley (MsSt) 46.01, 5. Adam Steele (Minn) 46.06, 6. OJ Hogans (SH) 46.73
- 2/ 1. Willie 44.63, 2. J.Harris 44.79, 3. Young 44.93, 4. A.Harrison 45.43, 5. Ja.Davis 45.65, 6. Corey Nelson (Nik) 46.32
- 3/ 1. Wariner 45.39, 2. Brew 45.49, 3. Washington 45.63, 4. Leonard Byrd (Nik) 46.11, 5. Jordan Vaden (Liv C) 46.36, 6. Darnell Hall (Unat) 46.48
- 4/ 1. O.Harris 45.45, 2. Williamson 45.45, 3. Campbell 45.62, 4. David Neville (Ind) 45.69,
- 5/ 1. Everhart 45.46, 2. Rock 45.53, 3. Ja.Davis 46.01, 4. Terry Gatson (Ala) 46.47, 5. Brandon Coutts (Unat) 46.56, 6. Jevon Mason (Ariz) 47.38

The top ranked athletes from 2003, Tyree Washington and Jerome Young, were favored to make the team, along with one of the Harrison twins. Calvin won the first heat (as he had done in 2000). NCAA runner-up Kelly Willie then ran a PR 44.63, which would turn out to be the second fastest time of the meet, to hold off Jerry Harris and Jerome Young. The next day saw Derek Brew and Jeremy Wariner win the semis, with six of the qualifiers beating 45 seconds. The slowest qualifiers were Jerry and Otis Harris (not related), with UCLA's Craig Everhart missing out by 2/100ths, while Washington and Young both failed to qualify.

Willie was out quickest in the final, but by 200m Brew was just ahead of Wariner and Otis Harris. Wariner pushed hard in the 3rd quarter of the race (in the best traditions of Baylor 400 runners) and was a meter clear of Brew and Willie coming off the final bend. All but Jerry Harris were still in contention for an Olympic place. Wariner built on his lead in the final 100, and only Otis Harris was able to make any ground on the NCAA champion. Brew just held off Williamson for the 3rd individual place in Athens. Calvin Harrison placed 5th, but was dropped from the Olympic squad on a 2 year drugs suspension for usage of Modafinil. Other 400 athletes suspended for drug use later in 2004 were Alvin Harrison (4 years) and Jerome Young (a lifetime ban).

Wariner went on to win the Olympic title in 44.00 ahead of Harris (44.16) and Brew (44.42), to become the first athlete in any event to win the NCAA-OT-OG triple since Lee Evans in 1968. These 3 partnered Wariner's college teammate Williamson to win the 4x400 relay by the biggest margin in Olympic history, with Willie and Rock also picking up gold medals after appearing in the heats.

800 Meters - July 12, 19.10 Hr

1.	Jonathan Johnson (Tex T)	1:44.77	24.5/50.6/1:17.0
2.	Khadevis Robinson (Nik)	1:44.91	24.7/51.4/1:18.0
3.	Derrick Peterson (adidas)	1:45.08	24.9/51.7/1:18.5
4.	David Krummenacker (adidas)	1:45.67	24.8/51.6/1:18.2
5.	Jesse O'Connell (Gtn)	1:46.55	24.7/51.7/1:19.5
6.	Jebreh Harris (Holyf)	1:46.66	24.5/50.3/1:17.1
7.	Sam Burley (Asics)	1:46.84	24.9/52.0/1:19.2
8.	Jacob Koczman (Ini)	1:47.06	24.9/51.7/1:18.5

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 10, 18.10 Hr

- 1/ 1. Robinson 1:47.49 (53.7/53.8), 2. Peterson 1:47.87, 3. O'Connell 1:47.88, 4. Koczman 1:48.15, 5. Christian Smith (KsSt) 1:48.18, 6. Trent Riter (Minn) 1:48.45, 7. James Hatch (Ark) 1:48.62, 8. Elliott Blount (NFT) 1:48.90
- 2/ 1. Burley 1:46.79 (52.8/54.0), 2. Johnson 1:47.19, 3. Krummenacker 1:47.30, 4. Harris 1:47.36, 5. Michael Inge (Kent) 1:47.40, 6. Marc Sylvester (Tenn) 1:47.63, 7. Toby Henkels (TMn) 1:48.91, 8. Jeff DeLong (NFT) 1:50.72

Heats - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 9, 19.20-19:35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Robinson 1:46.42 (52.1/54.3), 2. Harris 1:46.67, 3. Sylvester 1:46.87, 4. DeLong 1:47.06, 5. Inge 1:47.23, 6. Henkels 1:47.60, 7. Koczman 1:47.68, 8. Riter 1:47.99, 9. Richard Smith (Unat) 1:48.62, 10. Jason Briggs (InSt) 1:50.25
- 2/ 1. O'Connell 1:47.99, 2. C.Smith 1:48.06, 3. Krummenacker 1:48.09, 4. Burley 1:48.18, 5. Tim Dunne (nyac) 1:48.38, 6. Andrew Neugebauer (NFT) 1:48.64, 7. David Paulsen (XL) 1:48.84, 8. Floyd Thompson (SMTC) 1:48.85, 9. Lubert Lewis (Reeb Bo) 1:48.91, 10. Wil Fitts (Bay) 1:50.88

- 3/ 1. Peterson 1:47.83, 2. Hatch 1:48.40, 3. Blount 1:48.67, 4. Johnson 1:48.87, 5. Brian Rue (Unat) 1:49.29, 6. Joel Legare (Ct) 1:49.41, 7. Kevin Elliott (NFT) 1:50.02, 8. Bryan Woodward (Nik) 1:50.96, 9. Courtney Jaworski (Penn) 1:52.27

Of the contenders only 2000 Olympian Bryan Woodward failed to make it through the heats, and only 1 race saw a sub 1:47 clocking. The semis were tactical affairs with Robinson and Burley clear winners, and again only 1 of the races was sub-1:47. The final was a different matter, with NCAA champion Johnson going straight to the front, with Jebreh Harris on his shoulder. Johnson passed through 200 in 24.5 and Harris took over, reaching 400 in 50.3, with Johnson 2 meters back (50.6) and with Robinson (51.4) leading the pack. Johnson took the lead just before 600, reached in 1:17.0, with Harris still there (1:17.1), and Robinson (1:18.0) and race favorite Krummenacker (1:18.2) still adrift. Harris began to fade with 150m to go and Johnson held a 5m lead off the final curve. Robinson closed but Johnson got home with a meter to spare, while Krummenacker faded in the last 50m, as Peterson closed fastest of all to claim third place. Johnson's race went just as he had hoped – "Me and coach Kitley were hoping to go through 200 in 24.7...from there he wanted to keep moving through the 400 and "keep my momentum going through 500, and at 600 stay tight and keep it coming to the finish". None of the Americans made the Olympic final, though Johnson did become the first American to get as far as the semis since 1996.

1500 Meters - July 18, 16.30 Hr

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| 1. Alan Webb (Nik) | 3:36.13 | 59.1/1:57.3/2:52.5 |
| 2. Charlie Gruber (Nik) | 3:38.45 | 59.7/1:57.9/2:56.7 |
| 3. Rob Myers (Reebok) | 3:38.93 | 59.7/1:58.6/2:57.3 |
| 4. Chris Lukezic (Gtn) | 3:40.05 | 60.4/1:59.6/2:57.6 |
| 5. Jason Lunn (Nik) | 3:40.81 | 59.6/1:58.3/2:57.5 |
| 6. Nathan Robison (BYU) | 3:40.99 | 59.9/1:59.5/2:58.2 |
| 7. Donald Sage (Stan) | 3:41.26 | 60.1/1:59.5/2:58.9 |
| 8. Said Ahmed (Ark) | 3:42.77 | 59.3/1:57.9/2:56.7 |
9. Chris Estwanik (NFT) 3:43.03, 10. Drew Griffin (NFT) 3:43.38, 11. Michael Stember (Nik) 3:47.42, 12. Scott McGowan (NBal) 3:49.50

Semifinals - first 6 qualify, July 16, 19.40 Hr

- 1/ 1. N.Robison 3:43.84, 2. Gruber 3:43.87, 3. Lunn 3:43.89, 4. Lukezic 3:44.41, 5. Sage 3:44.23, 6. Ahmed 3:44.34, 7. Ian Connor (Nik) 3:44.35, 8. Erik Nedeau (NBal) 3:44.41, 9. Seneca Lassiter (Nik) 3:44.54, 10. Paul McMullen (USCG) 3:44.66, 11. Sean O'Brien (NFT) 3:42.90, 12. Joel Atwater (adi) 3:55.15
- 2/ 1. Stember 3:39.74, 2. Webb 3:39.92, 3. Myers 3:39.96, 4. Estwanik 3:40.32, 5. McGowan 3:40.97, 6. Griffin 3:41.52, 7. Brendan Mahoney (GaT) 3:42.59, 8. Grant Robison (Reeb) 3:43.08, 9. Aaron Lanzel (USN) 3:44.05, 10. Karl Savage (Zap) 3:46.27, 11. Bryan Berryhill (adi) 3:53.98, 12. Mike Miller (US Army) 4:12.86

Heats - first 6 + 6 fastest losers qualify, July 15, 20.00-20.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Stember 3:41.65, 2. McMullen (Saucony) 3:42.06, 3. Miller 3:42.39, 4. Gruber 3:42.59, 5. Lassiter 3:42.65, 6. Atwater 3:42.66, 7. O'Brien 3:42.90, 8. Connor 3:43.09, 9. Savage 3:45.42, 10. Brandon Strong (Asics) 3:52.34
- 2/ 1. Webb 3:47.10, 2. Lanzel 3:47.11, 3. Berryhill 3:47.17, 4. Sage 3:47.24, 5. Lunn 3:47.29, 6. Lukezic 3:47.31, 7. Erik Schmidt (USMC) 3:47.91, 8. Jeremy Huffman (NFT) 3:48.18, 9. Dan Wilson (Asics) 3:48.52
- 3/ 1. Ahmed 3:41.81, 2. Myers 3:41.83, 3. Estwanik 3:41.99, 4. McGowan 3:42.06, 5. Griffin 3:42.18, 6. Mahoney 3:42.49, 7. Nedeau 3:42.90, 9. N.Robison 3:43.42, 9. G.Robison 3:43.79, 10. Ibrahim Aden (Nik) 3:46.48

The first round heats eliminated 5 of the 29 starters, and the semifinals were notable only for the third lap of Alan Webb in the second race, covered in 55.95. Of the prospective team members only Paul McMullen and Bryan Berryhill failed to qualify. Webb, the sole competitor to have beaten the Olympic "A" standard of 3:36.20, led from the gun, passing 200 in a quick 27.0, before slowing to 59.1 at 400. Webb maintained pace until just before 800m (1:57.3), when he surged with a mid-race acceleration reminiscent of Herb Elliott in the '60 OG final. After an eighth 100m of 14.4, his ninth was a startling 12.6. By the bell (2:37.71) he was more than 25 meters clear, and by the finish he still held 20m of that advantage. Behind him Charlie Gruber won the runner-up spot ahead of Rob Myers, after surprising Said Ahmed had battled with them until fading in the last 100m. Neither Gruber nor Myers had the requisite "A" qualifying time. Gruber then ran 3:34.71, but Myers was replaced by Grant Robison, who had a qualifier from 2003, but didn't even make the OT final ! Ironically in Athens it was Robison who was the only American to get as far as the semifinals, after Webb got bumped around in a slow heat. Webb's OT victory was nearly as notable for his almost primal scream of joy just after finishing, as for his exceptional running.

3000 Meters Steeplechase - July 15, 20:45 Hr

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| 1. Dan Lincoln (Nik) | 8:15.02 |
| 2. Antony Famiglietti (adidas) | 8:17.91 |
| 8. Robert Gary (adidas) | 8:19.46 |
| 4. Isaiah Festa (WRRT) | 8:20.66 |

5. Steve Slattery (Nik)	8:23.60
6. Jordan Desilets (EnMi)	8:24.62
7. John Mortimer (BAA)	8:24.92
8. Darin Shearer (Unat)	8:26.54

9. Ray Hughes (Nik) 8:28.64, 10. Kevin Barra (Unat) 8:30.37, 11. David Cullum (NFT) 8:35.16, 12. Jacques Sallberg (Unat) 8:39.19, 13. Jared Cordes (WRRT) 8:42.75. Sandy Rebenciuc (US Army) – Dnf.

Heats - first 5 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 12, 19.55-20.20 Hr

1/ 1. Famiglietti 8:26.51, 2. Slattery 8:28.85, 3. Festa 8:30.89, 4. Desilets 8:31.25, 5. Shearer 8:32.20, 6. Hughes 8:33.33, 7. Sallberg 8:35.27, 8. Mike DiGennaro (Unat) 8:36.48, 9. Andy Smith (NC St) 8:38.35, 10. Carl Blackhurst (Unat) 8:39.29, 11. Tom Chorniy (Nik) 8:47.30, 12. Tom Brooks (Unat) 8:49.40

2/ 1. Lincoln 8:26.57, 2. Gary 8:27.00, 3. Cordes 8:30.01, 4. Rebenciuc 8:30.45, 5. Mortimer 8:32.50, 6. Cullum 8:33.43, 7. Barra 8:35.19, 8. Michael Spence (Unat) 8:36.68, 9. Ian Dobson (Stan) 8:40.08, 10. Chris Dugan (Unat) 8:47.11, 11. Lyle Weese (TMn) 8:52.71, 12. Ben Bruce (Unat) 8:57.64

4 men ran under 8:30 in the heats, and 3 of them dominated the final. Anthony Famiglietti went straight to the front in the final, and alternated the lead with Robert Gary, while favorite Dan Lincoln bided his time. Steve Slattery held on for as long as he could (about 2000m), and the three were left to battle out the top positions. Lincoln went clear in the final lap, and lost over a second easing up in the last 50m, but still ran a PR 8:15.02. Behind him Famiglietti was rewarded with a PR 8:17.91, while Gary came in third in 8:19.46, some 10m clear of Festa, who mistimed his effort, finishing like an express train. Lincoln went on to place 11th in the Olympic final.

5000 Meters - July 16, 20.55 Hr

1. Tim Broe (adidas)	13:27.36
2. Jonathon Riley (Nik)	13:30.85
3. Bolota Asmeron (Nik)	13:32.77
4. Matt Lane (Nik)	13:33.51
5. Mark Menefee (Hans)	13:37.68
6. Matt Gonzalez (NM)	13:41.25
7. Jorge Torres (Reeb)	13:41.79
8. Chad Johnson (Reeb)	13:43.24

9. Eric Savoth (NFT) 13:45.16, 10. Ahman Dirks (TEug) 13:46.47, 11. Sean Graham (Unat) 13:46.79, 12. Louis Luchini (Nik) 13:50.64, 13. Seth Hejny (Stan) 13:51.11, 14. Luke Watson (adi) 13:53.49, 15. James Carney (TNon) 14:00.34, 16. Brendan Rodgers (NFT) 14:24.06

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, July 12, 20:45- 21:20 Hr

1/ 1. Gonzales 13:44.19, 2. Johnson 13:44.53, 3. Savoth 13:44.55, 4. Lane 13:44.99, 5. Watson 13:45.53, 6. Luchini 13:46.62, 7. Menefee 13:47.02, 8. Hejny 13:49.62, 9. Matt Gabrielson (adi) 13:55.43, 10. Adam Goucher (Nik) 13:58.55, 11. Thomas Morgan (Ky) 14:23.98, 12. Ryan Bak (TNon) 15:41.41

2/ 1. Broe 13:42.19, 2. Asmeron 13:42.49, 3. Rodgers 13:42.76, 4. Riley 13:42.93, 5. Carney 13:43.02, 6. Graham 13:43.36, 7. Torres 13:44.78, 8. Dirks 13:47.97, 9. Clint Wells (Nik) 13:57.97, 10. Ryan Kirkpatrick (USArmy) 14:08.82

Of the possible team members only 2000 Trials winner Adam Goucher was eliminated in the heats. Matt Lane and Sean Graham were the early leaders, but after the first 3 laps were covered in 3:12.8, the pace sagged with the next 3 occupying 3:19.1. Bolota Asmeron then took over most of the pace-making duties and passed 4k in 10:56.7. With 200m to go Tim Broe made his break, and the race was effectively over. His penultimate lap was covered in 60.3, and he tacked on a final circuit of 57.9, to win by more than 20m from Riley and Asmeron. Only the first 2 had qualifying marks, and Broe went on to place 11th in the final.

10000 Meters - July 9, 21.25 Hr

1. Mebrahtom Keflezighi (Nik)	27:36.49	(13:43.33/13:53.16)
2. Abdirahman Abdi (Nik)	27:55.00	
3. Dan Browne (Nik)	28:07.47	
4. Mike Donnelly (Nik)	28:18.97	
5. Chris Graff (NFT)	28:27.93	
6. James Carney (TMon)	28:31.82	
7. Matt Downin (NBal)	28:33.96	
8. Chad Pearson (NCSt)	28:38.44	

9. Adam Tenforde (NFT) 28:46.34, 10. Ryan Shay (Nik) 28:49.95, 11. Dave Davis (Nik) 28:50.97, 12. Greg Jimmerson (NFT) 29:04.88, 13. Ed Torres (Reeb) 29:06.78, 14. Jason Sandfort (Ark) 29:06.79, 15. Richard Brinker (Hans) 29:11.77, 16. Fasil Bizuneh (TMon)

29:11.78, 17. Brian Sell (Hans) 29:17.83, 18. Teren Jameson (NBal) 29:26.97, 19. Donovan Fellows (Inl) 29:37.64, 20. Jason Hubbard (SpW) 29:53.20, 21. Brandon Leslie (SpW) 30:31.77, 22. Dathan Ritzenhein (Col) 31:13.91. KevinCastille (TEug), Bob Kennedy (Nik), Ryan Kirkpatrick (USArmy) and Jason Lehmkuhle (TMn) – Dnf.

Meb Keflezighi was the hot favorite to repeat his 2000 win, and after Kirkpatrick and Shay had led for the first two kilometers (5:36.0), Meb took over the lead. With laps of 64.5 – 64.3 – 65.5 – 65.7 – 65.1 Keflezighi effectively dislodged Dathan Ritzenhein, America's fastest collegian, and at the 9 lap mark double Olympian Bob Kennedy stepped off the track with achilles tendon problems. The pack was down to three – with Abdi and Browne the only survivors of the pace. By halfway Browne (13:45.4) was 15m off the pace, and a 64.2 lap just before the 7km point saw Abdi beginning to lose contact. Keflezighi eased around the last lap to win in a championship record of 27:36.49. Keflezighi relinquished his spot, aiming only for the marathon, and the fastest "A" qualifier (sub 27:49) to have finished made the team. Ritzenhein (with 27:38.50), aware of the qualifying possibility, agonized his way to 22nd place in 31:13.91, suffering from a stress fracture, but made the team.

20 Kilometer Walk – July 17, 07.00 Hr

1. Tim Seaman (NYAC)	1:25:40
2. John Nunn (US Army)	1:26:23
3. Kevin Eastler (USAF)	1:28:49
4. Curt Clausen (NYAC)	1:30:26
5. Ben Shorey (WiP)	1:31:58
6. Matthew Boyles (Unat)	1:33:17
7. Theron Kissinger (NBal)	1:33:58
8. Sean Albert (Unat)	1:35:21

9. Steve Quirke (Unat) 1:37:13, 10. Michael Tarantino (WiP) 1:37:41, 11. Dave McGovern (NBal) 1:41:59. Michael Stanton (ParkA) – Dnf.

Prior to the Trials 4 men – Seaman (1:22:02), Nunn (1:22:31), Eastler (1:22:51) and Clausen (1:24:18) had ducked below 1:30. Clausen was the early leader, but the 50k specialist was soon passed by the sub-1:23 men, and Seaman made the decisive break just after halfway, and won in 1:25:40 (a full second quicker than his winning time in 2000) from Nunn and Eastler. Seaman went on to place 20th in the Olympics (up 20 places from his 2000 finish), with Eastler (21st) and Nunn (26th) both performing solidly.

50 Kilometer Walk – Chula Vista - February 15, 07.30 Hr

1. Curt Clausen (NYAC)	3:58:24
2. Tim Seaman (NYAC)	4:08:06
3. Philip Dunn (NBal)	4:10:37
4. Sean Albert (NBal)	4:18:33
5. Al Heppner (US Army)	4:23:52
6. Ben Shorey (Unat)	4:27:38
7. Dave McGovern (NBal)	4:37:30
8. Theron Kissinger (NBal)	4:41:53

9. Gary Morgan (Unat) 4:45:26, 10. Steve Quirke (WiP) 4:46:29, 11. Dave Doherty (SDiTC) 4:51:35, 12. Nick Bdera (Unat) 5:04:31. John Soucek (Shore) - Dq

In sunny but cool (high 40's) weather, the favorites – Clausen and Seaman led a small pack, until just after the 8k mark, when Al Heppner made a break. By 30k Heppner had built up a lead of 1:51, but he then slowed alarmingly and by 36km Clausen, Seaman and Dunn had overtaken Heppner. Clausen, who had made 2 stops in the first half because of a stomach problem, then went away from Seaman and Dunn, eventually winning by almost 10 minutes. Seaman opted to compete only in the short walk, leaving Dunn and Clausen as the US Olympic representatives. The shock came 3 days after the race, when Heppner, anguished after not making the team, committed suicide by jumping off a high bridge.

Marathon – Birmingham, Ala. February 7, 09.00 Hr

1. Alan Culpepper (adi)	2:11:42
2. Meb Keflezighi (Nik)	2:11:47
3. Dan Browne (Nik)	2:12:02
4. Trent Briney (Hans)	2:12:35
5. Clint Verran (Hans)	2:14:37
6. Scott Larson (NBal)	2:15:03
7. Josh Cox (Fila)	2:15:18
8. Eddy Hellebuyck (NBal)	2:15:36

9. Peter Gilmore (NFT) 2:15:44, 10. Jason Lehmkuhle (TMn) 2:16:27, 11. Keith Dowling (adi) 2:16:50, 12. Kevin Collins (FF) 2:17:00
71 finished, 86 started

After a dawdling first 3 miles (15:45), Teddy Mitchell took over the pace and had a 15 second lead at 5 miles (25:30). Shortly after,

Brian Sell (a 2:20 man) took over, and after a first 5 miles of 25:46 piled on 5 mile splits of 25:10 and 24:43, at which point he was a minute ahead of the field. As so often happens to an isolated leader, the wall hit Sell at 22 miles, and the 5 miles between 20 and 25 saw a lead of 22 seconds change into a deficit of 3 minutes. By the time Sell was caught the chasing pack was down to 4, led by Culpepper, with Keflezighi, Browne and the unheralded Briney in attendance. Culpepper and Keflezighi broke away at 23 miles, and sprinted to victory after Meb had taken the lead with 300m to go. Keflezighi went on to win a silver medal in Athens.

110 Meters Hurdles - July 18, 17.25 Hr (-1.1w)

1. Terrence Trammell (Miz)	13.09
2. Duane Ross (Nik)	13.21
3. Allen Johnson (Nik)	13.25
4. Ron Bramlett (Nik)	13.33
5. Mark Crear (GodSpeedTC)	13.37
6. Robby Hughes (HolyI)	13.42
7. Aubrey Herring (Nik)	13.46
8. Arend Watkins (Nik)	13.73

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 18, 15.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Johnson 13.17, 2. Ross 13.25, 3. Bramlett 13.28, 4. Herring 13.41, 5. Antwon Hicks (Ms) 13.45, 6. Anwar Moore (Unat) 13.51, 7. Eric Mitchum (Or) 13.53, 8. Micah Harris (HolyI) 13.55 (+0.6w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Trammell 13.14, 2. Watkins 13.27, 3. Crear 13.31, 4. Hughes 13.38, 5. Joel Brown (Oh St) 13.39, 6. Chris Phillips (Nik) 13.40, 7. David Payne (Cinc) 13.53, 8. Josh Walker (Fla) 13.59 (+1.6w)

Quarter-finals - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 17, 14.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Johnson 13.25, 2. Ross 13.30, 3. Moore 13.52, 4. Brown 13.57, Ryan Wilson (Nik) 13.77, 6. Ron Andrews (SyrCh) 13.78, 7. Dexter Faulk (Bart JC) 13.79, 8. Greg Richarddson (Unat) 13.89 (-1.2w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Watkins 13.33, 2. Bramlett 13.42, 3. Crear 13.45, 4. Payne 13.48, 5. Harris 13.56, 6. Phillips 13.66, 7. Walker 13.68, 8. Selim Nurudeen (NDm) 14.13 (-0.5w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Trammell 13.55, 2. Hughes 13.57, 3. Herring 13.62, 4. Mitchum 13.67, 5. Hicks 13.77, 6. Jermaine Cooper (Tex) 13.78, 7. Tim Bogdanoff (Unat) 13.92, 8. Michael Thomas (Ark) 13.95 (-1.1w)

Heats - first 3 plus 7 fastest losers qualify, July 17, 12:35-12:55 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Johnson 13.60, 2. Herring 13.72, 3. Watkins 13.83, 4. Faulk 13.84, 5. Walker 13.84, 6. Nurudeen 13.95, 7. Chris Stokes (Unat) 14.16, 8. Ricardo Moody (Unat) 14.44 (-1.2w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Ross 13.59, 2. Payne 13.63, 3. Moore 13.65, 4. Phillips 13.70, 5. Hicks 13.73, 6. Wilson 13.85, 7. Dave Davis (Unat) 13.97 (+0.3w)
<u>3/</u>	1. Crear 13.50, 2. Trammell 13.56, 3. Brown 13.62, 4. Bogdanoff 13.75, 5. Harris 13.78, 6. Cooper 13.91, 7. Montrell Person (GaT) 13.95, 8. Dominique Arnold (Nik) 14.43 (+0.3w)
<u>4/</u>	1. Hughes 13.56, 2. Bramlett 13.60, 3. Mitchum 13.67, 4. Andrews 13.76, 5. Thomas 13.85, 6. Richardson 13.90. Dawane Wallace (Nik) – Dnf (-0.8w)

2000 Olympians Johnson and Trammell, together with Larry Wade, were the men tipped to make the team. Wade did not compete – suspended for failing a drugs test. The heats were uneventful, with no-one dipping below 13.50, but Johnson then showed his sharpness running 13.25 ahead of Ross (13.30), while Arend Watkins ran a PR 13.33 to win the second heat. Johnson again beat Ross (13.17 to 13.25) in the first semifinal, with Bramlett a close third in 13.28. Trammell, always a good championship competitor, zipped to a PR 13.14 (beating his 4 year old PR from the 2000 OG), with Watkins again running a PR (13.27). The 35 year old Crear ran 13.31 in 3rd ahead of the PRs of Robbie Hughes (13.38) and Joel Brown (13.39)..

Watkins false started in the final, and the field was away at the second time of asking. Ross, Trammell and Johnson were together at the first hurdle, but Johnson hit it hard and then smacked the next two barriers. Trammell edged away from Ross, and was a foot clear at the last hurdle, with Johnson fighting back to a similar deficit behind Ross at that point. Trammell's 10.04 speed took him just over a meter clear at the finish in 13.09 (another PR) , with Ross (13.21) holding off Johnson (13.25), with Bramlett (13.33) and Crear (13.37) leading the chasers. All 8 finalists finished for the first time since 1984 ! Trammell went on to win his second Olympic silver medal (in 13.18) behind Chinese star Liu Xiang (12.91).

400 Meters Hurdles - July 11, 16.30 Hr

6. 1. James Carter (Nik)	47.68
5. 2. Angelo Taylor (Nik)	48.03
4. 3. Benny Brazell (LSU)	48.05
3. 4. Bershaw Jackson (Nik)	48.11
7. 5. Ken Garrett (HolyF)	48.61
8. 6. Sherman Armstrong (SMTc)	49.60
2. 7. LaRon Bennett (Ga)	49.82
1. -. Rickey Harris (Fla)	Dnf

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 10, 18.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Carter 48.46, 2. Brazell 48.52, 3. Garrett 48.93, 4. Armstrong 49.17, 5. Woody 49.19, 6. Ben Wiggins (Rice) 49.91, 7. Quinton Milner (USArmy) 51.28, 8. Fred Sharpe (Unat) 51.67
- 2/ 1. Jackson 48.28, 2. Taylor 49.19, 3. Harris 49.32, 4. Bennett 49.35, 5. Regan Nichols (US Army) 49.60, 6. Kyle Erickson (Bush) 49.67, 7. Ferdana Johnson (Unat) 49.73, 8. La'Boris Bean (Unat) 50.24

Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 9, 18.30-18.50 Hr

- 1/ 1. Garrett 49.44, 2. Carter 49.74, 3. Harris 50.03, 4. Keith Davis (Unat) 50.18, 5. Adrian Walker (III) 50.61. Eric Thomas (Nik) and Derrick Adkins (AIA) - Dnf
- 2/ 1. Bennett 49.09, 2. Jackson 49.14, 3. Taylor 49.78, 4. Erickson 49.99, 5. Eric Dudley (Unat) 50.36, 6. Dwight Ruff (Fla) 50.85. Brian Derby (Unat) - dq
- 3/ 1. Woody 49.43, 2. Brazell 49.53, 3. Wiggins 49.89, 4. Milner 50.07, 5. Abraham Reed-Jones (III) 50.92, 6. Derek Toshner (WiLC) 50.95, 7. Greg Flint (BYU) 51.82
- 4/ 1. Nichols 49.65, 2. Bean 49.89, 3. Sharpe 49.92, 4. Armstrong 50.01, 5. Johnson 50.10, 6. Aaron Lacy (Unat) 50.49, 7. Torrance Zellner (HolyF) 51.27

Eric Thomas and '96 OG winner Adkins failed to finish the first heat, and 50.10 was the slowest qualifier to the next round. OG 4th placer Carter won the first semifinal from Brazell, while two-time finalist Joey Woody missed qualifying by 0.03 seconds. Small (5'8/150) Bershawn Jackson won the other semifinal in the fastest time of the day – 48.28, a full 8 meters clear of Angelo Taylor.

Taylor was the leader early on in the final, holding a slight advantage at halfway, and being caught by Brazell halfway round the second curve. Jackson was in close attendance and he swooped into the lead at the 8th hurdle. Carter was in 4th place coming off the 9th hurdle, but drove powerfully and was just behind Jackson at the last barrier. Jackson hit the hurdle, and lost stride, and Carter was away and clear. Jackson slipped to 4th and fought back, but was edged by Taylor and Brazell, and was clearly one of the most frustrated 4th placers at the trials.

High Jump - July 18, 15.10 Hr

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| 1. Jamie Nieto (Nik) | 7'7 3/4" (2.33) |
| 2. Matt Hemingway (adi) | 7'6 1/2" (2.30) |
| 3. Tora Harris (Nik) | 7'5 1/4" (2.27) |
| 4. Keith Moffatt (More) | 7'5 1/4" (2.27) |
| 5. Henry Patterson (Unat) | 7'5 1/4" (2.27) |
| 6. Adam Shunk (Inl) | 7'4 1/4" (2.24) |
| 7. Charles Austin (Unat) | 7'4 1/4" (2.24) |
| =8. Andra Manson (Tex) | 7'4 1/4" (2.24) |
| =8. Jesse Williams (USC) | 7'4 1/4" (2.24) |

10. Teak Wilburn (Cal) 7'4 1/4" (2.24), =11. Cedric Norman (NBal) and Terrance Woods (Unat) 7'2 1/4" (2.19), 13. Charles Clinger (Nik) 7'2 1/4" (2.19), 14. Nathan Leeper (Nik) 7'0 1/4" (2.14)

Qualifying: July 15, 18.05 Hr: Norman, Shunk, Williams and Woods cleared 7'2 1/2" (2.20) with no misses, and all other qualifiers cleared 7'4 1/4" (2.24). Non-qualifiers: Jimmy Baxter (SFI), Mike Morrison (Fla) and Greg Roberts (US Army) 7'2 1/2" (2.20), Jason Boness (TXO), David Furman (Unat), Marcus Harris (TxSn), Shaun Kologinczak (Unat) nad Kyle Lancaster (KsSt) 7'0 1/2" (2.15). No height – Greg Walker (Unat) 2.20, Kingsley Idemudia (TxSn) and Dan Olson (Wheat) 2.15

By the time the bar had reached 7'6 1/2", there were 8 jumpers left, 5 of whom had cleared 7'5 1/4". Only Nieto and Hemingway could clear 7'6 1/2", with Hemingway finally making the team after being so close in 1996. Harris led the trio at 7'5 1/4", which meant that the team was the same as the 2003 World Championships squad. Nieto, bearing a striking resemblance to movie star Will Smith, then made 7'7 3/4", before taking 1 shot at a US record of 7'10 3/4". Both Hemingway and Nieto went on to clear 7'8" in Athens, placing 2nd and 4th respectively. Down in 7th place was Charles Austin, whose career could give him claim to be America's best ever:

Charles Austin: b.19 Dec 1967 Bay City, Texas 6'0 1/2"/170 (1.84/77):

World/US ranking

1986	6'11"	(2.11)			1997	7'8 1/2"i	(2.35)	1/WI	
1987	7'1"	(2.16)				7'7 1/4"	(2.32)	nq/WC, 1/NC	4/1
1988	7'2"	(2.18)			1998	7'7 3/4"	(2.33)	1/WCp, 1/NC	2/1
1989	7'5 1/4"	(2.27)	=5/NC, 2/NCAA	-8	1999	7'7 3/4"i	(2.33)	3/WI	
1990	7'8 1/2"	(2.35)	5/NC, 1/NCAA	-4		7'7 1/4"	(2.32)	=8/WC, 1/NC	5/1
1991	7'10 1/2"	(2.40)	1/WC, =2/NC, =6/WI	3/2	2000	7'7 1/4"	(2.32)	nq/OG, 1/OT	-2
1992	7'7 3/4"i	(2.33)	=8/OG, 3/OT	8/2	2001	7'7"i	(2.31)	11/WI	
	7'7 1/4"	(2.32)				7'6 1/2"	(2.30)	=10/WC, 2/NC	-2
1993	7'8 1/2"	(2.35)	=9/WI	-3	2002	7'5 3/4"	(2.28)	7/NC	-6
1994	7'7 1/4"	(2.32)	9/NC	-6	2003	7'6 1/2"i	(2.30)	10/WI	-3
1995	7'8"i	(2.34)	nq/WC,	-2		7'5 3/4"	(2.28)	=7/NC	
	7'7 1/4"	(2.32)	1/NC		2004	7'4 1/4"	(2.24)	7/OT	
1996	7'10"	(2.39)	1/OG, 1/OT	1/1					

Pole Vault - July 11, 13.15 Hr

1. Tim Mack (Nik) 19'4 1/4" (5.90)
2. Toby Stevenson (Nik) 19'2 1/4" (5.85)
3. Derek Miles (Nik) 19'0 1/4" (5.80)
4. Tye Harvey (NBal) 19'0 1/4" (5.80)
5. Nick Hysong (Nik) 18'10 1/4" (5.75)
6. Brad Walker (Nik) 18'10 1/4" (5.75)
7. Jim Davis (Unat) 18'10 1/4" (5.75)
8. Russ Buller (Asics) 18'8 1/4" (5.70)

9. Jacob Pauli (Nik) 18'0 1/2" (5.50), =10. Keenan King (Sky) and Justin Norberg (Shore) 18'0 1/2" (5.50), 12. Daniel Ryland (Bell) 17'8 1/2" (5.40). No height – Bubba McLean (Unat)

Qualifying: July 9 15.30 Hr: Davis and McLean cleared 17'8 1/2" (5.40) second attempt, all other qualifiers cleared 18'0 1/2" (5.50). on-qualifiers: Kurt Hanna (Unat) and Tommy Skipper (Or) 17'8 1/2" (5.40). No height – 18.0 1/2" (5.50) - Jeff Hartwig (Nik) and Lawrence Johnson (adi), 17'8 1/2" (5.40) – Eric Eshbach (Neb), Adam Keul (Sky), Pat Manson (Inl), Matt Phillips (Wills), Jeremy Scott (Ark), Jon Takahashi (SLO), Daniel Trosclair (LSU)

A terrific competition saw 7 men clear 18'10 1/4" and a vault of over 19 feet not good enough to make the team. For the second time in a row US record holder Jeff Hartwig failed to make the final when favored to make the team. In the final, 8 remained as the bar went to 18'8 1/4". Tim Mack and Derek Miles cleared first time, and all but Harvey (3rd time) and Davis (who passed his 3rd attempt to 18'10 1/4") made at on their second jump. Miles, Hysong and Walker all cleared 18'10 1/4" first time, and Davis made it on his only available jump. Harvey copied Davis with 2 misses at 18'10 1/4" before clearing 19'0 1/4" with his last clearance. Miles continued to be perfect with a first time clearance and Stevenson, the only 6 meter jumper in the field, also cleared first time. With the bar now at 19'2 1/4" the 8 men still remained, but only Stevenson (1st) and then Mack (2nd attempt) made it, after a miss by Mack at the previous height, leaving Miles in 3rd ahead of Harvey. Mack then hit the bar at 19'4 1/4", but it stayed on, and he had the victory. He and Stevenson improved 5cm in the Olympics to take gold and silver.

	5.60	5.65	5.70	5.75	5.80	5.85	5.90	5.95	6.04
Davis	xo	p	xxp	o	xp	xx			
Harvey	xo	p	xxo	xpx	o	xxx			
Hysong	o	p	xo	o	p	xxx			
Miles	o	p	o	o	o	xxx			
Mack	o	p	o	p	xp	xo	o	p	xxx
Walker	xo	p	xo	p	xp	xx			
Buller	xp	p	xo	p	xp	xx			
Stevenson	o	p	xo	p	o	o	xp	xx	

Long Jump - July 11, 15.30 Hr

1. Dwight Phillips (Nik) 27'2" (8.28) -0.7 8.28/8.04/x/p/p/p
2. Tony Allmond (USC) 26'7" (8.10) 0.0 7.93/7.95/7.78/7.54/8.10/8.00
3. John Moffitt (Nik) 26'5 3/4" (8.07) -0.7 x/x/7.96/x/x/8.07
4. Walter Davis (Nik) 25'11 1/2" (7.91) -0.1 x/x/7.91/7.83/x/7.58
5. Sean Robbins (AshE) 25'9 1/2" (7.86) +0.7
6. Erick Walder (adidas) 25'8 3/4" (7.84) +0.3
7. Melvin Lister (Unat) 25'8 3/4" (7.84) +0.3

8. Juane Armon (UCLA) 25'3 1/4" (7.70) +1.3

9. Joe Allen (HolyF) 24'9 1/4" (7.55), 10. Marcus Thomas (Unat) 24'4 1/4" (7.42), 11. Jason Ward (Tex) 24'0 3/4" (7.33). Bashir Ramzy (Unat) – 3 fouls.

Qualifying: July 9, 20.00 Hr, 26'9" (8.15) or top-12: Phillips 27'5 1/2" (8.37), Davis 27'0 3/4" (8.25), Moffitt 26'6 1/4" (8.08), Robbins 25'8 3/4" (7.84), Allmond 25'8 3/4" (7.84), Walder 25'8 3/4"w (7.84), Ward 25'8 1/4"w (7.83), Ramzy 25'6"w (7.77), Armon 25'5 1/4"w (7.75), Lister 25'4 3/4" (7.74), Allen 25'2 1/2" (7.68), Thomas 25'2 1/2" (7.68). Non-qualifiers: Brian Johnson (Nik) 24'10 1/2" (7.58), Okoineme Giwa-Agbomeirele (Shore) 24'10 1/2"w (7.58), Jeff Billing (Unat) 24'9 3/4" (7.56), Kevin Dilworth (Unat) 24'9 1/4" (7.55), Miguel Pate (Nik) 24'7 3/4" (7.51), Milton Little (Unat) 24'7 1/4" (7.50), Matt Mason (WaSt) 24'7"w (7.49), Babatunde Riley (Unat) 24'3 1/2"w (7.40), William Hopson (Unat) 23'9" (7.24), John Gorham (Unat) 23'7 1/4" (7.19), Mike Morrison (Fla) 23'4 3/4" (7.13), Isaac Robinson (Unat) 23'4 3/4" (7.13), Eddie McDuffie (Unat) 23'2" (7.06), Brandon Parker (SacSt) 22'5 3/4"w (6.85)

Dwight Phillips, the World Champion, indoors and out, was the favorite, boomed 8.37 In the qualifying and jumped 8.28 in the final. No-one got close. Walter Davis – with a PR 27'0 3/4" was the only other jumper to exceed the automatic qualifying level of 26'9". Pre-season tips for the team included Savante Stringfellow (injured and didn't compete), and Miguel Pate (not fully recovered from injury), who failed to make the final, and possibles Brian Johnson and Kevin Dilworth suffered Pate's fate. With the wind affecting the competition (with 30 fair jumps out of 57) the standard was low – Erick Walder finished 6th for the 3rd time in a row with a reduced distance (8.22 –'96, 8.01 –'00, 7.84 –'04). Making the team were the top 2 in the NCAA – John Moffitt and Tony Allmond, reversing their NCAA placings. Phillips went on to an impressive Olympic win with 8.59, and Moffitt amazed with his silver medal jump of 8.47.

Triple Jump - July 17, 13.30 Hr

1. Melvin Lister (Unat)	58'4"	(17.78)	+0.8	17.21/16.99/x/17.02/17.34/17.78
2. Walter Davis (Nik)	57'10 1/4"	(17.63)	-0.4	16.93/x/17.38/15.06/14.53/17.63
3. Kenta Bell (Nik)	57'8 1/4"	(17.58)	+0.7	17.07/17.39/17.58/16.70/17.09/17.57w
4. Tim Rusan (Nik)	57'0"	(17.37)	+1.7	16.34/16.52/16.79/17.37/x/x
5. Robert Howard (Unat)	55'7"	(16.94)	+1.3	x/16.94/14.58/x/x/16.73
6. Lawrence Willis (LaL)	55'7"	(16.94)	+0.1	16.35/x/16.94/16.53/x/x
7. Von Ware (Unat)	54'11 1/4"w	(16.74)	+2.2	
8. LaMark Carter (Unat)	54'9 1/4"	(16.69)	+0.9	

9. Chris Hercules (Texas) 54'4 1/2" (16.57), 10. Brandon Evans (Unat) 54'2 3/4" (16.53), 11. Michael Roberts (Unat) 52'8 1/4" (16.06), 12. Erik Newby (HolyF) 51.8 1/4" (15.76)

Qualifying: July 15, 15.45 Hr, 56'1 1/4" (17.10) or top-12: Bell 57'3 3/4" (17.47), Davis 56'11 1/2" (17.36), Lister 56'0 1/2" (17.08), Ware 55'3 3/4" (16.86), Rusan 55'1 1/2" (16.80), Willis 54'11 1/4" (16.74), Howard 54'8" (16.66), Hercules 54'2" (16.51), Evans 54'1" (16.48), Roberts 53'11"w (16.43), Carter 53'8 1/4" (16.36), Newby 53'6 1/4" (16.31). Non-qualifiers: LeVar Anderson (Unat) 53'2 3/4" (16.22), Aarik Wilson (Ind) 52'9 1/2"w (16.09), Marcus Jones (Unat) 52'7 1/4" (16.03), Allen Simms (USC) 52'0" (15.85), Greg Yeldell (Inl) 51'9 3/4" (15.79), Chavous Nichols (PennSt) 51'9" (15.77), Jason Powell (Rice) 51'5 1/2" (15.68), Charles Burton (Holyf) 50'0" (15.24), DeV Vaughn Rettig (SFA) 49'5 1/2" (15.07). 3 Fouls – Lamont Dagen (Shore), Daniel Harris (NC), Mario Lowe (Unat), Lester Smith (Unat)

With 5 competitions over 57' before the Trials, Kenta Bell was the favorite to win, and a 57'3 3/4" in the qualifying did nothing to change that viewpoint. As in the long jump Walter Davis was one of only 2 athletes to reach the automatic qualifying distance. Bell was the first to reach 17 meters in the final with his opening 17.07 (56'0"), but was quickly overtaken by the surprising Lister, who improved upon his PR of 56'0 1/2" (in qualifying) with 56'5 3/4". Bell came back in round 2 with 57'0 3/4" (17.39), and improved to 57'8 1/4", just after Davis had moved into second with 57'0 1/4". Tim Rusan moved into 3rd in round 4 with 57'0", and Lister produced his 3rd PR with 56'10 3/4". The last round was nondescript – until Lister took his jump. He bounded smoothly out to 58'4" to move to 5th all-time on the US list, and was succeeded by his Olympic teammates – Davis, with a PR 57'10 1/4", which would have measured close to 59'0" had he not dragged his hand back through the sand, and Bell, who finished off a fine series (averaging 56'6 1/2" for 6 jumps) with 57'7 3/4"w.

The Sacramento competition flattered to deceive, as Bell was the best placed US jumper in Athens with 16.90m in 9th place. On an altogether more tragic note, previous Olympian Robert Howard, 5th in the OT on this occasion, committed suicide later in the year, shortly after murdering his wife.

Shot Put - July 10, 16.30 Hr

1. Adam Nelson (Nik)	71'0"	(21.64)	x/20.91/20.60/x/21.64/x
2. Reese Hoffa (NYAC)	69'4 1/4"	(21.14)	20.41/20.98/20.57/x/21.14/x
3. John Godina (adi)	69'2 1/2"	(21.09)	20.40/21.00/20.96/x/20.43/21.08
4. Christian Cantwell (Nik)	67'5 1/2"	(20.56)	x/x/20.56/x/x/x
5. Jamie Beyer (Unat)	67'3 1/2"	(20.51)	
6. Dan Taylor (Nik)	65'11 1/2"	(20.10)	
7. Jeff Chakouian (Ky)	64'9 1/4"	(19.74)	
8. Tonyo Sylvester (US Army)	64'2 1/2"	(19.57)	

9. Vincent Mosca (Unat) 62'1 1/4" (18.93), 10. Chris Figures (Unat) 61'6 3/4" (18.76), 11. Steven Manz (Mi St) 60'8 1/2" (18.50), 12. Jesse Roberge (Unat) 60'2 1/2" (18.35)

Qualifying: July 9, 18.10 Hr, 67' 3 ¼" (20.50) or top-12: Godina 70'8 ½" (21.55), Nelson 70'4 ¼" (21.44), Cantwell 68'7 ¼" (20.91), Hoffa 66'7 ¼" (20.30), Taylor 64'8" (19.71), Beyer 63'9 ¾" (19.45), Sylvester 63'5 ½" (19.34), Manz 62'8 ¾" (19.12), Roberge 62'76" (19.05), Figures 62'0 ½" (18.91), Mosca 61'10 ½" (18.86), Chakouian 60'10 ½" (18.55). Non-qualifiers: Karl Erickson (Minn) 60'6 ½" (18.45), Jon O'Neil 60'0 ½" (18.30), Tim Gehring (WaSt) 60'0 ¼" (18.29), Brian Miller (Unat) 59'11 ¾" (18.28), Conrad Woolsey (Mo) 59'5 ½" (18.12), Simon Stewart (Cornet) 59'5 ½" (18.12), John Davis (Unat) 59'0 ¾" (18.00), Chris Adams (AshE) 58'3 ¾" (17.77), Tyrel Nelson (Bronc) 58'3" (17.75), Richard Harrison (USAF) 58'2" (17.73). 3 Fouls – Scott Wiegand (Unat), Rhuben Williams (Cal).

World Indoor Champion Christian Cantwell had won his last 14 competitions before the Trials and his previous 4 had averaged 72'10 ¼" (22.19). He would end up as the #1 ranked putter in 2004, but the Trials became a nightmare for the huge (6'6/311) Cantwell. After 2 fouls in the final Cantwell managed 67'5 ½", but by that time John Godina (68'10 ¾"), Reese Hoffa (68'10") and Adam Nelson (68'7 ¼") had all exceeded that with their second round throws. Cantwell was then playing catch-up, but ended with 3 fouls, and he said afterwards "every throw I felt like I was dancing around like I'd never been in the ring before". Hoffa (69'4 ¼") and Nelson (71'0") got past Godina in the fifth round, with Nelson winning his second Olympic berth, and Godina his third. Nelson would go on to win his second Olympic silver medal, losing by countback to Belonog (UKR) as both men threw 69'5".

Discus Throw - July 18, 15.05 Hr

1. Jarred Rome (Unat)	215'9"	(65.77)	59.86/59.50/62.94/x/63.12/65.77
2. Ian Waltz (Unat)	212'3"	(64.69)	62.44/61.60/63.41/61.71/62.30/64.69
3. Casey Malone (Nik)	211'6"	(64.47)	64.47/x/63.42/x/x/60.58
4. Carl Brown (Nik)	203'4"	(61.99)	59.13/60.76/61.99/61.57/58.50/x
5. Doug Reynolds (Unat)	198'4"	(60.47)	
6. Kevin Fitzpatrick (Unat)	195'6"	(59.59)	
7. Michael Robertson (SMU)	194'4"	(59.25)	
8. Kibwe Johnson (Unat)	192'2"	(58.57)	

9. Jason Young (TexT) 189'3" (57.69), 10. Brian Trainor (Unat) 187'7" (57.19), 11. Josh Ralston (TexA&M) 180'5" (55.01), 12. Reedus Thurmond (Nik) 179'9" (54.79)

Qualifying : July 16, 17.00 Hr, 206'8" (63.00) automatic qualifier: Brown 209'5" (63.84), Rome 207'7" (63.29), Waltz (204'10" (62.43), Malone 204'2" (62.23), Robertson 196'6" (59.90), Trainor 194'0" (59.14), Young 193'0" (58.82), Fitzpatrick 192'11" (58.80), Johnson 191'10" (58.49), Ralston 191'6" (58.36), Reynolds 190'11" (58.20), Thurmond 188'2" (57.37). Non-qualifiers: Cameron Bolles (Unat) 186'9" (56.92), Andy Bloom (Nik) 186'5" (56.82), Jon O'Neil (Unat) 184'5" (56.23), Joe Erdkamp (Unat) 183'9" (56.00), Karl Erickson (Minn) 180'8" (55.06), James Dennis (Unat) 177'9" (54.18), Luke Sullivan (Unat) 177'0" (53.94), Matt Schwinn (Unat) 175'9" (53.57), Scott Wiegand (Unat) 173'9" (52.97), John Davis (Unat) 171'11" (52.41), Gregg Hart (Unat) 169'1" (51.55). 3 fouls – Nick Petrucci (Unat).

Andy Bloom, twice previously in the top-6 at the OT and expected to vie for an Olympic berth, failed to qualify. Carl Brown was slight favorite ahead of Casey Malone, and at the halfway point in the final it was Malone leading with the 3rd throw of the competition – 211'6", ahead of Ian Waltz (208'0"), and Jarred Rome (206'6") heading Brown (203'4") for third.. Rome improved slightly (to 207'1") in the 5th round before unleashing a PR 215'9" winner in the final round. He was immediately followed by Waltz, who regained second with 212'3". Third placer Malone was the only one of the trio to make the Olympic final, where he placed 6th.

Hammer Throw - July 12, 17.30 Hr

1. James Parker (USAF)	254'6"	(77.58)	74.71/75.44/76.61/77.58/x/x
2. A.G. Kruger (AshE)	249'5"	(76.02)	71.61/x/72.85/76.02/74.98/x
3. Travis Nutter (PBay)	237'9"	(72.46)	70.79/70.11/72.35/72.46/x/72.27
4. Kevin McMahan (NYAC)	234'0"	(71.32)	71.22/70.72/X/69.62/71.28/69.73
5. Jim Heizman (Shore)	229'8"	(70.01)	70.01/x/69.06/x/68.53/67.68
6. Jake Freeman (Man)	226'8"	(69.10)	
7. Christopher Nulle (Unat)	226'4"	(68.98)	
8. Michael Mai (US Army)	225'11"	(68.86)	

9. Luke Woydziak (PBay) 223'10" (68.23), 10. Zach Riley (Inl) 223'7" (68.15), 11. Jud Logan (AshE) 222'0" (67.67), 12. Drew Loftin (Unat) 204'9" (62.40)

Qualifying: July 10, 10.00 Hr, 236'3" (72.00) or top-12: Kruger 241'11" (73.75), Parker 240'3" (73.24), McMahan 229'7" (69.98), Mai 228'7" (69.68), Freeman 228'3" (69.57), Nutter 227'10" (69.45), Nulle 226'8" (69.10), Heizman 225'10" (68.84), Woydziak 224'1" (68.31), Loftin 223'10" (68.22), Riley 223'8" (68.17), Logan 221'4" (67.46). Non-qualifiers: Bert Sorin (Sori) 219'11" (67.05), Rich Ulm (AshE) 219'10" (67.01), Scott Boothby (CNW) 219'8" (66.96), Lucias MacKay (Ga) 217'3" (66.23), Dameion Smith (Indy) 216'9" (66.06), Mike Pockoski (Unat) 216'2" (65.90), Kibwe Johnson (Unat) 214'6" (65.39), Paul Markel (Unat) 212'8" (64.83), Arnal9+++++ Cueto (CSB) 206'11" (63.07), Adam Kriz (TXO) 202'8" (61.77, Paddy McGrath (NYAC) 18'3" (5.57). 3 FOULS – Adam Judge (Unat)

Kruger, with a PR 241'11", and Parker were the only men to throw beyond 70 meters in the qualifying round, and dominated the final.

Parker led from the first round with 245'1", progressively improving to 247'6", 251'4" and finally 254'6". Kruger improved upon his PR by a further 7'6" in the final- reaching 249'5" in the 4th round, and after the Trials obtained the "A" standard of 258'1" (78.65). Nutter won the battle for 3rd from double Olympian McMahon, but did not have an OG qualifying mark.

Javelin Throw – July 17, 13.00 Hr

1. Breaux Greer (adi)	270'3"	(82.39)	82.39/81.37/82.16/p/p/p
2. Brian Chaput (Penn)	261'10"	(79.81)	73.73/73.82/73.23/73.10/79.8/75.56
3. Leigh Smith (Tenn)	250'7"	(76.38)	64.69/x/76.38/73.90/x/x
4. Tom Pukstys (Unat)	247'3"	(75.37)	
5. Brian Kollar (Virginia)	244'0"	(74.39)	
6. Chris Clever (Unat)	242'8"	(73.96)	
7. Paul Pisano (Conn)	232'9"	(70.95)	
8. John Taylor (JUSA)	232'9"	(70.94)	

9. John Hetzendorf (Unat) 231'3" (70.49), 10. Roald Bradstock (Unat) 226'8" (69.08), 11. Rob Minnitti (Unat) 225'0" (68.59), 12. Mark Bridge (Unat) 202'0" (61.58)

Qualifying: July 15, 14.10 Hr, 246'1" (75.00) or top-12: Greer 259'9" (79.19), Chaput 250'3" (76.28), Pukstys 247'7" (75.46), Smith 243'0" (74.06), Kollar 240'2" (73.20), Clever 238'11" (72.82), Hetzendorf 236'9" (72.17), Bridge 235'7" (71.81), Taylor 234'10" (71.59), Minnitti 232'7" (70.89), Bradstock 230'6" (70.27), Pisano 230'4" (70.21). Non-qualifiers: Ty Sevin (Unat) 225'5" (68.72), Luke Marrs (TexA&M) 223'4" (68.07), Jarrad Matthews (TexA&M) 221'7" (67.55), Sean Furey (Dart) 221'5" (67.48), Cory Lehman (Unat) 220'3" (67.13), Justin St Clair (Unat) 219'1" (66.78), Eric Brown (Ark) 218'7" (66.63), Tom Engwall (Tex) 215'1" (65.57), John Stiegeler (TXO) 214'5" (65.35), Oscar Duncan (Unat) 214'4" (65.32), Matt Wagner (Unat) 210'1" (64.04), Ryan James (Unat) 209'10" (63.97), Mike Hazle (Unat) 209'2" (63.75), Latrell Frederick (Unat) 204'4" (62.28)

Breaux Greer, had developed into one of the elite throwers in the world since first appearing at the Trials in '96, and all 3 of his throws in the final were well clear of Chaput, the best American collegiate thrower (2nd at the NCAA). Greer, clad in black from head to toe, other than some white bandages protecting his knee against an ACL tear suffered a month before, was the opening thrower of the competition and produced the winner immediately. His injury was clearly bothering him, and in Athens after producing the longest throw of the meet in qualifying (87.25m), finally found his knee giving out in placing 12th in the final. He recovered to win the IAAF World Final, and ranked #2 in the world.

Decathlon – July 16/17

1. Bryan Clay (Nik)	(4471/2)	8660
10.48/7.59/15.28/2.01/47.90/14.23/52.10/5.10/68.36/5:06.18		
2. Tom Pappas (Nik)	(4474/1)	8517
10.75/7.51/15.87/2.07/48.01/14.23/46.80/5.00/60.75/4:47.38		
3. Paul Terek (WGAD)	(4242/6)	8312
10.98/7.27/15.37/2.07/48.74/15.40/49.24/5.20/54.69/4:24.28		
4. Phil McMullen (Nik)	(4120/7)	8285
11.19/6.90/15.24/2.04/48.88/14.85/49.44/5.00/56.35/4:15.18		
5. Stephen Moore (Unat)	(4271/4)	7917
10.73/7.39/12.82/2.04/47.26/14.89/43.04/4.80/52.00/4:54.90		
6. Mustafa Abdur-Rahim (Dart)	(4101/8)	7844
10.88/7.05/14.99/1.92/48.88/14.70/42.45/4.30/54.66/4:24.35		
7. Andrew Giesler (Unat)	(3929/13)	7770
11.28/7.18/13.92/2.01/51.71/15.47/47.64/4.90/56.16/4:42.27		
8. Bevan Hart (US Army)	(3955/11)	7673
11.04/7.11/13.76/1.89/49.36/15.01/41.01/4.90/51.27/4:37.23		
9. Ryan Olkowski (WGAD)	(4321/3)	7553
10.55/7.44/11.74/2.13/47.74/14.84/36.96/4.60/47.50/5:26.33		
10. Chris Boyles (WGAD)	(3910/15)	7536
11.44/6.94/13.63/2.10/51.57/15.67/43.92/4.80/62.20/5:12.24		
11. Travis Geopfert (XLSA)	(3929/13)	7526
11.11/6.94/14.52/1.86/49.14/16.17/44.90/4.40/54.09/4:31.04		
12. Kip Janvrin (Unat)	(3660/22)	7510
11.37/6.56/13.87/1.77/49.30/15.35/41.84/4.90/57.89/4:28.64		
13. David Lemen (Unat)	(3770/17)	7431
11.53/7.29/13.70/1.89/51.97/14.99/41.01/5.10/61.25/5:24.42		
14. Ryan Harlan (Rice)	(3950/12)	7330
11.19/6.77/14.98/2.01/50.97/14.55/37.11/4.50/58.45/5:31.14		

15. Billy Pappas (XO)	(3789/16) 7314
11.30/7.01/14.10/1.83/50.52/15.34/41.70/4.60/53.57/4:55.72	
16. Travis Brandstatter (Minn)	(3762/18) 7260
11.47/6.77/12.71/1.95/49.55/14.97/35.50/4.30/58.01/4:43.15	
17. Ashraf Fadel (Wisc)	(3676/21) 7168
11.15/6.40/13.03/1.92/50.90/16.13/41.01/5.00/52.92/5:02.21	
18. Jamie Cook (JUSA)	(3723/20) 7165
11.46/6.97/13.20/1.92/51.53/15.77/43.82/4.40/47.86/4:44.54	
19. Stevie Keller (Unat)	(3610/23) 7019
11.45/6.38/13.87/1.83/50.23/15.63/43.45/4.10/52.17/4:47.56	
--. Stephen Harris (Unat)	(4259/5) 5870
10.76/7.23/12.13/2.10/46.87/14.74/38.79/nh	
--. Trey Hardee (Miss St)	(3956/10) 5610
10.55/6.83/12.30/1.92/48.96/14.32/42.71/nh	
--. Bryan Anderson (Unat)	(4003/9) 5579
11.29/6.93/14.05/2.01/48.92/15.09/43.57/nh	
--. Joe Cebulski (Unat)	(3761/19) 4574
11.57/6.75/13.06/1.98/50.05/47.25/nh	
--. Chad Smith (Unat)	2824
11.09/5.85/14.84/1.86	

World Champion Tom Pappas was the favorite, and his 2003 Paris teammates Terek and Clay were thought to be most likely to join him. Clay opened with 10.46 (980pts), and stayed ahead until the high jump, where his 2.01 was topped by Pappas' 2.07, giving the world's #1 the lead by a slender 8 points. Pappas led by three points after day 1, and maintained that level until the discus. This was the turning point, as Pappas come up 3 meters short of his PR with 46.80, while Clay improved his from 50.86 to 52.10 (170'11") – fine throwing for a man of his size (5'10 3/4"/183). The lead was now 107 (6330 to 6223), and Clay kept the pressure on with his third PR of the meet – 16'8 3/4", while Pappas managed 16'5. Behind them, Terek cemented 3rd place with 17'0 3/4". Clay then managed another PR with 224'3" in the javelin, and eased through 1500 in 5:06 to win by 143 points over Pappas. Clay went on to score 8820 in the Olympics, the best non-winning mark ever, to take the silver medal behind Roman Sebrle.

WOMEN

100 Meters - July 10, 17.50 Hr (+0.1w)

	20m	40m	50m	60m	80m	100y	
1. Latasha Colander (Nik)	10.97	3.19	5.19	6.14	7.09	9.00	10.12
2. Torri Edwards (adi)	11.02	3.15	5.14	6.08	7.03	9.00	10.15
3. Lauryn Williams (Miami)	11.10	3.21	5.22	6.17	7.14	9.10	10.23
4. Gail Devers (Nik)	11.11	3.11	5.13	6.08	7.05	9.04	10.21
5. Marion Jones (Nik)	11.14	3.21	5.23	6.18	7.14	9.11	10.25
6. Muna Lee (Nik)	11.17	3.19	5.23	6.18	7.18	9.16	10.29
7. Angela Williams (Nik)	11.22	3.12	5.16	6.13	7.12	9.13	10.33
8. Angela Daigle (Nik)	11.23	3.15	5.19	6.16	7.12	9.16	10.33

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 10, 15.30/15.40 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Edwards 1.00, 2. L.Williams 11.14, 3. A.Williams 11.16, 4. Devers 11.18, 5. Chryste Gaines (Nik) 11.30, 6. Marshevet Hooker (Tex) 11.38, 7. Connie Moore (Nik) 11.60, 8. Nolle Graham (LeTC) 11.80 (-0.1w)
<u>2/</u>	1. M.Jones 11.14, 2. Colander 11.14, 3. Lee 11.25, 4. Daigle 11.27, 5. Wyllesheia Myrick (Unat) 11.28, 6. Ingrid Miller (Nik) 11.30, 7. Tremedia Brice (Tex Sn) 11.41, 8. Lakeisha Backus (US Army) 11.52 (-0.7w)

Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 9, 20.30-20.50 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Colander 11.35, 2. M.Jones 11.38, 3. A.Williams 11.47, 4. Lakadron Ivery (Bay) 11.72, 5. Teneeshia Jones (Unat) 11.72, 6. Carmelita Jeter (Unat) 11.76 (-1.6w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Miller 11.28, 2. Gaines 11.39, 3. Myrick 11.42, 4. Moore 11.47, 5. Backus 11.53, 6. Amandi Rhett (GaT) 11.72 (-1.4w)
<u>3/</u>	1. Edwards 11.36, 2. Devers 11.36, 3. Daigle 11.42, 4. LaShaunte'a Moore (Ark) 11.76, 5. Melinda Smedley (Unat) 11.91, 6. Felicia Fant (NC St) 12.07 (-1.0w)
<u>4/</u>	1. L.Williams 11.13, 2. Lee 11.37, 3. Hooker 11.41, 4. Brice 11.50, 5. Graham 11.70, 6. Shaunta Pelham (Unat) 11.70 (-0.8w)

Despite 40 sprinters running sub 11.50 during the season, only 24 faced the starter, and 1 of the 4 rounds was scrapped. The biggest questions surrounded Marion Jones, and whether she was in good enough shape to make the team. Jones ran easily in the first round, but her 11.38 was her slowest for 10 years! This was partly explained by headwinds and the coolness of the evening, which saw just 1 clocking quicker than 11.28 – Lauryn Williams' 11.13 in the final heat.

The athletes got serious the next day, and in warmer conditions Edwards was a convincing winner of the first semifinal in 11.00, with NCAA champion Williams closing quickly in the last 20 meters, moving from 4th to 2nd. Gail Devers, in 4th, was well clear of Gaines for the final qualifying place. Jones won the other heat, with Colander finishing fast to share the winning time of 11.14. Lee and Daigle edged out Myrick and Inger Miller (competing in her 4th Trials).

Angela Williams (0.137) and Devers (0.145) were the first to react in the final, while the slowest were Colander (0.175), Jones (0.179) and Lauryn Williams (0.211). At halfway Devers and Edwards were in the lead, but only 1 meter covered the field, with Jones expected to raise her game in the final stages. Instead it was Colander, who caught Edwards at 80m and crossed the line half a meter clear in a PR 10.97. Devers held onto 3rd place until 5 meters were left, at which point Lauryn Williams, 15 years her junior, zipped past. Jones's powerful finish never materialized and she had to content herself with a place on the relay squad. Devers was promoted to the individual team after Edwards was suspended for taking the stimulant Nikethamide before a meet in April. Ironically, Edwards had been elevated to World Champion over 100m in 2003 after Kelli White was suspended for drug usage.

Devers' selection meant that she was one of 3 women to have made 5 Olympic teams (later in the trials Jearl Miles-Clark would become the 4th) – the others being Willye White and Francie Larrieu-Smith – but Devers was the most successful, winning 2 Olympic gold medals, and 1 silver.

200 Meters - July 18, 17.50 Hr (-1.2w)

6. 1. Allyson Felix (adi)	22.28	(11.43/10.85)
1. 2. Muna Lee (Nik)	22.36	(11.50/10.86)
4. 3. Torri Edwards (adi)	22.39	(11.40/10.99)
5. 4. LaShaunte'a Moore (adi)	22.64	(11.65/10.99)
7. 5. Connie Moore (Nik)	22.65	(11.52/11.13)
2. 6. Rachelle Boone (Unat)	22.69	(11.58/11.11)
8. 7. Inger Miller (Nik)	22.70	(11.43/11.27)
3. 8. Stephanie Durst (LSU)	22.99	(11.46/11.53)

Semifinals - first 2 plus 2 fastest losers qualify, July 17, 14.02-14.15 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Edwards 22.38, 2. Durst 22.66, 3. Boone 22.69, 4. Shaunta Pelham (Unat) 23.26, 5. Antonette Carter (Cal) 23.45. Crystal Cox (Nik) – Dns (+0.5w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Felix 22.70, 2. Lee 22.85, 3. Monique Hall (LSU) 23.44, 4. Tonnette Dyer (Nik) 23.50, 5. Lakadron Ivery (Bay) 24.01. Marion Jones (Nik) – Dns (-1.2w)
<u>3/</u>	1. L.Moore 22.63, 2. C.Moore 22.77, 3. Miller 23.00, 4. Daigle 23.05, 5. Wyllesheia Myrick (Unat) 23.14, 6. Aleah Williams (Unat) 23.80 (-1.1w)

Heats - first 4 plus 2 fastest losers qualify, July 16, 18.40-19.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. C.Moore 22.91, 2. Dyer 23.42, 3. Carter 23.44, 4. Ivery 23.58, 5. Amandi Rhett (GaT) 24.03 (-0.6w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Edwards 22.60, 2. Felix 22.67, 3. Hall 23.42, 4. Al.Williams 23.56, 5. Pelham 23.62 (-0.3w)
<u>3/</u>	1. Lee 22.66, Durst 22.75, 3. Myrick 22.94, 4. Daigle 22.98 (-0.1w)
<u>4/</u>	1. Miller 22.74, 2. Boone 22.83, 3. L.Moore 22.83, 4. Cox 22.84, 5. Jones 22.93 (-0.6w)

With 20 athletes lining up for the start, reduced by one when Colander dropped out after a muscle twinge when warming up, the event could have been reduced to two rounds. Instead, one athlete was eliminated from the first round. Nevertheless, Edwards, Felix and Lee all ducked below 22.70 in their heats, and 12 were below 23 seconds. Marion Jones, 5th in her heat, dropped out before the semis, which saw Edwards as the most impressive heat winner, clocking 22.38 (11.45/10.93).

Edwards was out quickest in the final, and led at halfway in 11.40, with Felix (11.43), Durst (11.46), and Lee (11.50) in close attendance. Lee showed great strength from the confines of lane 1 in overtaking Edwards in the last 10m, finishing 2 ft behind Felix. The slim (5'6"/125) Felix confirmed her promise shown through High School, and continued in the same vein in Athens, running 22.18 for a World Junior record and the silver medal (her 22.11A in 2003 had not been eligible for WJR status because of a lack of drug testing). Felix had been joined by Lee (=7th in the final) and LaShaunte'a Moore (semifinalist) at the OG.

400 Meters - July 17, 14.52 Hr

7. 1. Monique Hennagan (Nik)	49.56	12.03/23.62/36.12
3. 2. Sanya Richards (Nik)	49.89	12.00/23.87/36.20
4. 3. DeeDee Trotter (Tenn)	50.28	12.43/23.87/36.20
2. 4. Crystal Cox (Nik)	50.52	12.30/23.64/36.25
6. 5. Monique Henderson (UCLA)	50.75	12.06/23.89/36.59
8. 6. Moushami Robinson (Nik)	51.54	12.22/24.04/37.01
5. 7. Suziann Reid (Nik)	51.61	12.25/24.60/38.39
1. 8. Debbie Dunn (Nik)	51.93	12.05/23.47/36.32

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 15, 16.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Trotter 50.53, 2. Henderson 50.53, 3. Hennagan 50.59, 4. Cox 51.23, 5. Jerrika Chapple (Tex) 52.08, 6. Lisa Barber (Nik) 52.30, 7. Angel Perkins (Az) 52.84, 8. Mary Danner (Unat) 52.85
- 2/ 1. Richards 50.34, 2. Reid 51.14, 3. Robinson 51.72, 4. Dunn 51.84, 5. Demetria Washington (Nik) 52.27, 6. Kia Davis (NBal) 52.27, 7. Charlette Greggs (Mia) 52.87, 8. Tonette Dyer (Nik) 53.70

Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 12, 19.20 Hr

- 1/ 1. Trotter 50.52, 2. Cox 51.44, 3. Dunn 51.67, 4. Robinson 52.14, 5. Monique Hall (LSU) 52.71, 6. Jessica Fox (Wy) 53.11
- 2/ 1. Richards 50.22, 3. Reid 51.03, 3. Danner 51.88, 4. Chapple 52.16, 5. Barber 52.30. Tiffany Barnes (Unat) - Dnf
- 3/ 1. Washington 52.13, 2. Dyer 52.14, 3. Greggs 53.71. Miki Barber (Unat) - Dnf
- 4/ 1. Hennagan 50.31, 2. Henderson 51.06, 3. Perkins 52.46, 4. K.Davis 52.51, 5. Cassandra Reed (AzSt) 53.14, 6. Licretia Sibley (TxT) 53.24

The favorites were the top-3 in the NCAA – Trotter, Henderson and Richards. Trotter (50.52) and Richards (50.22) duly won their heats, with a US Junior record in Richards' case. Henderson ran 51.06 in the final heat, behind Hennagan's surprising PR of 50.31. Trotter went out slower in her semifinal (24.71 to 24.10 in the first round), but got home in virtually the same time – 50.53, having gained 8m on Hennagan and Henderson in the last 100m . Richards was again the fastest of the round, bolting through 200 in 23.86 and finishing 6 yards clear in 50.34.

Richards was out quickest in the final, and had made up the stagger on Trotter by 100m. Hennagan and Dunn were just behind, and Dunn then took the lead, passing halfway in 23.47, with Hennagan and Cox one meter behind, and Richards and Trotter a further 2 yards back. These 5 were well clear at 300m, with Hennagan now 1 meter clear, and she maintained her form better than the others in the finishing straight to win by 3 meters in 49.56 from Richards. The Texas sophomore was rewarded with a US NCAA and Junior record of 49.89 . Behind them Trotter was a clear third, 2 meters ahead of Cox, and the 6'3" tall Cox was joined on the relay squad by Henderson and Robinson. Hennagan was the best American in Athens, running 49.97 for 4th, followed by Trotter (50.00) and Richards (50.19). These three combined with Henderson in the relay to win the gold medal – with all 4 running under 50 seconds.

800 Meters - July 12, 19.00 Hr

1. Jearl Miles-Clark (NBal)	1:59.06	26.7/57.5/1:28.5
2. Nicole Teter (Nik)	2:00.25	26.9/57.8/1:28.6
3. Hazel Clark (Nik)	2:00.37	26.7/57.5/1:28.6
4. Kameisha Bennett (Nik)	2:01.57	26.9/57.7/1:28.8
5. Francis Santin (SMTC)	2:02.55	27.5/57.6/1:29.4
6. Chantee Earl (Nik)	2:03.06	27.3/57.9/1:29.5
7. Nicole Cook (Tenn)	2:03.66	27.1/58.0/1:29.6
8. Sasha Spencer (Nik)	2:06.70	26.8/57.8/1:29.9

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 10, 18.50/19.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Teter 2:01.05, 2. Cook 2:02.33, 3. Santin 2:02.45, 4. Earl 2:02.55, 5. Nakiya Johnson (USC) 2:03.01, 6. Alice Schmidt (NC) 2:03.98, 7. Lauren Simmons (NFT) 2:04.00, 8. Mishael Bertrand (Unat) 2:04.24 (58.5/64.1)
- 2/ 1. Miles-Clark 2:00.33, 2. Clark 2:00.36, 3. Bennett 2:00.37, 4. Spencer 2:01.58, 5. Jen Toomey (Nik) 2:03.89, 6. Kristina Bratton (Unat) 2:05.26, 7. Perry Fields (Unat) 2:06.76, 8. Ashley Wysong (NFT) 2:09.88 (58.6/61.7)

Heats - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 9, 19.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Clark 2:02.65, 2. Fields 2:03.47, 3. Simmons 2:03.52, 4. Earl 2:03.59, 5. Nikeya Green (WF) 2:05.77, 6. Hope Sanders (Inl) 2:05.79, 7. Brooke Patterson (Ky) 2:06.94, 8. Kinsey Coles (NDSst) 2:07.74, 9. Chloe Jarvis (Cal) 2:10.97 (59.1/63.6)
- 2/ 1. Miles-Clark 2:03.24, 2. Toomey 2:03.35, 3. Cook 2:04.37, 4. Santin 2:04.48, 5. Bratton 2:04.74, 6. Wysong 2:04.79, 7. Schmidt 2:04.86 (60.6/62.6)
- 3/ 1. Teter 2:03.30, 2. Johnson 2:03.55, 3. Spencer 2:03.58, 4. Bennett 2:03.95, 5. Bertrand 2:04.58, 6. Krista Ferrara (NFT) 2:04.95, 7. LaTisha Staten (Unat) 2:05.32, 8. Andrea Morgan (NFT) 2:09.38, 9. Allison Laske (Buf) 2:09.65

Jearl Miles-Clark first appeared on the national US scene in 1986 when she ran 52.41. She subsequently made the US relay squad in every OG through 2000 (though she did not run in 1988) and won 2 Olympic relay golds and 1 silver, as well as the 1993 World 400 title; she later moved up to 800 and at the end of 2004 possessed 7 of the 11 fastest times by an American. She had never won an Olympic Trials title. Here she was fastest in the first two rounds with 2:02.65 and 2:00.33, followed by sister-in-law Hazel (2:00.36) and Kameisha Bennett with a PR 2:00.37. The in-laws controlled the final, with Hazel leading at 200 in 26.7, and Jearl on her shoulder. The two passed halfway in 57.5 with the field compacted by the slower second 200. Miles-Clark moved ahead early in the back stretch and was a yard clear of Teter and Clark at 600. She continued to maintain her form and went away from Teter to win by 6 meters, with Clark a further yard back, some 10 yards clear of Bennett.

Miles-Clark went on to place 6th in the Olympic final after leading into the finishing straight. Her time of 1:57.27 was the sixth fastest of her career. All told she had 8 clockings of sub-1:57.50 to 4...for the rest of America.

1500 Meters - July 18, 17.00 Hr

1. Carrie Tollefson (adi)	4:08.32	66.8/67.8/66.2/47.5
2. Jen Toomey (Nik)	4:08.43	67.5/67.7/65.9/47.3
3. Amy Rudolph (adi)	4:08.57	67.4/67.8/66.6/46.8
4. Jenelle Deatherage (Reeb)	4:08.71	68.0/67.4/66.1/47.2
5. Mary Jane Harrelson (Nik)	4:09.40	67.1/67.7/66.8/47.8
6. Shalane Flanagan (Nik)	4:11.05	67.1/67.7/66.5/49.8
7. Sally Hauser (Nik)	4:12.56	67.4/67.6/68.3/49.3
8. Sarah Schwald (Nik)	4:13.12	67.2/67.9/67.6/50.4

9. Amy Mortimer (Nat) 4:13.64, 10. Heather Sagan (adi) 4:14.37, 11. Lindsey Gallo (Mich) 4:14.70, 12. Janet Trujillo (Nik) 4:18.15, 13. Bethany Brewster (WRRT) 4:26.23. Marla Runyan (Nik) – Dnf, and Suzy Favor Hamilton – Dnc

Heats - first 5 plus 6 fastest losers qualify, July 16, 20.00 Hr

1/ 1. Toomey 4:14.53, 2. Deatherage 4:15.28, 3. Schwald 4:15.55, 4. Rudolph 4:15.76, 5. Harrelson 4:16.10, 6. Colette Liss (Nik) 4:17.30, 7. Natalie Hughes (FlaSt) 4:17.34, 8. Elissa Riedy (Unat) 4:18.70, 9. Carrie Messner (Asics) 4:20.12, 10. Liz Woodworth (WiO) 4:20.45, 11. Sue Nielsen (NBal) 4:22.22, 12. Londa Bevins (Ark) 4:24.85. Nicole Teter (Nik) - Dns

2/ 1. Runyan 4:09.63, 2. Favor-Hamilton 4:09.74, 3. Tollefson 4:09.87, 4. Gallo 4:09.94, 5. Sagan 4:10.47, 6. Trujillo 4:10.66, 7. Hauser 4:10.99, 8. Brewster 4:11.18, 9. Flanagan 4:11.77, 10. Mortimer 4:11.82, 11. Treniere Clement (Nik) 4:14.42, 12. Christin Wurth (Nik) 4:16.68, 13. Alisha Williams (WnCo) 4:23.38.

Favorite Favor-Hamilton and 5000m qualifier Marla Runyan were the fastest in the heats. Unluckiest was Treniere Clement, who fell in the faster second heat 10 meters short of the line while in 4th place. Expectations of a battle between Runyan and F-H were dimmed when Favor-Hamilton pulled out with sore hamstrings. Carrie Tollefson set the pace in the final, zipping through 200 in 32.4 alongside Janet Trujillo, before slowing to 66.8. The pace stayed steady through 3 laps, with Tollefson leading throughout, and passing 2 laps in 2:14.6 and 1200m in 3:20.8. Runyan, exhausted by her 5k efforts, dropped out at 900m. Tollefson had a 2m lead over Toomey and Flanagan with 300 to go; Toomey closed up and inched ahead off the last curve. Tollefson fought back and edged ahead with 20m to go. Behind them Deatherage was heading for an Olympic spot until Rudolph raced past her in the last 5 meters, having picked up almost 10 yards on the leaders in the finishing straight with a final 100m in 15.5. Tollefson was the only Olympic selection and made it as far as the semifinals in Athens.

5000 Meters - July 12, 21.25 Hr

1. Shayne Culpepper (adi)	15:07.41	
2. Marla Runyan (Nik)	15:07.48	
3. Shalane Flanagan (Nik)	15:10.52	3:08.7/6:11.3/9:14.6/12:18.5
4. Amy Rudolph (adi)	15:13.74	
5. Jen Rhines (adi)	15:19.15	
6. Carrie Tollefson (adi)	15:25.55	
7. Molly Huddle (NDame)	15:37.92	
8. Missy Buttry (Wart)	15:46.21	

9. Amy Yoder-Begley (Asics) 15:52.12, 10. Melissa Gulli (TxAM) 15:52.30, 11. Sara Bei (Stan) 15:52.43, 12. Kriasten Nicolini (TMN) 15:53.47, 13. Katherine Newberry (NYAC) 16:14.89, 14. Sarah Hann (NBal) 16:27.73

Heats - first 5 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 9, 19.45/20.05 Hr

1/ 1. Runyan 15:36.75, 2. Flanagan 15:37.42, 3. Tollefson 15:38.64, 4. Buttry 15:39.32, 5. Huddle 15:47.15, 6. Yoder-Begley 15:52.34, 7. Hann 16:17.56, 8. Jennifer Kramer (BAA) 16:39.89, 9. Genevieve Graff-Ermeling (Unat) 17:53.76 (3:10.1/6:16.3/9:28.9/12:37.7)

2/ 1. Rhines 15:50.08, 2. Rudolph 15:50.63, 3. Culpepper 15:54.74, 4. Gulli 15:55.60, 5. Bei 15:55.88, 6. Newberry 15:57.29, 7. Nicolini 16:03.54, 8. Kara Goucher (Nik) 16:30.35

After heats which served to eliminate 3 athletes, the final got off to a slothful start with a 79.6 lap. Then Flanagan took over and put in laps of 72.6, 73.4, 72.8 and 72.9. Flanagan later said “that’s how I like to run...and with the slow pace in the first lap I thought I’ve trained too hard to let it go out like this”. Laps were maintained in the 73-74 range until 4000 meters when Flanagan kicked in a 70.9, which reduced the contenders from 6 to 4. A circuit of 66.8 dropped Rudolph. With 200m to go Flanagan had earned herself an Olympic spot, and placed third after Runyan burst clear in the last 200m, only to be caught by Culpepper at the line. 5 of the top 6 finishers went on to compete in the 1500m, though none of the top 3 in the 5000 repeated in the shorter event.

10000 Meters - July 16, 21.20 Hr

1. Deena Kastor (Asics)	31:09.65	(15:29.30/15:40.35)
2. Elva Dryer (Nik)	31:58.14	
3. Kate O’Neill (Nik)	32:07.25	

4. Katie McGregor (adi)	32:33.87
5. Alicia Craig (Stan)	32:47.86
6. Melissa Gulli (TxAM)	33:03.03
7. Laura O'Neill (Nik)	33:04.23
8. Janie Krzyminski (MiSt)	33:09.80
9. Amy Yoder-Begley (Asics) 33:17.78, 10. Jennifer Crain (WRR) 33:21.36, 11. Sharon Dickie (Unat) 33:26.48, 12. Nicole Aish (Nik) 33:38.62, 13. Kristin Price (NCSt) 33:51.53, 14. Katherine Newberry (NYAC) 34:05.63, 15. Dana Coons (adi) 34:09.92, 16. Melissa White (Hans) 34:18.08, 17. Kim Fitchen-Young (Nik) 34:24.26. Silvia Mosqueda (Unat) – Dnf	

Unbeaten in a US championship 10,000 since 1999, Drossin was the hot favorite. After a funereal kilometer of 3:16, Drossin took off, running her next 3 kilos between 3:02 and 3:03, before passing halfway in a respectable 15:29.30. By this time she held a lead of 200 meters over the chasing pack of McGregor (16:06.4), Dryer, O'Neill, and Craig. McGregor and Craig had fallen back by 7k, and Dryer got away from O'Neill with 800m to go. Up ahead Kastor, finished by lapping everyone except Dryer and O'Neill, finishing with the second fastest time ever by an American. Always a smart runner, Kastor passed up the 10k in Athens to focus on the Marathon. To win a medal in the 10k would have required her to run her second half in under 15 minutes.

20 Kilometer Walk - July 18, 07.00 Hr

1. Teresa Vaill (WUSA)	1:35:57
2. Joanne Dow (adi)	1:38:42
3. Bobbi Chapman (Unat)	1:39:01
4. Susan Armenta (Unat)	1:42:07
5. Sam Cohen (ParkA)	1:42:44
6. Jolene Moore (ParkA)	1:44.15
7. Margaret Ditchburn (Unat)	1:47:04
8. Anne Favolise (ParkA)	1:49:31
9. Caroline Kealty (Unat) 1:51:23, 10. Pamela Murkowski (ParkA) 1:52:50, 11. Ali Bahr (ParkA) 1:53:37. Dismalified – Michelle Rohl (MC), Deborah Huberty (NBal) and Amber Antonia (NYAC)	

At the age of 41 Teresa Vaill surprised Joanne Dow, the only "A" qualifier in 2004 (with 1:32:55), and 3-time Olympian Michelle Rohl, to take the only Olympic spot. Vaill led Rohl by 9 seconds at halfway in 46:45, and despite slowing in the third quarter (24:20) increased her lead to 31 seconds at 15km. Rohl, who had never failed to make the Olympic team, was disqualified with less than 2 km to go, leaving Vaill with almost 3 minutes clearance ahead of Dow,

Marathon – St Louis, April 3, 09.00 Hr

1. Colleen de Reuck (Nik)	2:28:25
2. Deena Kastor (Asics)	2:29:38
3. Jen Rhines (adi)	2:29:57
4. Blake Russell (NBal)	2:30:32
5. Magdalena Lewy Boulet (adi)	2:30:50
6. Heather Hanscom (Pacer)	2:31:53
7. Sara Wells (Asics)	2:33:15
8. Deeja Youngquist (Sauc)	2:34:21
9. Susannah Beck (NBal)	2:34:44
10. Jenny Spangler (SMTTC)	2:36:30

107 finished, 20th - 2:40:58, 30th - 2:44:02, 15 failed to finish

Blake Russell headed straight to the front, and within 3 miles (15:59) had built up a margin of 55 seconds. Kastor was leading the pack, and was just under a minute behind Russell at 10k (33:33). Little changed by halfway, with Russell clocking 1:11:58, and Kastor 53 seconds behind. From 14 miles on Kastor gulped up Russell's lead, closing from 40 seconds back at that point to 9 seconds in arrears at 17 miles. Kastor went ahead in the 18th mile and by 20 (1:51:17 – 2:25:30 pace) was well clear. Russell stopped briefly in the 21st mile and was passed by de Reuck. The South African born de Reuck closed Kastor down as they ran up a big hill during the 25th mile. de Reuck finished carrying an American flag, with more than a minute to spare over Kastor. Russell was beaten for 3rd by Jen Rhines, who finished less than 20 seconds behind Kastor. Kastor went on to win bronze in the Olympics.

3000 Meters Steeplechase (Invitational event) – July 15, 20.30 Hr

1. Ann Gaffigan (Neb)	9:39.35 AR
2. Kassi Andersen (BYU)	9:45.52
3. Carrie Messner (Asics)	9:50.70
4. Elizabeth Jackson (Nik)	9:52.11
5. Kelly McDonald (Asics)	9:56.60
6. Lisa Aguilera (Unat)	9:58.70

7. Dawn Cleary (Unat)	10:05.53
8. Lisa Antonelli (BYU)	10:15.76

With the Steeplechase as the next event to be added to the Olympic program, it made good sense for this event to be included as an invitational event. The big story of the race came not in Ann Gaffigan's US record, but the disqualification of the race favorite – Briana Shook, who went round the first water-jump when not focusing properly – “I was looking down. It's my own fault”, she later said. Shook won the race in 9:31.98, but was of course disqualified. She subsequently competed in the first available race in Europe, and ran 9:29.32 on July 31 in Heusden-Zolder (Belgium).

100 Meters Hurdles - July 18, 17.25 Hr (-1.6w)

1. Gail Devers (Nik),	12.55
2. Joanna Hayes (Nik)	12.55
3. Melissa Morrison (adi)	12.61
4. Danielle Carruthers (Nik)	12.62
5. Jenny Adams (Nik)	12.74
6. Michelle Perry (Nik)	12.91
7. Nichole Denby (Nik)	13.00
8. Ebony Foster (NC St)	13.04

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 18, 15.15 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Hayes 12.50, 2. Denby 12.86, 3. Perry 12.84, 4. Carruthers 12.92, 5. Lolo Jones (LSU) 12.93, 6. Joyce MBates-Fair (HolyI) 13.01, 7. Sheena Johnson (Nik) 13.41. Brenda Taylor (Nik) – Dnc. (-0.6w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Morrison 12.67, 2. Devers 12.70, 3. Adams 12.77, 4. Foster 12.81, 5. Miesha McKelvy-Jones (Nik) 12.87, 6. Raasin McIntosh (Tex) 12.94, 7. Yolanda McCray (HolyI) 12.99, 8. Sani Roseby (UCLA) 13.27 (-1.0w)

Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 17, 13.10 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Hayes 12.67, 2. Denby 12.86, 3. McIntosh 12.96, 4. Bates-Fair 13.01, 5. McCray 13.02, 6. Daveeta Shepherd (Lind) 13.69 (+0.3w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Adams 12.92, 2. Morrison 13.08, 3. Foster 13.23, 4. Roseby 13.25, 5. Taylor 13.26, 6. Dawn Harper (UCLA) 13.30 (-0.9w)
<u>3/</u>	1. Perry 13.05, 2. Johnson 13.12, 3. Carruthers 13.33, 4. Tiffany Lott-Hogan (Unat) 13.48, 5. Felicia Stone (Unat) 13.52. Sharifa Jones (Az) – Dnc (-1.9w)
<u>4/</u>	1. Devers 12.79, 2. McKelvy-Jones 12.88, 3. L.Jones 12.95, 4. Virginia Powell (USC) 13.26, 5. Lauren Smith (Unat) 13.53, 6. Kellie Wells (Hamp) 14.54 (-0.2w)

Devers was favored to win, with McKelvy-Jones and Morrison thought to be her closest rivals. Joanna Hayes raised a few eyebrows in the first round, equaling her PR from the 2000 OT with 12.67, more than 1/10th quicker than the next fastest qualifier – Devers (12.79). It was clear that this was no fluke, as Hayes zipped through the first semi in 12.50, almost 3 yards clear of Denby. Morrison won the other race in a good 12.67, just ahead of Devers. Morrison showed that her recovery from hamstring injuries was complete, when she took an early lead in the final, which she maintained through hurdle seven, at which point Devers and Hayes edged ahead of her. Devers and Hayes seemed to be absolutely in line as they reached the line, and only the photo-finish picture was able to show that Devers had won 12.547 to 12.549. She thus won her 4th straight final – only the second female runner to have done so (the other being 800m runner Madeline Manning). However, the Olympic jinx struck again, as this time Devers failed to finish her heat, having strained a calf muscle warming up. Her teammates reached the opposite end of the spectrum with Morrison winning bronze with a PR 12.56, and Hayes brilliantly winning gold with a time of 12.37 (6th on the all-time world list).

Devers' progression showed remarkable consistency, particularly in the hurdles:

	100	200	100H	LJ	TJ
1983	11.69		14.15Whs	20'1"	
1984	11.51, 11.34w		14.32	20'7"	39'6"
1985	11.19	23.12, 22.91w	13.16, 13.15w	20'8 1/2"	38'8 1/4"
1986	11.12, 10.96w	23.38	13.08	21'6 3/4"	<u>42'6 3/4", 43'8"w</u>
1987	10.98, 10.85w (7)	<u>22.71, 22.55w</u>	13.28	21'10"	41'8 3/4"
1988	10.97, 10.86w	22.8, 23.66w	12.61	<u>22'2 1/2"</u>	
1898-90	No competition - Illness				
1991	11.29		12.48 (2)		
1992	<u>10.82 (3)</u>	22.94	12.55 (1)		
1993	<u>10.82 (1)</u>		12.46 (1)		
1994	11.12, <u>10.77w (10)</u>				
1995	11.04, 10.8w		12.61 (1)		
1996	10.83 (2)		12.62 (6)		
1997	10.88 (3)				
1998	No competition				

1999	10.94 (5)	12.37 (1)
2000	10.99	<u>12.33 (1)</u>
2001		12.53 (1)
2002		12.40, <u>12.29w (1)</u>
2003	11.11 (9)	12.45 (1)
2004	11.05	12.50 (10)

Figures in parentheses denote world ranking – as per “Track and Field News”.

400 Meters Hurdles - July 11, 16.14 Hr

6.	1. Sheena Johnson (Nik)	52.95
5.	2. Brenda Taylor (Nik)	53.36
4.	3. Lashinda Demus (USC)	53.43
3.	4. Sandra Glover (Nik)	53.64
1.	5. Raasin McIntosh (Tex)	54.16
7.	6. Shauna Smith (Wy)	54.42
8.	7. Patrina Allen (Unat)	54.93
2.	-. Megan Addy (Nik)	DQ

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 10, 18.50 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Demus 53.70, 2. Taylor 54.83, 3. McIntosh 55.00, 4. Addy 56.03, 5. Melinda Sallins (Mizuno) 56.55, 6. Cara Evans (Unat) 57.21, 7. Christine Spence (Unat) 57.99, 8. TaNisha Mills (Unat) 58.45
<u>2/</u>	1. Glover 53.78, 2. Johnson 54.16, 3. Smith 55.51, 4. Allen 55.75, 5. Ellanee Richardson (PaITC) 56.27, 6. Ryan Tolbert-Richardson (Unat) 56.52, 7. Kim Batten (Unat) 57.20, 8. Dominique Darden (Mia) 58.50

Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 9, 18.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Taylor 54.98, 2. McIntosh 55.25, 3. Sallins 56.46, 4. Evans 57.23, 5. LeBren Martin (SLO) 58.12, 6. Le’Gretta Smith (Nik) 59.68, 7. Danielle Hobson (US Army) 60.08,
<u>2/</u>	1. Demus 55.14, 2. Allen 56.57, 3. Batten 57.53, 4. Darden 58.05, 5. Deanna Slaton (Cal) 58.45, 6. Vera Simms (Mi) 60.91
<u>3/</u>	1. Glover 54.52, 2. Smith 55.23, 3. Richardson 55.61, 4. Tolbert-Jackson 56.2, 5. Nikki Paul (XLS) 61.06. Alyssa Aiken (Tx) Dnf
<u>4/</u>	1. Johnson 55.64, 2. Addy 56.16, 3. Mills 56.61, 4. Spence 57.52, 5. Amber Delpino (Unat) 59.11, 6. Jennifer Grossarth (Unat) 60.83

Sandra Glover, America’s #1 in four of the previous five seasons was the favorite, but two time NCAA winner Sheena Johnson was considered a pretty close rival. Glover (54.52) was fastest in the heats, and ran an excellent 53.78 to win the second semifinal. The first had been won by world junior champion Lashina Demus, whose 53.70 was the fastest ever non-final ever in the OT.

Demus, Taylor and Johnson set off quickest in the final, and were level at halfway, with Glover 4 meters back. Demus surged into the lead at the seventh hurdle, and led by 2 meters at the ninth hurdle. She clobbered the barrier, and was overtaken by Johnson and Taylor. At the 10th, with Glover closing fast, Demus climbed the barrier like a tired steeplechaser, but then recovered to hold off Glover for the prized third place. Up ahead Johnson’s 52.95 elevated her to #4 on the US all-time list, while Taylor moved to 6th with her 53.36, one position ahead of Demus. Only Glover, amongst the top-7 finalists, failed to set a PR. Johnson would be the best placed US hurdler in Athens, running 53.83 for 4th.

High Jump - July 12, 19.15 Hr

		1.89	1.92	1.95	1.98	2.04
1.	Tisha Waller (Nik)	6’6” (1.98)	o	o	o	xxo xxx
2.	Chaunte Howard (GaT)	6’4 ¾” (1.95)	xo	xxo	xo	xxx
3.	Amy Acuff (Asics)	6’4 ¾” (1.95)	o	o	xxo	xxx
4.	Erin Aldrich (Unat)	6’2 ¼” (1.89)	o	xxx		
=5.	Kaylene Wagner (SLO)	6’0 ½” (1.84)				
=5.	Stacy-Ann Grant (Unat)	6’0 ½” (1.84)				
7.	Ifoma Jones (Unat)	6’0 ½” (1.84)				
8.	Sheena Gordon (UCLA)	6’0 ½” (1.84)				

9. Lindsey Metcalf (BYU) 6’0 ½” (1.84), =10. Robyn Burkhardt (Unat), Carri Long (Inl) and Gina Rickert (Unat) 5’10 ½” (1.79). No height – Beth Ann Castagno (Shore) and Morgan High (KsSt).

Qualifying: July 10, 17.00 Hr: Automatic qualifying 6’2 ¾” - All finalists cleared 5’11 ½” (1.82). Non-qualifiers (all no heights (1.79)): Spring Harris (Unat), Jessica Johnson (Unat), Kristy Kerin (MVtTC), Deirdre Mullen (Ct), Kristen Pace (GasT), Lisa Riech (Beach), Karol Rovelto (Nik), Tamika Toppin (Unat), and Gwen Wentland (Nik).

Acuff-Waller-Howard was how “Track and Field News” predicted the high jump, and even if the order was wrong it was nevertheless an excellent piece of prognosticating. As the bar was raised to 1.92 there was an element of doubt. 4 were still left in, and Chaunte Howard was the only one not a previous Olympian. Acuff and Waller cleared first time, and after Aldrich just clipped off the bar on her final jump, Howard made 6’3 ½” on her final attempt. Waller then flew over 6’4 ¾” with what would be the winning jump, and the

NCAA champion followed in her footsteps with her second time clearance; Acuff made it a three-way competition with her third time clearance at 6'4 3/4".

Pole Vault - July 18, 14.30 Hr

		4.45	4.50	4.55	4.60	4.65	4.75	4.89
1. Stacy Dragila (Nik)	15'7" (4.75)	0	p	o	p	xo	xxo	xxx
2. Jillian Schwartz (Nik)	14'11" (4.55)	xpp	o	o	xxp			
3. Kellie Suttle (Nik)	14'11" (4.55)	xo	xpp	o	xxx			
4. Chelsea Johnson (UCLA)	14'9" (4.50)	xpp	o	xpp	xx			
=5. Tracy O'Hara (Unat)	14'7 1/4" (4.45)	o	xxp	x				
=5. April Steiner (Unat)	14'7 1/4" (4.45)	o	xpp	p	xx			
7. Mary Sauer (Asics)	14'5 1/4" (4.40)							
8. Lindsay Taylor (Unat)	14'5 1/4" (4.40)							

9. Andrea Dutoit (Unat) 14'3 1/4" (4.35), 10. Alicia Warlick (SMTC) 14'3 1/4" (4.35), =11. Amy Linnen (Unat) and Kira Sims (Akr) 13'9 1/4" (4.20), 13. Ebbie Metzinger (Inl) 13'9 1/4" (4.20). Becky Holliday (Unat) – no height.

Qualifying: 16 July, 19.00 Hr – Automatic qualifier 14'3 1/4" (4.35). Dragila and Schwartz cleared 13'11 1/4" (4.25), all other finalists cleared 13'9 1/4" (4.20). Non-qualifiers: Erica Bartolina (Unat), Kate Soma (Wa), Niki McEwen (Unat), Monica Stearns (Mn) 13'5 1/4" (4.10). The following no heighted: - Shannon Gallagher (Inl), Lacy Janson (Fl St), Connie Jerz (Az), Lesa Kubishta (Unat)

Showing how the event had moved on in 4 years, 5 vaulters attempted heights above 15'0" – as compared with 1 in 2000. The result was, however, the same, with reigning OT and OG champion Dragila coming out an easy winner. Six athletes cleared 14'7 1/4", and the list was down to 4 after 14'9". Chelsea Johnson, NCAA champion, tried 14'11", but after Dragila, Schwartz and Suttle all cleared that height first time, she went to 15'1", and (like Schwartz and Suttle) missed at that height.. Dragila, already in the lead on countback, had passed at 15'1" and then cleared 15'3" for an OT record, and finally 15'7" on her third attempt, before three solid, but not close, misses at a new WR of 16'0 1/2"

Long Jump - July 15, 17.45 Hr

1. Marion Jones (Nik)	23'4"	(7.11)	+1.8	6.80/7.11/6.72/6.81w/6.84/6.72
2. Grace Upshaw (Nik)	22'5"	(6.83)	+1.4	x/6.56/6.77/6.75/6.79/6.83
3. Akiba McKinney (Unat)	21'6 3/4"	(6.57)	+1.8	6.56/x/6.57/6.38/x/x
4. Rose Richmond (Unat)	21'6 1/4"	(6.56)	+1.1	6.28/6.37/6.56/6.48/x/x
5. Starlie Graves (Unat)	21'3 1/2"	(6.49)	+1.6	
6. Tameisha King (Unat)	21'2 3/4"	(6.47)	+0.9	
7. Jernae Wright (Unat)	21'2"	(6.45)	+2.0	
8. Tianna Madison (Tenn)	21'0 3/4"	(6.42)	+1.5	

9. Ole Sesay (Unat) 20'11 1/4" (6.38)/+0.5, 10. Shakeema Walker (Unat) 20'6 1/4" (6.25)/+1.5, 11. Sharifa Jones (Az) 19'11 3/4" (6.09)/+1.5

Qualifying: July 12, 20.40 Hr, 21'0"/6.40 or top-12 – Sesay 21'9" (6.63), Upshaw 21'5 1/2" (6.54), Walker 21'2" (6.45), Madison 21'1 1/2" (6.44), Wright 21'1 1/2" (6.44), King 21'0 1/2" (6.41), M.Jones 20'11 3/4" (6.39), Glenn 20'11 3/4"w (6.39), Richmond 20'11 1/4" (6.38), Graves 20'9 1/4" (6.33), S.Jones 20'9 1/4" (6.33), McKinney 20'9 1/4" (6.33)

Non-qualifiers: Hyleas Fountain (Nik) 20'9" (6.32), Nolle Graham (LemTC) 20'7" (6.27), Chi Chi Aduba (Unat) 20'5 3/4" (6.24), Kiamesha Otey (Unat) 20'5 1/4"w (6.23), April Holliness (Bay) 20'4 1/4"w (6.20), Francesca Green (Inl) 20'3" (6.17), Nikki Hughes (Unat) 20'2 1/2" (6.16), Shameka Marshall (Rut) 20'1 1/2" (6.13), Lavada Hill (Unat) 20'0 1/4" (6.10), Monique Freeman (Unat) 19'10 3/4" (6.06), Pamela Simpson (US Army) 19'10 1/4" (6.05), Heather Sterlin 19'7" (5.97).

Only 1 jumper from the top-8 at the 2000 OT repeated- Marion Jones. After Akiba McKinney opened the final with a PR 21'6 1/4", Jones took over with 22'3 3/4", and then boomed 23'4" - her best jump since 1998 (when she exceeded 23'4" four times). Additionally, it was the second farthest mark in OT history. Behind her, the consistent Grace Upshaw moved into a tie with McKinney with her second round jump, and then cemented 3rd spot with 22'2 1/2" in round three, before improving to 22'3 1/2" and then 22'5". McKinney improved to 21'6 3/4" in the third round, and needed it for third place, as Rose Richmond produced the third 21'6 1/4" of the competition later in that round. Jones later told Garry Hill in the post competition field interview (not without irony) "I think I had a little motivation", and then clearly releasing a little emotion from all the pressure on her – "I just had fun out there".

Triple Jump - July 22, 10.15 Hr

1. Tiombe Hurd (Nik)	47'5"	(14.45)	+0.7w	x/x/13.63/14.45/x/x
2. Shakeema Walker (Unat)	46'1 1/2"	(14.06)	-0.3w	13.25/13.20/13.74/13.97/14.06/x
3. Vanitta Kinard (Unat)	45'0 1/2"	(13.73)	+0.4w	13.65/13.64/12.28/x/13.73/13.51
4. Shani Marks (Unat)	44'5 1/4"	(13.54)	-0.2w	x/13.29/13.54/12.80/x/13.02
5. Chaytan Hill (KsSt)	44'2 1/2"	(13.47)	-0.3w	13.16/13.42/13.45/x/13.47w/13.47
6. Yuliana Perez (Unat)	44'2 1/2"	(13.47)	-0.7w	13.27/13.47/13.34/13.18/x/13.08
7. Stacy Bowers-Smith (Unat)	43'4 1/4"	(13.21)	-0.4w	
8. Chi Chi Aduba (Penn St)	43'3 1/4"	(13.19)	-0.5w	

9. Brittany Daniels (Ca HS) 42'7" (12.98)/0.2, 10. Nicole Toney (LSU) 42'4" (12.90)/0.7, 11. Nicole Whitman (Unat) 42'2 3/4" (12.87)/0.1,

12. Simidele Adeagbo (TXO) 42'0 3/4" (12.82)/0.0, 13. Monica Cabbler (Unat) 41'6" (12.65)/-2.2

Qualifying: July 9, 18.25 Hr, 45'1 1/2" (13.75) or top-12: Kinard 46'2"w (14.07/+3.5), Hurd 45'10 3/4"w (13.99)/+2.9, Perez 44'9" (13.64)/+2.0 Marks 44'8 1/4"w (13.62)/+3.0w, Daniels 44'6 1/4"w (13.57)/+2.9, Walker 44'2 3/4"w (13.48)/+2.2, Toney 44'1 1/4"w (13.44)+3.3, Bowers-Smith 43'7" (13.28/+1.0, Cabbler 43'4 1/4" (13.21)/-2.1, Hill 43'1" (13.13)/+1.3, Whitman 42'8 3/4"w (13.02)/+2.1, Adeagbo 42'7 1/2" (12.99)/+0.7, Aduba 42'7 1/2" (12.99)/+1.9.

Non-qualifiers: Stephanie Warren (ACU) 42'4 1/2" (12.91)/+1.0, Deana Guidry (Unat) 41'7" (12.68)/+0.8, Teresa Bundy (Nike) 41'1" (12.53)/+1.2, Tongula Givens (Unat) 40'9" (12.43), Amanda Thieschafer (ND St) 40'8" (12.40), Ronda White 40'4 1/2" (12.31), Brandy Depland (GaT) 39'3 1/2" (11.98), Karmen Furr (USC) 38'8" (11.79). Darcell Edwards (McM) and Sherita Williams (Unat) – 3 fouls

Tiombe Hurd began with 2 fouls in the final, before leaping 13.63 with a last ditch effort to move into third place. Wearing contacts, to counter the retinal degeneration which would otherwise leave her legally blind, she bounced out to a US record 47'5" (14.45), to break Sheila Hudson's NR of 14.41 from 1996. Behind her Walker improved from round 3 to round 5 with 13.74 – 13.97 – 14.06 to cement the runner-up spot. In 3rd was Vanitta Kinard, whose focus was dedicating her effort to her mother, murdered by her stepfather earlier in the year. She made 3rd with her 45'0 1/2" jump in the 5th round, but neither she nor Walker had an "A" qualifier, so Hurd was joined in Athens by Perez, whose 14.23 from 2003 was enough to beat out her OT conquerors.

Shot Put - July 16, 19.45 Hr

1. Laura Gerraughty (NC)	60'8 1/2"	(18.50)	18.00/18.50/18.13/18.23/18.05/17.79
2. Kristin Heaston (Nik)	59'4 3/4"	(18.10)	17.36/18.10/x/x/17.78/x
3. Jill Camarena (Stan)	58'2"	(17.73)	17.73/17.61/17.60/x/x/x
4. Stephanie Brown (MorT)	56'10 3/4"	(17.34)	16.01/16.51/x/x/17.34/x
5. Adriane Blewit (AshE)	54'2 1/2"	(16.52)	
6. l'Orangerie Crawford (USC)	54'1 3/4"	(16.50)	
7. Aubrey Martin (WnIll)	52'2 3/4"	(15.92)	
8. Amarachi Ukabam (OhSt)	51'11"	(15.83)	

9. Karen Freberg (SLDC) 51'10 1/2" (15.81), 10. Tiffany Bunton (TxSt) 50'4 1/2" (15.35), 11. Becky Breisch (Neb) 48'6" (14.78), 12. Leann Boerema (Neb) 48'3 1/4" (14.71)/// Qualifying: July 15, 17.35 Hr, 57'5" (17.50) or top-12: Heaston 58'10" (17.93), Gerraughty 58'3" (17.75), Camarena 55'7 1/2" (16.95), Brown 54'8" (16.66), Crawford 54'3 1/4" (16.54), Freberg 53'7 3/4" (16.35), Breisch 53'4 1/4" (16.26), Bunton 53'1 1/2" (16.19), Blewitt 52'10 1/4" (16.11), Ukabam 52'4 3/4" (15.97), Martin 51'11 3/4" (15.84), Boerema 51'9" (15.77). Non-qualifiers: Liz Wanless (Bates) 51'3" (15.62), Dana Lawson (Unat) 50'8 1/4" (15.45), Janae Strickland (Mo) 50'0 1/2" (15.25), Angela Bertholdt (Unat) 49'8 1/4" (15.14), Melinda Lincoln (Unat) 48'7 1/2" (14.82), Rebekah Green (Unat) 47'5 1/4" (14.46), Stacy Martin (Unat) 46'10" (14.27), Latisha Johnson (IISt) 46'2" (14.07). Ja'Nai O'Connor (Unat) – 3 fouls.

The changing of the guard was complete – only 1 athlete made the final who had also been a finalist 4 years earlier (12th placer Boerema). At the head of the class was Laura Gerraughty, winner of the US Indoor title, and the NCAA indoors and out. All six of her throws would have placed in the top-3 and her top 3 exceeded the best of Kristin Heaston, the runner-up. These two were the only athletes with Olympic "A" standard marks (18.55), which meant that Camarena's solid 3rd place effort came to naught in terms of Athens. Neither Gerraughty nor Heaston was able to make the Olympic final, but none of the 9 US women in throwing events was able to do so.

Discus Throw - July 12, 19.30 Hr

1. Aretha Hill (Nik)	208'6"	(63.55)	63.55/x/x/x/58.35/x
2. Stephanie Brown (MorT)	203'1"	(61.90)	61.90/x/x/x/x/x
3. Seilala Sua (Nik)	202'1"	(61.60)	61.60/x/55.95/x/x/61.13
4. Becky Breisch (Neb)	194'6"	(59.28)	59.28/x/56.09/46.46/52.49/51.27
5. Kris Kuehl (Nik)	192'11"	(58.81)	56.28/58.81/57.50/57.12/58.54/56.11
6. Suzy Powell (Asics)	190'11"	(58.19)	x/57.95/56.79/54.20/x/58.19
7. Gino LoMonaco (Unat)	189'11"	(57.89)	
8. Deshaya Williams (Unat)	189'8"	(57.83)	

9. Summer Pierson (Unat) 186'0" (56.69), 10. Gia Lewis (Unat) 184'8" (56.28), 11. Rachel Varner (Az) 183'2" (55.83), 12. Amarachi Ukabam (OhSt) 180'4" (54.98), 13. Rachel Longfors (Fla) 171'4" (52.23)

Qualifying: July 10, 17.10 Hr, 196'10" (60.00) or top-12: Hill 205'1" (62.51), Kuehl 197'1" (60.08), Breisch 195'5" (59.56), Brown 190'1" (57.95), Lewis 189'11" (57.90), Longfors 188'7" (57.48), LoMonaco 186'2" (56.74), Pierson 186'1" (56.72), Sua 185'3" (56.47), Powell 183'10" (56.05), Williams 183'4" (55.88), Ukabam and Varner 180'9" (55.11). Non-qualifiers: Roberta Collins (AshE) 178'4" (54.37), Melinda Lincoln (Unat) 178'1" (54.28), Melissa Bickett (Mi) 176'0" (53.64), Stacy Martin (Aub) 172'11" (52.70), Dayana Octavien (SFl) 172'7" (52.60), Mary Etter (TXO) 169'10" (51.78), Andrea Thornton (Unat) 169'8" (51.73), Beth Mallory (Al) 168'4" (51.31), Abby Ernsick (Unat) 168'2" (51.26), Sndra Orsund (AzSt) 152'10" (46.58). Sheni Russell (Unat) – 3 fouls.

6 throws into the competition the top-3 had been decided, with Hill leading off with her 208'6", to be followed 4 throws later by Brown (203'1") and then Sua (202'1"). Between them they produced only 3 more fair throws. Behind them Breisch was the closest, not only

with her opener of 194'6", but also a sector foul in the next round which exceeded 200'. Suzy Powell, expected to make the team, had a bad day, producing just one throw over 190'

Hammer Throw - July 15, 19.45 Hr

1. Erin Gilreath (NYAC)	231'0" (70.42)	69.27/67.89/68.07/70.42/68.78/69.99
2. Anna Mahon (Nik)	227'1" (69.23)	64.37/x/68.90/68.74/69.23/x
3. Amber Campbell (CCar)	216'6" (65.98)	63.60/64.62/x/63.97/x/65.98
4. Jackie Jeschelnig (AshE)	213'9" (65.15)	63.58/64.24/65.15/X/X/61.73
5. Leslie Coons (Unat)	213'1" (64.96)	
6. Jamine Moton (Unat)	212'9" (64.86)	
7. Jessica Cosby (UCLA)	211'7" (64.50)	
8. Bethany Hart (NHA)	210'8" (64.22)	

9. Loree Smith (CoSt) 207'10" (63.35), 10. Dawn Ellerbe (NYAC) 207'0" (63.11), 11. LaQuanda Cotton (Fla) 205'3" (62.56), 12. Keturah Lofton (OhSt) 204'3" (62.26) /// Qualifying: July 12, 14.30 Hr, 208'4" (63.50) or top-12: Gilreath 222'10" (67.93), Mahon 221'9" (67.58), Campbell 218'0" (66.46), Coons 217'7" (66.33), Smith 216'4" (65.94), Moton 214'1" (65.26), Jsechernig 213'10" (65.18), Hart 213'1" (64.96), Cosby 206'0" (62.80), Lofton 205'1" (62.51), Cotton (62.08), Ellerbe 202'9" (61.81). Non-qualifiers: Maureen Griffin 202'7" (61.74), Jukina Dickerson (Fla) 202'0" (61.56), Britney Henry (LSU) 201'9" (61.49), April Wiechmann (Unat) 199'7" (60.77), Michelle Clayton-Boswell (Unat) 199'3" (60.73), Cari Soong (UCLA) 197'10" (60.31), Katherine McCoy (Unat) 194'0" (59.15), Vanessa Wilhelm (Unat) 187'4" (57.11), Angela Foster (Unat) 185'4" (56.48), Alexandra Earl-Givan (NHA) 182'9" (55.71), Tara Loper (AshE) 173'8" (52.95)

A young event like the Women's Hammer progresses faster than others. In 2000 it took 192'9" to make the final. In 2004 three athletes who threw beyond 200' failed to qualify. On the 4th throw of the final Gilreath launched one out to 227'3" for an OT record, and first place was settled. Anna Mahon, who had thrown over 232' three weeks earlier, took until round three to recover when she moved into second place with 226'0". Gilreath responded in the next round with her 7th mark of the season over 70 meters – 70.42/231'0". By the end of the third round 3rd place was being disputed by 5 athletes, with less than 1 meter covering them – Jeschelnig 65.15, Coons 64.96, Moton 64.86, Campbell 64.62 and Hart 64.22. The battle was finally won by Campbell who improved to 65.98 on her last throw, but the war was won by Jeschelnig, who, unlike Campbell, had a mark in excess of 67.50, the "A" qualifying level.

Javelin Throw - July 11, 14.45 Hr

1. Kim Kreiner (Kent)	182'7" (55.65)
2. Sarah Malone (Or)	177'11" (54.22)
3. Dee O'Connell (Unat)	177'4" (54.05)
4. Erica Wheeler (Unat)	175'10" (53.61)
5. Serene Ross (Nik)	174'6" (53.20)
6. Dana Pounds (AF)	173'3" (52.80)
7. Nicole Carroll (Unat)	168'11" (51.49)
8. Katy Doyle (Tex A&M)	166'3" (50.65)

9. Emily Carlsten (Unat) 162'9" (49.60), 10. Megan Spriestersbach (Wa) 151'2" (46.08), 11. Inge Jorgensen (Va) 144'9" (44.13), 12. Leslie Miller-Russell (Shel) 134'5" (40.97)

// Qualifying: July 9, 19.15 Hr, 180'5" (55.00) or top-12: Kreiner 177'3" (54.02), Ross 177'0" (63.95), Pounds 172'10" (52.68), Wheeler 172'8" (52.64), Carlsten 170'7" (52.02), Malone 170'2" (51.86), Jorgensen 169'11" (51.80), O'Connell 169'10" (51.78), Doyle 168'7" (51.38), Spriestersbach 166'10" (50.85), Carroll 164'8" (50.19), Miller-Russell 159'10" (48.72). Non-qualifiers: Karyn McCready (SRock) 153'0" (46.63), Trina Rogers (Unat) 152'5" (46.46), Lindsey Stephenson (Mi) 151'8" (46.24), Rachel Yurkovich (OrHs) 151'6" (46.19), Ashley Colley (PennSt) 146'4" (44.60), Dia Dohlman (TFAC) 144'8" (44.10), Kara Patterson (Unat) 139'9" (42.60), Lauren Primerano (Unat) 135'8" (41.37), Katie Cullen (TxAM) 121'10" (37.13)

The Olympic qualifying "A" mark was 60.50, nearly 2 meters beyond the best by an American in 2004. Kim Kreiner had the best throw by an American in 2004 (58.68) and was selected as the sole US representative after producing 2 throws beyond the best of her opposition- 55.48 as an opener, immediately followed by the winning effort of 55.65.

Heptathlon - July 9/10

1. Shelia Burrell (Nik)	(3535-7) 6194
13.47/1.69/12.86/24.64/6.24/48.42/2:14.13	
2. Tiffany Lott-Hogan (Unat)	(3686-1) 6159
13.10/1.69/14.17/24.53/5.97/50.33/2:24.27	
3. Michelle Perry (Nik)	(3634-3) 6126
13.02/1.69/11.07/23.08/6.12/40.73/2:12.81	
4. Hyleas Fountain (Nik)	(3659-2) 6035
13.47/1.81/11.63/24.05/6.18/38.17/2:18.85	

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| 5. DeDee Nathan (Inl) | (3598-4) 6020 |
| 13.64/1.75/13.94/25.27/6.12/43.29/2:21.48 | |
| 6. Gigi Miller (Unat) | (3594-5) 5938 |
| 13.30/1.69/12.89/24.30/6.09/36.43/2:16.79 | |
| 7. Michelle Moran (Unat) | (3413-9) 5842 |
| 14.06/1.75/11.89/25.15/5.78/43.03/2:13.05 | |
| 8. Tracye Lawyer-Thomas (Tld) | (3536-6) 5772 |
| 14.05/1.75/13.19/24.76/5.90/43.97/2:31.57 | |

9. Heather Sterlin (Nik) 5719, 10. Fiona Asigbee (Unat) 5675, 11. Kendra Reimer (Beach) 5612, 12. Jacquelyn Johnson (AzSt) 55448, 13. Amber Miller (Unat) 5447, 14. Ashley Selig (Neb) 5400, 15. Robin Unger (Beach) 5368, 16. Tacita Bass (Unat) 5365, 17. Brooke Meredith (Cal) 5356, 18. Jackie Poulson (Unat) 5327, 19. Jennifer Hoppe (Unat) 5313, 20. Josie Hahn (Vand) 5292, 21. JaNelle Wright (KsSt) 5257, 22. Meredith Davis (Unat) 4600. Kim Schiemenz (Nik) – 3398/Dnf, Missy Vanek (Unat) 3321/Dnf

The cool and windy conditions kept scores down on day 1 – the best performance being Michelle Perry’s 13.02 into a 1.6 wind, followed by Lott-Hogan’s 13.10 (against a 1.1 wind). At the end of day 1, Lott-Hogan led from Fountain, with Perry 3rd. Perry had been best in both the hurdles and 200, but was let down by her shot of 36’4”. Burrell, the favorite, was lagging in 7th place, but consistent efforts of 20’5 ¾” and 158’10” moved her to sixth after the long jump and into second with only the 800 to go. Picking up over 10 seconds on Lott-Hogan in the 800 meant a switch of 139 points for Burrell, with Perry picking up third, nearly 100 points ahead of Fountain. Burrell, America’s best since 2001 placed a good 4th in Athens with 6296.