

## 2008

### Eugene – June 27 to July 6

After a gap of 28 years, Eugene joined Los Angeles as the only venues to have hosted the Trials on 4 occasions. The weather was kind to the Trials, with temperatures reaching 95o for the quarter-finals of the Men's 100 meters; the average high for the 8 days of competition was 81o with the first half of the meeting appreciably hotter than the last 4 days. The crowd totaled 167,123 with a Hayward Field record of 21,176 on the final day, though the attendance figures included the people seated behind the main stand watching the big screen assembled as part of the entertainment festivities for the crowd. The number of thin fields implied that the meet could be cut by one or two days; the results of the team in the Olympics, particularly the men's field events, suggested that the Trials should be moved much closer to the Games – perhaps 1 month, in order to help the team manage peaking for the Games.

<u>100 Meters</u> - June 29, 16.49 Hr (4.1w)	Reaction		Unofficial					
	Times	20m	40m	50m	60m	80m	100y	
1. Tyson Gay (adidas)	9.68w	0.132	2.98	4.74	5.57	6.37	7.99	8.95
2. Walter Dix (Fla St)	9.80w	0.142	3.02	4.80	5.66	6.47	8.11	9.07
3. Darvis Patton (adidas)	9.84w	0.169	2.98	4.77	5.60	6.47	8.11	9.07
4. Travis Padgett (Clem)	9.85w	0.153	2.95	4.76	5.58	6.46	8.11	9.08
5. Rodney Martin (Nik)	9.97w	0.189	3.00	4.82	5.66	6.53	8.21	9.20
6. Leroy Dixon (Nik)	9.99w	0.157	2.99	4.77	5.62	6.47	8.17	9.21
7. Michael Rodgers (Nik)	10.01w	0.166	2.97	4.78	5.67	6.51	8.25	9.26
8. Xavier Carter (Nik)	10.11w	0.148	3.05	4.88	5.74	6.62	8.31	9.34

#### Semifinals - first 4 qualify, June 29, 14.30 Hr

- 1/ 1/ 1. Gay 9.85w, 2. Dix 9.93w, 3. Martin 10.08w, Carter 10.09w, 5. Ivory Williams (Nik) 10.09w, 6. Rae Edwards (Nik) 10.16w, 7. Trindon Holliday (LSU) 10.17w, 8. Chris Hargrett (adidas) 12.11w (2.2w)
- 2/ 1. Patton 10.04, 2. Padgett 10.11, 3. Dixon 10.17, 4. Rodgers 10.18, 5. Wallace Spearmon (Nik) 10.18, 6. John Capel (Unat) 10.21, 7. Mark Jelks (Nik) 10.24, 8. Jeff Demps (Fla HS) 10.34 (0.5)

#### Quarter-finals - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 28, 17.01-17.20 Hr

- 1/ 1. Gay 9.77 [5.56 at 50m, 6.39 at 60m, estimated 9.02 at 100y], 2. Demps 10.01, 3. Dix 10.02, 4. Dixon 10.02, 5. Rodgers 10.07, 6. Spearmon 10.07, 7. J-Mee Samuels (Arks) 10.09, 8. Teddy Williams (Tex SA) 10.24 (1.6w)
- 2/ 1. Padgett 9.89, 2. Martin 9.95, 3. Jelks 9.99, 4. Hargrett 10.12, 5. Kendall Stevens (Unat) 10.12, 6. Mardy Scales (Unat) 10.15, 7. Mickey Grimes (Nik) 10.22, 8. Rubin Williams (Tenn) 10.26(1.6w)
- 3/ 1. Patton 9.89, 2. I. Williams 9.94, 3. Carter 10.00, 4. Capel 10.06, 5. Edwards 10.06, 6. Holliday 10.09, 7. Shawn Crawford (Nik) 10.09, 8. Jeremy Hall (Fla) 10.26(1.6w)

#### Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, June 28, 14.30-15.10 Hr

- 1/ 1. Dix 9.96, 2. I. Williams 10.07, 3. Stevens 10.13, 4. Holliday 10.15, 5. Rodgers 10.15, 6. Crawford 10.17, 7. Jeff Laynes 9Unat) 10.37, 8. Demi Omole (Reebok) 10.49 (1.7w)
- 2/ 1. Padgett 10.06, 2. Demps 10.12, 3. Dixon 10.16, 4. R. Williams 10.18, 5. Grimes 10.26, 6. Hall 10.26, 7. Evander Wells (Tenn) 10.28. DaBryan Blanton – dns (1.8w)
- 3/ 1. Patton 10.04, 2. Spearmon 10.12, 3. Capel 10.16, 4. Scales 10.16, 5. Samuels 10.17, 6. T. Williams 10.27, 7. Jason Heard (Unat) 10.32. Joshua Henderson (Unat) - dns (1.4w)
- 4/ 1. Martin 10.10, 2. Edwards 10.13, 3. Jelks 10.13, 4. Gay 10.14, 5. Carter 10.14, 6. Hargrett 10.19, 7. Preston Perry (Unat) 10.28, 8. Carlos Moore (Cheet) 10.33 (0.8w)

Tyson Gay was the big news in both of the initial two rounds of the 100 meters, but for very different reasons. In his heat, after establishing a big lead, Gay shut down, mistaking the line marked for the start of Mile races for the finishing line. He recovered just in time and finished in 10.14 – he could have finished a tenth slower and still made the next round, but it was a shot of adrenalin for the World Champion. At just after 5pm Gay shot through 50m in 5.56 and went on to record a US record 9.77. Behind him, surprising Jeff Demps ran 10.01 to set a High School record and equal the world junior 100 record. Just behind was Walter Dix, who had recorded 9.96 in the first round, equaling Carl Lewis's "first round record" from the '88 Trials. 6 men ran 10.07 in that heat, and the feast continued, with Travis Padgett running the fastest ever by a collegian (9.89) in the second heat establishing a big lead over the first 50m, and he was closely followed by Rod Martin (9.95) and Mark Jelks (9.99) under the 10 second barrier. Darvis Patton (9.89) caught Ivory Williams (9.94) at the 90m point in the final heat. Each race saw a wind reading of +1.6, which was less suspicious than it looked, due to a steady gentle breeze, and this together with very hot sunny weather combined to produce perfect conditions. Indeed, this was biggest festival of 100m sprint speed in a national championship since the legendary AAU of 1968, which also enjoyed warm weather and aiding breezes.

The average time for the 24 competitors was 10.056 !

The following day saw the temperature down by 10o, with more blustery conditions. Gay won the first semi-final, beating Dix by almost a meter, with Martin just edging Carter and Ivory Williams for 4<sup>th</sup>. Carter only caught Williams in the last 5 meters, gaining a 1/1000<sup>th</sup> advantage (10.086 to 10.087). The wind died down in the second race for Patton's 10.04 win, DP having edged past Padgett at the 80m mark. The margins in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> copied the first semi, as Dixon ran 10.17 to take 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Rodgers' 10.178 and Spearmon's 10.179.

Compact (5'8/180) Travis Padgett was the quickest in the early stages of the final, with Gay catching him after 30 meters. The US record holder quickly moved away from the rest of the field and eventually won by almost 1 ½ meters. Behind him, Dix surged from 6<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> between 40m and 80m, and Patton just edged Padgett at the line.

<u>200 Meters</u> - July 6, 16.25 Hr (1.7w)				Reactions
3. 1	Walter Dix (Fla St)	19.86	10.3/9.6	0.174
4. 2.	Shawn Crawford (Nik)	19.86	10.1/9.8	0.167
6. 3	Wallace Spearmon (Nik)	19.90	10.4/9.5	0.147
5. 4	Rodney Martin (Nik)	19.99	10.3/9.7	0.171
1. 5	Charles Clark (Fla St)	20.53	10.5/10.0	0.156
8. 6	Rubin Williams (Tenn)	20.61	10.5/10.1	0.161
2. 7	Bernard Williams (adi)	20.63	10.5/10.1	0.171
7.-	Xavier Carter (Nik)	Dns		

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 5, 14.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Martin 20.04w, 2. Spearmon 20.05w, 3. Dix 20.09w, 4. Clark 20.48w, 5. Jordan Vaden (adi) 20.66w, 6. J-Mee Samuels (Ark) 20.67w, 7. John Capel (Unat) 20.81w, 8. Chris Dykes (TxA&M) 20.97w (+2.2w)
- 2/ 1. Crawford 20.21, 2. Carter 20.55, 3. R.Williams 20.56, 4. B.Williams 20.60, 5. Evander Wells (Tn) 20.80, 6. Mickey Grimes (Nik) 20.96, 7. Michael Ray Garvin (Fla St) 20.96. Michael Lawrence (Unat) - Dnf (-0.9w)

Quarter-finals - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 5, 12.00-12.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Martin 20.52, 2. R.Williams 20.58, 3. Grimes 21.18, 4. Jody Johnson (Sac St) 21.30, 5. Damein White (CSLA) 27.96. Tyson Gay (adi) - Dnf (-0.5w)
- 2/ 1. B.Williams 20.61, 2. Carter 20.61, 3. Capel 20.70, 4. Jeremy Dodson (Col) 20.97, 5. Brent Gray (VSA) 21.14, 6. Marcus Pugh (Ok) 21.28 (1.4w)
- 3/ 1. Dix 20.56, 2. Spearmon 20.59, 3. Vaden 20.73, 4. Wells 20.73, 5. Garvin 20.95, 6. Arman Dixon (SHeart) 21.14 (0.1w)
- 4/ 1. Crawford 20.33, 2. Clark 20.55, 3. Lawrence 20.64, 4. Dykes 20.85, 5. Samuels 20.86. Chris Berrian (Unat) - Dnc (1.8w)

Heats - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 4, 18.50-19.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Crawford 20.18, 2. Gray 20.64, 3. Vaden 20.82, 4. Dykes 20.99, 5. Johnsson 21.10. Reggie Witherspoon (Nik)- Dnc (1.0w)
- 2/ 1. Gay 20.43, 2. Lawrence 20.71, 3. Capel 20.73, 4. Berrian 20.74, 5. Wells 20.84, 6. Pugh 20.99 (0.8w)
- 3/ 1. B.Williams 20.65, R.Williams 20.70, 3. Carter 20.86, 4. Garvin 21.10. Jordan Boase (Wa) & Tyrone Carrier (Hous) - Dnc (-0.3w)
- 4/ 1. Dix 20.66, 2. Clark 20.76, 3. Dixon 20.83, 4. Grimes 21.00, 5. Samuels 21.21. Darvis Patton (adi) - Dnc (1.2w)
- 5/ 1. Spearmon 20.81, 2. White 20.93, 3. Martin 21.00, 4. Dodson 21.07, 5. Demetrious McCloud (Unat) 21.25, 6. Michael Mitchell (Nik) 21.29 (1.3w)

Five heats eliminated just 2 athletes, and with just 26 starters, one of the rounds should have been cancelled. 2004 Olympic champion Crawford looked the sharpest through the early rounds, clocking 20.18 and then 20.33. The favorite, Tyson Gay looked easy in a 20.43 heat, but the whole tenor of the event changed when Gay pulled up with a hamstring injury 50m into his quarter-final, leaving the crowd visibly shocked. Dix and Martin led through the first 100 of the first semi-final, reaching halfway in 10.3, with Spearmon a metre back. Spearmon quickly joined the other two, and the trio went 4 meters clear of the field, with Martin pushing slightly harder than the other two, to ensure a good lane draw for the final. The wind switched direction for the second semi-final, and Crawford dominated the race, passing 100 in 10.2 with a lead of 3 meters, which he extended to nearly six, before easing down over the last 20 meters.

Crawford and Martin got out quickest in the final, with Spearmon looking very sluggish over the first 30 meters. Crawford began to draw away in the second half of the curve, and was 2 meters clear at halfway, with Dix and Martin level. And Spearmon now a meter further back. Dix began to gradually make up the margin on Crawford, while Martin (at 160m) began to lose form. Spearmon caught Martin with 20m to go, but it was not until the last 5 meters that Dix got on terms with Crawford, and the Floridan just got ahead on the dip. Martin had the misfortune of running sub-10 in the 100 and under 20 in the 200, without making the team in either event.

400 Meters - July 3, 20.15 Hr

6. 1	LaShawn Merritt (Nik)	44.00	(10.98/10.47/10.87/11.68)	21.45/32.32
5. 2.	Jeremy Wariner (adi)	44.20	(11.06/10.61/10.84/11.69)	21.67/32.51
8. 3.	David Neville (Nik)	44.61	(10.99/10.26/11.03/12.33)	21.25/32.28

7. 4.	Reggie Witherspoon (Nik)	45.01	(11.02/10.49/11.02/12.48)	21.51/32.53
3. 5.	Calvin Smith (Fla)	45.57	(11.39/10.54/11.49/12.15)	21.93/33.42
4. 6.	Darold Williamson (Nik)	45.58	(11.18/10.76/11.11/12.53)	21.94/33.05
2. 7.	Greg Nixon (Asics)	45.64	(11.16/10.36/11.27/12.85)	21.52/32.79
1. 8.	Lionel Larry (USC)	45.82	(11.13/10.29/11.31/13.09)	21.42/32.73

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, June 30, 19.25/19.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Witherspoon 44.99, 2. Williamson 45.16, 3. Smith 45.43, 4. Larry 45.55, 5. Jamaal Torrence (Nik) 45.76, 6. Quentin Iglehart-Summers (Bay) 45.84, 7. Jordan Boase (Wa) 46.60, 8. Ferdana Blakely (Unat) 46.72
- 2/ 1. Wariner 44.66, 2. Merritt 44.76, 3. Neville 45.03, 4. Nixon 45.20, 5. LeJerald Betters (Bay) 45.55, 6. Mile Smith (SEMo) 46.32, 7. Erison Hurtault (Riad) 46.34, 8. Obra Hogans (Shore) 46.37

Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 29, 16.24/16.40 Hr

- 1/ 1. Merritt 45.30, 2. Betters 45.46, 3. Nixon 45.74, 4. M.Smith 45.77, 5. Joel Stallworth (Unat) 46.68, 6. Craig Everheart (HIS) 48.08. Andrew Rock (adi) - Dnf
- 2/ 1. Wariner 46.04, 2. Hurtault 46.25, 3. Neville 46.41, 4. Arman Dixon (SHeart) 46.70, 5. Derrick Brew (Reebok) 46.88, 6. Bobby McCoy (Unat) 46.91, 7. Terrence Reid (NnIa) 47.42
- 3/ 1. Larry 45.89, 2. Witherspoon 45.94, 3. Williamson 46.00, 4. Torrence 46.24, 5. Hogans 46.36, 6. Justin Oliver (Tx A&M) 46.85, 7. Ahmad Hubbard (MsSt) 47.10
- 4/ 1. Iglehart-Summers 45.87, 2. C.Smith 46.14, 3. Boase 46.31, 4. Blakely 46.32, 5. Tyree Washington (Unat) 46.56, 6. Drew Morano (Co St) 47.26. Angelo Taylor (Nik) - Dnf

Coming in to the 2008 season Wariner was a hot favorite to win the OT/OG double again. Things changed slightly a month earlier when LaShawn Merritt edged Wariner in Berlin 44.03 to 44.07. It was thought by the majority of the sport's observers that Wariner would raise his game when the serious races were reached. Merritt (45.30) and Wariner (46.04 easing up) duly won their heats in a field which saw just 26 finishers in the first round. Williamson and Larry were expected to battle out the first semi-final, and at 200m they were level, but 2 yards behind Witherspoon. Larry faded in the last 50m but Witherspoon showed good form all the way to the finish, and ran his first sub-45 clocking ahead of Williamson and Calvin Smith [ a more powerful looking athlete than Calvin S]. Merritt led by 2m at 250 in the other semi-final, which was when Wariner showed his power and he gained 5 metres in less than 100, and won easing down. The same pattern seemed to follow in the final, with Merritt heading Wariner at 200, though both men were behind David Neville. Neville continued to lead at 300m, but Merritt caught him shortly after. Wariner could make no inroads on Merritt this time, and for the second time in a row Merritt beat Wariner, which he would more easily in the Olympic final. Neville held on to 3<sup>rd</sup> easily from Witherspoon.

800 Meters - June 30, 20.25 Hr

1. Nick Symmonds (Or TC)	1:44.10	24.8/50.9/1:17.8
2. Andrew Wheating (Or)	1:45.03	24.8/51.0/1:17.8
3. Christian Smith (Or TC)	1:45.47	24.6/50.6/1:17.6
4. Khadevis Robinson (Nik)	1:45.53	24.1/50.3/1:17.3
5. Lopez Lomong (Nik)	1:45.58	24.4/50.5/1:17.4
6. Duane Solomon (USC)	1:45.78	24.4/50.6/1:17.5
7. Jebreh Harris (Reeb)	1:46.21	24.5/50.8/1:17.8
8. Jonathan Johnson (Reeb)	1:48.11	24.2/50.4/1:17.7

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, June 28, 16.40 Hr

- 1/ 1. Robinson 1:46.14 (52.0/54.1), 2. Wheating 1:46.23, 3. Johnson 1:46.28, 4. Harris 1:46.29, 5. Matt Scherer (Or TC) 1:47.14, 6. Brandon Shaw (Or TC) 1:47.67, 7. Ryan Brown (Asics) 1:47.95, 8. David Krummenacker (adi) 1:48.61
- 2/ 1. Symmonds 1:45.61(52.3/53.3), 2. Solomon 1:45.82, 3. Smith 1:46.02, 4. Lomong 1:46.02, 5. Jacob Hernandez (Tex) 1:46.16, 6. Sam Burley (Asics) 1:46.52, 7. Elliott Blount (Or TC) 1:46.61, 8. Floyd Thompson (SMTc) 1:48.04

Heats - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 27, 20.20-20:35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Lomong 1:46.93, 2. Burley 1:47.02, 3. Solomon 1:47.35, 4. Johnson 1:47.36, 5. Shaw 1:47.67, 6. Robinson 1:48.04, 7. Thompson 1:48.04, 8. Blount 1:48.08, 9. Golden Coachman (MsSt) 1:48.59, 10. Carlos Phillips (Fla) 1:49.84
- 2/ 1. Symmonds 1:49.01, 2. Brown 1:49.20, 3. Harris 1:49.29, 4. Scherer 1:49.38, 5. Tyler Mulder (Nn Ia) 1:49.47, 6. Kevin Elliott (Or TC) 1:49.49, 7. Mark Wiecezorek (TXO) 1:49.72, 8. Dustin Emrani (Or TC) 1:49.79, 9. Tetlo Emmen (Asics) 1:49.97, 10. Abraham Mach (CMi) 1:53.92
- 3/ 1. Wheating 1:47.85, 2. Smith 1:47.97, 3. Hernandez 1:48.01, 4. Krummenacker 1:48.39, 5. Kevin Hicks (Or TC) 1:48.51, 6. Neville Miller (NYAC) 1:48.52, 7. Trent Riter (Unat) 1:49.13, 8. James Hatch (Unat) 1:49.35, 9. Jon Rankin (Nik) 1:49.63, 10. Tim Harris (Mia) 1:49.65

The 3 runners thought likely to make the team were veteran Khadevis Robinson, local boy Nik Symmonds, and Sudanese born Lopez Lomong. While Lomong was impressive in the first heat, Robinson ran a poor tactical race, and was seemingly run out of contention in 6<sup>th</sup> place, though he made it to the semi as a fastest loser. The solid (178/75) Symmonds won a slow second heat, and local boy Wheating won the final heat from Christian Smith, which pleased the local crowd. Robinson demanded more of himself in the semis, leading from the gun, passing 400 in 51.98, with a 2 yard lead over 2004 winner Johnson, which he held to the finish, keeping Wheating at bay by a meter, with Johnson and Harris less than a yard behind. Matt Scherer, another local thought to be in the running for the team, failed to keep in touch in the final stages. In the second semi-final, Symmonds followed the pace of Duane Solomon, and kicked past in the home straight to win in 1:45.61. Losing out was NCAA winner Jacob Hernandez.

Crowd enthusiasm was its highest for the 800, with 3 Eugene based athletes among the finalists. Robinson went to the front, and though the pace was quick, all finalists stayed in contact, with 8<sup>th</sup> placed Wheating only 5 meters behind Robinson (50.34) at halfway. Robinson stayed in front through 600, reached in 1:17.30, with a similar margin stretching back to the 8<sup>th</sup> placed Wheating (1:17.82). With 150m to go Symmonds made a move from 6<sup>th</sup> place, and caught Robinson at 700m. With 80m to go Symmonds was clear, and he went away to win by 7 meters. Wheating had moved up on the outside on the final bend, and with 50m was a clear second, though could have challenged for the lead with better tactical positioning. For the crowd it didn't matter – as all 3 of the Oregon/Oregon Track Club runners made the team, Smith qualifying by crossing the line almost horizontally in a desperate dive to beat both Robinson and Lomong. "Track and Field News" summed up the relationship between the crowd and the 800 meter Olympians – "The trio that deafened Eugene".

#### 1500 Meters - July 6, 17.50 Hr

1. Bernard Lagat (Nik)	3:40.37	61.8/2:01.0/3:00.0
2. Leonel Manzano (Nik)	3:40.90	61.9/2:01.2/3:00.1
3. Lopez Lomong (Nik)	3:41.00	62.3/2:01.6/3:00.3
4. Will Leer (Or TC)	3:41.54	62.9/2:02.0/3:00.8
5. Alan Webb (Nik)	3:41.62	62.8/2:01.3/3:01.3
6. Jon Rankin (Nik)	3:41.75	62.1/2:01.7/3:00.4
7. Saïd Ahmed (Nik)	3:42.20	62.3/2:01.2/2:59.9
8. Andy McCrary (Ark)	3:42.40	62.6/2:02.1/3:00.9

9. Rob Myers (Reeb) 3:42.62, 10. Chris Lukezic (Reeb) 3:43.26, 11. Steve Sherer (Unat) 3:43.41, 12. Gabe Jennings (Saucony) 3:47.92

#### Semifinals - first 6 qualify, July 4, 20.05 Hr

- 1/ 1. Lagat 3:43.83, 2. Myers 3:43.98, 3. Leer 3:44.19, 4. Sherer 3:44.20, 5. Webb 3:44.23, 6. McClary 3:44.29, 7. Jeff See (Oh St) 3:44.73, 8. A.J Acosta (Or) 3:44.96, 9. Jack Bolas (Wi) 3:45.27, 10. David Krummenacker (adi) 3:45.69, 11. Garrett Heat (Stan) 3:45.99, 12. Grant Robison (Playm) 3:46.08, 13. Shane Stroup (Unat) 3:49.77
- 2/ 1. Jennings 3:40.07, 2. Lomong 3:40.26, 3. Manzano 3:40.32, 4. Lukezic 3:40.50, 5. Rankin 3:40.81, 6. Ahmed 3:41.05, 7. Stephen Pifer (Col) 3:41.78, 8. Andrew Bumbalough (Gtn) 3:42.45, 9. John Jefferson (Or TC) 3:44.79, 10. Matt DeBole (Gtn) 3:45.20, 11. Russell Brown (Stan) 3:46.89, 12. Kyle King (ZAP) 3:50.58, 13. James Hatch (Unat) 3:57.25

#### Heats - first 5 + 4 fastest losers qualify, July 3, 20.25-20.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Jennings 3:44.39, 2. Shere 3:44.71, 3. Myers 3:44.81, 4. Rankin 3:44.91, 5. Bumbalough 3:45.49, 6. Hatch 3:45.55, 7. Dave Torrence (Cal) 3:45.89, 8. Sam Burley (Asics) 3:46.30, 9. Brendan O'Keene (ZAP) 3:46.84, 10. Jordan McNamara (Or) 3:49.61
- 2/ 1. Lomong 3:43.38, 2. Manzano 3:43.41, 3. Brown 3:43.79, 4. Leer 3:43.79, 5. Pifer 3:44.05, 6. See 3:44.06, 7. Krummenacker 3:45.07, 8. McClary 3:45.40, 9. King 3:45.63, 10. Acosta 4:07.81
- 3/ 1. Webb 3:41.27, 2. Ahmed 3:41.92, 3. Lukezic 3:42.10, 4. Lagat 3:42.11, 5. Robison 3:42.12, 6. Bolas 3:42.16, 7. Jefferson 3:42.48, 8. Stroup 3:43.02, 9. Matt DeBole (Gtn) 3:43.32, 10. Garrett Heath (Stan) 3:43.90

World champion Lagat was hot favorite to win, while 2004 Webb – potentially the race winner, was short of race fitness. Webb was the fastest man of the first round, winning the final heat in 3:41.27, but looked to be short of his best form. The semis were tactical affairs, with Lagat cruising to a 3:43.83 win over Myers (3:43.98) after a final 200 in 26.40. Webb qualified in 5<sup>th</sup> not looking his best. The other semi-final was won by 2000 OT winner Jennings, who looked impressive in heading Lomong 3:40.07 to 3:40.26, courtesy of a 26.9 last 200. Jennings, who had lost interest in the sport in 2003, taking time off to cycle from the US to Brazil, took out the pace in the final, but laps of 61.58, 59.28 and 59.39 ensured that the field stayed bunched. Ahmed pushed his way past Lagat with 450m to go and edged into the lead at the bell, with Manzano, Lomong and Webb poised to sprint. Lagat went into the lead with 200m to go, with Manzano and Lomong a meter back. Lagat went away to win by 4 meters from Manzano and Lomong, with Webb beaten for speed in the last 50m. Leer, who had lagged at the back of the field for most of the race, came up sharply in the finishing straight to edge Webb for 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### 3000 Meters Steeplechase - July 5, 14:45 Hr

1. Antony Famiglietti (adidas)	8:20.24
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2. Billy Nelson (Col)	8:21.47
3. Josh McAdams (New Bal)	8:21.99
4. Jacob Morse (Tex)	8:34.48
5. Dan Huling (Reeb)	8:35.30
6. Michael Spence (IBR)	8:35.48
7. Brian Olinger (Reeb)	8:36.09
8. Jordan Desilets (Unat)	8:38.84

9. Jacques Sallberg (RWU) 8:40.49, 10. Carey Nowitzke (Unat) 8:47.10, 11. Kyle Alcorn (Az St) 8:47.30, 12. Ben Bruce (Unat) 8:52.40.  
Dnf – Steve Slattery (Nik) and Andy Smith (Reeb)

Heats - first 4 plus 6 fastest losers qualify, July 3, 21.10-21.30 Hr

1/ 1. Famiglietti 8:25.17, 2. Nelson 8:26.17, 3. McAdams 8:26.47, 4. Nowitzke 8:27.78, 5. Huling 8:28.88, 6. Slattery 8:30.49, 7. Morse 8:34.08, 8. Smith 8:35.67, 9. Kyle Heath (Syr) 8:39.51, 10. Kevin Davis (Unat) 8:52.50, 11. Luke Watson (adi) 8:56.16, 12. Jordan Fife (Tln) 9:00.59

2/ 1. Bruce 8:32.57, 2. Alcorn 8:32.70, 3. Desilets 8:34.74, 4. Sallberg 8:34.84, 5. Spence 8:34.84, 6. Olinger 8:35.89, 7. Thomas Brooks (Or TC) 8:38.63, 8. Max King (Or TC) 8:38.86, 9. Lyle Weese (Unat) 8:41.78, 10. Lucas Meyer (Or TC) 8:46.53, 11. Jonathan Pierce (Zap) 9:00.88

The first heat saw 5 run under 8:30 in the first heat, led by Famiglietti, and thanks to his pace setting 4 of the 6 fastest losers came from this heat. As in 2004, Famiglietti went straight to the front in the final, and never surrendered the lead. Brian Olinger led the chasing pack for the first 2 kilometers, and then Nelson and McAdams went past, and opened up a team deciding gap. Famiglietti, whose pace had drifted from 64.9 down to 67s in the latter part of the race, speeded up in the last lap, and got home 10 meters clear from the diminutive (5'6") Nelson, who cracked his PR for the third race in a row, achieving an Olympic qualifying standard with his 8:21.47 ahead of McAdams, as the three finished in the same order as they had in the heats. Famiglietti went on to a PR (8:17.34) in the Olympic heats.

#### 5000 Meters – June 30, 21.40 Hr

1. Bernard Lagat (Nik)	13:27.47
2. Matt Tegenkamp (Nik)	13:29.68
3. Ian Dobson (adi)	13:29.76
3. Bolota Asmeron (Or TC)	13:31.24
5. Chris Solinsky (Nik)	13:32.17
6. Bobby Curtis (Reeb)	13:35.00
7. Stephen Pifer (Col)	13:37.46
8. Matt Gabrielson (Reeb)	13:38.06

9. Brent Vaughn (Nik) 13:39.15, 10. Thomas Morgan (ZAP) 13:47.76, 11. Kyle King (ZAP) 13:51.03, 12. Ryan Vail (Ok St) 13:54.77, 13. Jonathon Riley (Nik) 13:58.58. Dnf – Adam Goucher (Nik). Dns – Josh Rohatinsky (Nik) and Galen Rupp (Unat).

Heats - first 6 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 27, 20:45- 21:15 Hr

1/ 1. Tegenkamp 13:54.62, 2. Riley 13:54.69, 3. Lagat 13:54.93, 4. Pifer 13:55.10, 5. Goucher 13:56.25, 6. Rohatinsky 13:56.94, 7. Morgan 13:57.28, 8. Gabrielson 14:00.92, 9. Ryan Vail (Unat) 14:05.26, 10. Vaughn 14:06.90, 11. Hassan Mead (Mn) 14:07.44, 12. Andrew Carlson (TMn) 14:13.78

2/ 1. Rupp 13:59.14, 2. Solinsky 13:59.65, 3. Curtis 14:00.00, 4. Asmeron 14:00.48, 5. Dobson 14:01.42, 6. King 14:04.82, 7. Ryan Bak (Or TC) 14:07.42, 8. Anthony Gallo (RFI) 14:12.54, 9. James Strang (Ark) 14:12.68, 1. Ryan Kirkpatrick (Reeb) 14:29.66, 11. Rod Koborski (Reeb) 14:30.41. Dnf – Patrick Tarpy (Reeb)

Lगत, the world champion, and Tegenkamp, 4<sup>th</sup> in the '07 worlds, were considered pretty solid bets for the team. Following sensibly paced heats in the heat of Day 1, which saw Tegenkamp and Rupp get wins, the final saw just a couple of attempts to unhinge the favorites. Brent Vaughn took a 20+ meter lead in the second lap, and Adam Goucher, without an Olympic "A" standard time, took the lead towards the end of the third kilometer, but dropped out after surrendering the lead when it was clear that the pace was not quick enough. With a kilometer to go Chris Solinsky kicked in a 58.93 lap, and the following (12<sup>th</sup>) circuit in 59.73. Lagat then took the lead, and Tegenkamp and Dobson went by the sagging Solinsky with 100m remaining. Both Lagat and Tegenkamp would make the Olympic final, but the success of 2007 didn't follow them in Olympic year, as they placed 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively in Beijing.

#### 10000 Meters - July 4, 21.20 Hr

1. Abdirahman Abdi (Nik)	27:41.89	13:50.70/13:51.19
2. Galen Rupp (Unat)	27:43.11	13:52.18/13:50.93
3. Jorge Torres (Reeb)	27:46.33	13:51.96/13:54.37
4. Ed Moran (Nik)	27:52.10	13:52.67/13:59.43

5. Josh Rohatinsky (Nik)	27:54.41	13:52.87/14:01.54
6. James Carney (NBal)	27:58.81	13:54.86/14:03.95
7. Adam Goucher (Nik)	27:59.31	13:54.16/14:05.15
8. Dathan Ritzenhein (Nik)	28:05.31	13:53.42/14:11.89

9. Sean Quigley (Pum) 28:21.96, 10. Tim Nelson (Nik) 28:29.95, 11. Ed Torres (Reeb) 28:35.91, 12. Meb Keflezighi (Nik) 28:39.02, 14. Dan Browne (Nik) 28:42.78, 15. Fasil Bizuneh (NBal) 28:43.11, 16. Scott Bauhs (Chico) 28:54.32, 17. Brett Gotcher (McME) 28:54.89, 18. Matt Downin (NBal) 28:55.66, 19. Seth Pilkington (Web) 29:10.33, 20. Michael Kilburg (Port) 29:26.76, 21. John Moore (Port) 29:26.79, 22. Steve Sundell (NYAC) 29:35.86, 23. Louis Luchini (Or TC) 29:42.78, 24. Stephen Haas (Tln) 29:57.45, 25. Seth Summerside (adi) 30:52.33

Having run 27:16.99 at the Prefontaine Memorial 3 weeks earlier, Abdi was a prohibitive favorite, and set out from the gun to show how accurate a view this was. After two slow laps, the next 18 hovered between 64.6 and 67.3. Abdi passed halfway in 13:50.7, with 11 within 20 meters, and defending champion Keflezighi (13:55.4) beginning to slide away. After another 1000 meters only Torres and Rupp were in touch with Abdi. Abdi stayed in front until the last kilo, when Rupp had the temerity to take the lead, much to the delight of the mainly Oregon-based crowd. Abdi retook the lead with just over a lap to go and won by 10 metres, with most of it coming in the last 100m (14.9). In Beijing Rupp was the best of the Americans, placing 13<sup>th</sup> in a more than respectable 27:36.99.

#### 20 Kilometer Walk – July 5, 07.00 Hr

1. Kevin Eastler (USAF)	1:27:08
2. Matthew Boyles (Unat)	1:28:20
3. Patrick Stroupe (Unat)	1:29:17
4. John Nunn (US Army)	1:30:35
5. Tim Seaman (NYAC)	1:31:35
6. Allen James (Bond LAC)	1:32:13
7. Ben Shorey (WiP)	1:33:16
8. Philip Dunn (NBal)	1:33:52

9. Charles Collier (AE) 1:35:00, 10. Stephen Quirke (Park AC) 1:35:45, 11. Michael Tarantino (WCW) 1:38:02, 12. Jared Swehosky (Unat) 1:39:14, 13. Theron Kissinger (NBal) 1:40:34. Chris Tegtmeier (Col) – dq (6<sup>th</sup>)

Eastler and Seaman were the only men to have bettered the Olympic “B” standard of 1:24:30, and the 1km lap course was unlikely to yield fast times. Eastler took control after an early and short-lived break by Nunn. Eastler then broke clear and won unchallenged to claim the only team spot for Beijing. Matt Boyles ended up with the unenviable stat of finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in two OT races in one year, but making the Olympic Games in neither event.

#### 50 Kilometer Walk – Crandon Park, FL - February 9, 7.15 Hr

1. Philip Dunn (NBal)	4:12:55
2. Matthew Boyles (Miami Valley TC)	4:14:30
3. Ben Shorey (Unat)	4:27:14
4. Stephen Quirke (Parkside AC)	4:27:15
5. Raymond Sharp (Unat)	4:49:24
6. Marco Evoniuk (Unat)	4:53:39
7. Theron Kissinger (NBal)	5:04:15
8. John Souchek (Shore)	5:10:22

9. Mark Green (Unat) 5:13:22, 10. Curt Clausen (NYAC) 5:17:50. Dave McGovern (NBal), Tim Seaman (NYAC) & Kevin Eastler (USAF) – Dnf, Yaniv Pomeranz (Unat) - DQ

Not many US athletes qualify for an Olympic Games in Russia, but that’s what Philip Dunn did in 2008. The Trials race took place in warm conditions, with the temperature lifting from 72o at the start to 82o at the finish. Held over 25 laps, the duo of Dunn and Boyles were clear of the rest by 10k. The two men stayed together until 38k, when Dunn began to pull away. The warm conditions prevented Dunn from ducking under the 4:07 required for the Olympic “B” standard, so he tried again – this time at the World Cup in Cheboksary, and clocked 4:05:10 to make the team for the third time.

#### Marathon – New York – November 3, 2007 , 07.30 Hr

1. Ryan Hall (Asics)	2:09:02
2. Dathan Ritzenhein (Nik)	2:11:07
3. Brian Sell (HBDP)	2:11:40
4. Khalid Khannouchi (NBal)	2:12:34
5. Jason Lehmkuhle (Team USA)	2:12:54
6. Dan Browne (Nik)	2:13:23

7. Nathaniel Jenkins (Saucony)	2:14:56
8. Meb Keflezighi (Nik)	2:15:09

9. Josh Rohatinsky (Nik) 2:15:22, 10. Jason Hartman (Nik) 2:15:27, 11. Matt Gonzales (Nik) 2:16:14, 12. Mike Morgan (HBDP) 2:16:28, 13. Fazil Bizuneh (NBal) 2:16:47, 14. James Carney (NBal) 2:16:54, 15. Steve Sundell (Ca) 2:16:54, 16. Chris Raabe (DC) 2:17:01, 17. Nick Arciniaga (Hans) 2:17:08, 18. Clint Verran (Hans) 2:17:10, 19. Matt Pelletier (RHer) 2:17:17, 20. Chad Johnson (Hans) 2:17:58

104 finished, 134 started

The race was a triumph for Ryan Hall, but was overshadowed by a wrenchingly sad drama. Ryan Shay, a 28 year old graduate of Notre Dame and US champion over 25k, had run 2:14:58 to qualify, and was in the leading pack at 5 miles, when he suddenly collapsed. He was taken to hospital but pronounced dead at 8.46 am. Unaware of this tragedy, the runners continued, passing 10k in a bunch in 32:26, before Keflezighi, Hall, Dan Browne and Ritzebhein broke clear, taking an 18 second lead over Khannouchi (47:22) by 15k.. The four stayed together through halfway (1:06:17). Hall applied pressure after 25k, running his next 5k in 14:48 to establish a 27 second lead over Ritzenhein, with Browne and Keflezighi losing ground another 12 seconds back. Behind them Khannouchi (1:03 behind Hall) had been joined by Brian Sell. Hall continued to up the pace, with the next 5k covered in 14:28. Sell, who had gone out too quickly in 2004, began to reap rewards from his caution, moving past Browne into third at 36k. Hall continued to extend his lead and won by 2:05 from Ritzenhein, with Sell a solid third, nearly a minute ahead of Khannouchi. The official results showed 104 finishers, a Dnf against the next 29 (non-finishers), and poignantly no designation next to the last name, Ryan Shay.

### 110 Meters Hurdles - July 6, 17.30 Hr (3.5w)

		Reaction times
1. David Oiver (Nik)	12.95w	0.191
2. Terrence Trammell (Miz)	13.00w	0.157
3. David Payne (Nik)	13.25w	0.161
4. Aries Merritt (Reeb)	13.27w	0.136
5. Antwon Hicks (adi)	13.33w	0.170
6. Drew Brunson (Fla St)	13.43w	0.150
7. Ty Akins (Aub)	13.82w	0.175
8. Anwar Moore (Nik)	16.64w	0.171

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 6, 15.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Oliver 12.89w, 2. Payne 13.06w, 3. Merritt 13.24w, 4. Akins 13.26w, 5. Eric Mitchum (Unat) 13.34w, 6. Aubrey Herring (Unat) 13.35w, 7. Shawon Harris (Tex T) 13.57w, 8. Arend Watkins (Unat) 13.87w (+3.2w)
- 2/ 1. Trammell 13.08, 2. Hicks 13.09, 3. Moore 13.15, 4. Brunson 13.33, 5. Ryan Wilson (Unat) 13.36, 6. Joel Brown (Nik) 13.40. Dexter Faulk (Nik) – DQ (+2.0w)

Quarter-finals - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 5, 13.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Moore 13.17, 2. Payne 13.22, 3. Herring 13.41, 4. Watkins 13.53, 5. Faulk 13.57, 6. Harris 13.63, 7. Bashir Ramzy (Unat) 13.71, 8. Josh Walker (Unat) 13.71 (+1.5w)
- 2/ 1. Hicks 13.28w, 2. Merritt 13.38w, 3. Mitchum 13.50w, 4. Wilson 13.50w, 5. Craddock 13.58w, 6. Jeff Porter (Unat) 13.73w, 7. Jermaine Cooper (Unat) 13.74w, 8. Tim Bogdanof (Unat) 13.76w (+2.1w)
- 3/ 1. Oliver 13.07, 2. Trammell 13.38, 3. Brunson 13.40, 4. Brown 13.49, 5. Akins 13.54, 6. Linnie Yarbrough (Unat) 13.65, 7. Marlon Odom (Unat) 13.74w. Dominique Arnold (Nik) – DQ 2 (+2.0w)

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, July 5, 11:25-11:45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Moore 13.28w, 2. Payne 13.39w, 3. Craddock 13.41w, 4. Akins 13.42w, 5. Watkins 13.48w, 6. Yarbrough 13.53w, 7. Julius Jiles (Kans) 13.98w, 7. Dominic Berger (Md) 14.74w (+3.0w)
- 2/ 1. Merritt 13.49, 2. Herring 13.54, 3. Brown 13.63, 4. Wilson 13.73, 5. Walker 13.74, 6. Bogdanof 13.80, 7. John Yarbrough (Ms) 14.90 (-0.2w)
- 3/ 1. Oliver 13.24w, 2. Brunson 13.42w, 3. Mitchum 13.52w, 4. Faulk 13.53w, 5. Arnold 13.59w, 6. Porter 13.78w, 7. Ramzy 13.81w, 8. Chris Thomas (Unat) 13.83w (+2.1w)
- 4/ 1. Hicks 13.36, 2. Trammell 13.50, 3. Harris 13.62, 4. Cooper 13.76, 5. Odom 13.83, 6. Robby Hughes (Unat) 13.97. Dnf – Jason Richardson (Scar), Allen Johnson (Nik) (+1.0w)

David Oliver ran 12.95 in May, and then beat Cuba's Dayron Robles in Berlin in June to establish himself as OT favorite. Oliver (13.24w) and Anawar Moore (13.28w) were the most impressive heat winners, and Oliver improved in the second round to 13.07, with Moore (13.17) again the next quickest heat winner. Allen Johnson, in his 5<sup>th</sup> Trials failed to finish his heat, while Linnie Yarbrough ran 13.65 in his quarter-final but found it was n't quick enough to make the semis. Oliver, with an impressive 12.89w, and Trammell (13.08) were the semi-final winners, and looked like Olympic team members. Antwon Hicks, who'd beaten Trammell in round one with 13.36,

improved to 13.28w and then to a lifetime best of 13.09, looked like the best of the rest, though Payne (13.06w) and Moore (13.15) were clearly on good form as well.

The field was off in the final at the second attempt, after Brunson created the almost obligatory false start (as he had in the earlier rounds), and Trammell was the leader at the first hurdle, with Oliver second to rise, just ahead of Payne and Moore. By the 4<sup>th</sup> hurdle, Moore was level with Oliver, still chasing Trammell. The two-time Olympic silver medalist clipped the 6<sup>th</sup> hurdle, and Oliver began to close in, catching Trammell at the 8<sup>th</sup> barrier. By the final hurdle, the linebacker shouldered Oliver was a foot ahead of Trammell, with Moore 3<sup>rd</sup> a meter back, but a meter clear of Payne. Oliver powered his way across the line a half meter clear of Trammell, but Moore lost his balance touching down off the hurdle, and fell two strides later, leaving Payne with the third spot. Oliver averaged a brilliant 13.04 through the 4 rounds. Payne, a fighter who had run in the 2007 World's on 2 days notice and won a bronze medal, did one better this time, edging Oliver for the silver medal behind Robles, while Trammell – injured - failed to finish his Olympic heat.

#### 400 Meters Hurdles – June 29, 16.30 Hr

4. 1. Bershawn Jackson (Nik)	48.17
5. 2. Kerron Clement (Nik)	48.36
3. 3. Angelo Taylor (Nik)	48.42
8. 4. Justin Gaymon (Ga)	48.46
7. 5. Johnny Dutch (S Car)	48.52
2. 6. Brandon Johnson (Nik)	48.72
6. 7. Reuben McCoy (Aub)	49.18
1. 8. LaRon Bennett (Unat)	50.89

#### Semifinals - first 4 qualify, June 28, 15.55 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Clement 48.20, 2. McCoy 48.37, 3. Taylor 48.59, 4. Johnson 48.68, 5. Jeshua Anderson (WaSt) 48.92, 6. Eric Dudley (Unat) 49.37, 7. Nate Garcia (US Army) 49.52. Brian Derby (Phen) [59.07] – DQ (Trailing leg)
<u>2/</u>	1. Jackson 48.63, 2. Dutch 48.71, 3. Gaymon 48.77, 4. Bennett 49.25, 5. Robert Griffin (Bay) 49.38, 6. James Carter (Nik) 49.45, 7. Terry Thornton (Hampton) 49.90. Joey Woody (Unat) [50.34] – DQ – (Trailing leg)

#### Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 27, 19.05-19.25 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Thornton 49.54, 2. Gaymon 49.64, 3. Griffin 49.74, 4. Carter 49.94, 5. Dutch 49.96, 6. Nick Robinson (Tex A&M) 50.45, 7. Ben Clark (VSA) 50.88
<u>2/</u>	1. Jackson 49.63, 2. Bennett 49.99, 3. Woody 50.34, 4. LaBronze Garrett (Unat) 50.46, 5. Ricky Harris (Unat) 50.56, 6. Kai Kelley (USC) 52.29, 7. Kenneth Ferguson (adi) 53.13
<u>3/</u>	1. McCoy 49.87, 2. Johnson 50.11, 3. Garcia 50.35, 4. Michael Tinsley (adi) 50.37, 5. Justin Boyd (Bay) 50.45, 6. Thomas Hilliard (Unat) 51.59, 7. Derrick Williams (Reeb) 51.92, 8. Jake Hanson (Cal) 52.67
<u>4/</u>	1. Anderson 49.05, 2. Clement 49.13, 3. Taylor 49.34, 4. Dudley 49.39, 5. Derby 50.19, 6. Kyle Erickson (Unat) 50.81, 7. Damian Prince (Unat) 50.97

Eugene is not often kind to 400 hurdlers, and the back stretch headwinds emphasized the point, as no-one broke 48 throughout the event. Jeshua Anderson, Washington State's freshman NCAA champion, was fastest in the first round with 49.05, just ahead of World champion Clement (49.13) and 2000 OG winner Taylor (49.34), but the young football star was eliminated in the first semi-final, which saw Clement run an easy looking 48.20 ahead of Reuben McCoy's PR 48.37. Taylor returning from a period of specializing over the flat 400, did just enough to qualify. The second semi was won by Jackson, who eased off in the back straight, before pushing hard as he came off the final curve. LaRon Bennett beat Robert Griffin, another football player, for the final qualifying spot, as injured Olympian James Carter placed 6<sup>th</sup>.

Jackson got out quickly in the final, but eased back as he went into the back straight, and Brandon Johnson led the field through halfway, with Clement and Taylor a meter behind, and only Bennett out of touch. Johnson, like Jackson, a relatively short hurdler [5'9" to Jackson's 5'7"] was still just holding the lead as they came off the curve at the 8<sup>th</sup> hurdle. Jackson took the lead before the 9<sup>th</sup> hurdle was reached, and remarkably 6 men were still in with an Olympic chance, as Jackson led from Johnson, Clement, the surprising Gaymon, McCoy and Taylor, with perhaps 3 meters covering them. With 30 meters to go Gaymon was in second place, but Clement and a surging Taylor slipped past to book their places to Beijing, while Johnny Dutch finished strongly to place 5<sup>th</sup>. Less blustery wind conditions would have seen the athletes run half a second quicker. Jackson's winning time was slower than his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish 4 years earlier.

#### High Jump - July 5, 12.55 Hr

1. Jesse Williams (Nik)	7'6 ½"	(2.30)
=2. Jamie Nieto (Nik)	7'5 ¼"	(2.27)
=2. Andra Manson (Nik)	7'5 ¼"	(2.27)
4. Cedric Norman (Unat)	7'5 ¼"	(2.27)
5. Keith Moffatt (Unat)	7'5 ¼"	(2.27)
=6. Dusty Jonas (Nik)	7'4 ¼"	(2.24)



=6. Scott Sellers (Kans St) 7'4 1/4" (2.24)

=6. Adam Shunk (Nik) 7'4 1/4" (2.24)

9. Tora Harris (Asics) 7'2 1/4" (2.19), 10. Will Littleton (Unat) 7'2 1/4" (2.19), 10. Jim Dilling (Unat) 7'2 1/4" (2.19), 12. Grant Lindsey (W Ky) 7'2 1/4" (2.19), Kyle Johnsn (TXO) – No height.

Qualifying: July 3, 19.25 Hr: Johnson, Littleton and Miller cleared 7'0 1/2" (2.15) with no misses, and all other qualifiers cleared 7'2 1/4" (2.19). Non-qualifiers: Trent Arrivey (Wa St), Matt Carter (VSA), Eugene Hutchison (Unat), Joe Kindred (St Aug), Erik Kynard (Oh HS), Ed Wright (CAL) 7'0 1/2" (2.15), Ryan Fritz (Penn St), Marcus Harris (Shore), Jason House (Sn) and Kyle Lancaster (Unat) - No height.

A disturbing trend showed itself in the qualifying round, when jumps at 2.15 proved good enough to make the final. Not since 1976 had such a low level applied to the Trials High Jump qualification. In 1988 it had taken 7'5" just to qualify, but here 7'5 1/4" was enough to clear out 8 of the 13 finalists. As the remaining 5 finalists moved up to 7'6 1/2" Williams, Nieto and Manson led with clean sheets, and Williams went over 2.30 to cement victory. None of the others went over 2.30, which meant that of the top-3, Nieto didn't have an "A" standard of 2.30, which was required at or prior to the Trials. A jump-off (outside the rules) took place, but Nieto couldn't make the team, so the third spot went to the next "A" standard jumper – either Sellers or Jonas, who had a jump-off, which Jonas (a 2.36 jumper in 2008) won. Williams had 3 reasonable attempts at 2.36. None of the jumpers selected managed more than 2.25 in Beijing.

	2.14	2.19	2.24	2.27	2.30	2.36
Shunk	p	o	o	p	xxx	
Moffatt	o	o	o	xxo	xxx	
Manson	p	o	o	o	xxx	
Nieto	p	o	o	o	xxx	
Jonas	o	o	o	xxx		
Sellers	o	o	o	xxx		
Williams	p	o	o	o	o	xxx
Norman	o	o	xo	o	xxx	

#### Pole Vault – June 29, 14.40 Hr

1. Derek Miles (Nik) 19'0 1/4" (5.80)

2. Jeff Hartwig (Unat) 18'8 1/4" (5.70)

3. Brad Walker (Nik) 18'6 1/2" (5.65)

4. Russ Buller (Asics) 18'4 1/2" (5.60)

5. Jacob Pauli (Nik) 18'0 1/2" (5.50)

=6. Tim Mack (Nik) 18'0 1/2" (5.50)

=6. Jeremy Scott (Unat) 18'0 1/2" (5.50)

=6. Paul Gensic (USAF) 18'0 1/2" (5.50)

9. Justin Norberg (Shore) 18'0 1/2" (5.50), 10. Paul Litchfield (Unat) 17'8 1/2" (5.40). Jeff Ryan (VSA), Toby Stevenson (Nik) - no height.

Qualifying: June 27, 17.50 Hr: Walker cleared 18'4 1/2" (5.60), all other qualifiers cleared 18'0 1/2" (5.50). non-qualifiers: Jason Colwick (Rice), Tye Harvey (Asics), Mark Hollis (Unat), Brian Mondschein (Unat), Darren Neidermeyer (Unat), Rory Quiller (Asics), Chris Steddum (Unat) 17'8 1/2" (5.40). No height –17'8 1/2" (5.40) –Jon Takahashi (Unat), Graeme Hoste (Stan), Nick Hysong (Nik), Tommy Skipper (Nik), Mitch Greeley (Clem), Ray Scotten (Unat), Brian DaCunha (Asics)

Only Lawrence Johnson and Scott Huffman amongst US Olympians since 1996 were missing from the field. Variable winds played havoc with the jumping, with just 2 athletes over 5.70 in the final. By contrast 7 made that height in 2004. There were 7 jumpers left at 5.60, with 2 passing to the next height. World champion Walker, who was a prohibitive favorite after his US record of 6.04 in Eugene 3 weeks earlier, cleared 5.65 on his opening jump of the day, which turned out to be good enough to make the team. 1996 Olympian Hartwig became, at 40, the oldest vaulter (by 8 years!) ever to make the US team when he cleared 5.70 at his final attempt, though his clearance at 5.60 would have been sufficient. Derek Miles, who would prove to be far and away the best male US jumper in Beijing with his 4<sup>th</sup> place), won the event with his first time clearance at 5.70, before achieving his winning height of 5.80 on his second jump.

	5.40	5.50	5.60	5.65	5.70	5.75	5.80	5.90	5.92
Hartwig	p	xo	o	p	xo	p	xxx		
Buller	p	o	xo	xpp					
Walker	p	p	p	o	xpp	p	xx		
Scott	o	xo	xxx						
Gensic	o	xo	xxx						
Mack	o	xo	xxx						
Pauli	p	o	xxx						
Miles	p	xo	o	p	o	p	xo	xpp	xx

### Long Jump – June 29, 15.15 Hr

1. Trevell Quinley (Nik)	27'5 ¼" (8.36)	1.6	7.65w/7.94w/x/x/8.22w/8.36
2. Brian Johnson (Nik)	27'2 ¾" (8.30)	2.9	7.82w/7.64/8.30w/8.12w/p/7.82
3. Miguel Pate (Nik)	26'11 ¾" (8.22)	1.4	x/8.20w/8.22/6.8.89/x/8.14
4. Dwight Phillips (Nik)	26'11" (8.20)	2.2	7.93/8.20w/7.97w/8.02w/8.05w/7.98w
5. Matt Turner (Az St)	26'7 ¾" (8.12)	3.0	x/x/7.90w/6.43/7.81/8.12w
6. JaRod Tobler (Unat)	26'6 ½" (8.09)	1.7	8.09/x/x/x/7.96/7.76w
7. Joe Allen (Nik)	25'6 ¾" (7.79)	1.5	7.79/7.73w/7.75/7.61/x/7.65w
8. Mike Morrison (Unat)	25' 5 ¼" (7.75)	1.1	7.67/7.56/7.75/7.61/7.69/7.54

9. Randall Flimmons (Unat) 25'4 ½" (7.73), 10. O'Darien Bassett (Troy) 25'3 ¼" (7.70), 11. Bashir Ramzy (Unat) 25'2 ½" (7.68), 12. Reindell Cole (CSN) 25'0" (7.62), 13. Mikese Morse (SFI) 24'7 ¼" (7.50)

Qualifying: June 27, 19.30 Hr, 26'9" (8.15) or top-12: Pate 27'0 ½" (8.24), Tobler 26'9 ¼" (8.16), Johnson 26'6 ½" (8.09), Turner 26'6 ½" (8.09), Quinley 26'3" (8.00), Allen 26'2 ¾" (7.99), Flimmons 26'0 ½" (7.94), Phillips 26'0 ¼" (7.93), Bassett 25'10 ¾" (7.89), Cole 25'8 ¾" (7.84), Morrison 25'8 (7.82), Morse 25'6 ¾" (7.79), Ramzy 25'4 ¾" (7.74) – 13<sup>th</sup> jumper added due to a declaration issue. Non-qualifiers: Norris Frederick (Wa) 25'2" (7.67), Dexter Adams (NC St) 25'0 ¾" (7.64), Leoinidas Watson (TXO) 24'11" (7.59), Kevin Dilworth (Unat) 24'10" (7.57), Tony Allmond (Cheet) 24'9 ¼" (7.55), Jeremy Singleton (Unat) 24'9" (7.54), Tone Blet (Louis) 24'9" (7.54), Elvie Williams (Unat) 24'4 ½" (7.43), Allen Simms (Unat) 24'4 ½" (7.43), Walter Davis (Nik) and Tyrone Harris (Shore) – 3 fouls.

After a qualifying round which saw Walter Davis as the principal casualty, the jumpers found themselves having to cope with variable following winds. Phillips and Pate both reached 8.20w in round two, after surprising JaRod Tobler had jumped 8.09 in the opening round (following a PR in qualifying of 8.16). Pate improved slightly to 8.22 in round three to 8.22, followed two jumps later by Johnson, who reached 8.30w. The 3 favorites looked as though their Olympic places were booked. However, Trevell Quinley moved up from 5<sup>th</sup> in the penultimate round with 8.22w to dislodge Phillips. Phillips managed only 7.98w on his last jump, losing a team place by taking off behind the board, and Quinley had the jump of his life, reaching 27'5" with his last jump. None of the jumpers made the Olympic final. By contrast, Phillips medaled in every global championship he entered (5 in all) from 2003 to 2007.

### Triple Jump - July 6, 16.00 Hr

1. Aarik Wilson (Nik)	57'2 ¼" (17.43)	+2.0	16.92w/15.63w/17.06w/16.99/17.13w/17.43
2. Kenta Bell (Nik)	56'6 ½" (17.23)	+4.5	17.23w/17.02w/16.96w/16.95w/x/16.63
3. Rafeeq Curry (Shore)	56'5 ¾" (17.21)	+1.0	16.26w/16.80w/17.15/16.92w/17.03w/17.21
4. Walter Davis (Nik)	56'5 ¼" (17.20)	+3.9	17.02/16.91w/17.20w/17.12/x/17.11
5. Brandon Roulhac (Shore)	56'3 ¾" (17.16)	+2.1	16.41w/x/16.97w/17.16w/x/16.96w
6. Allen Simms (Unat)	55'11 ¼" (17.05)	+2.2	16.07w/17.05w/16.98w/16.91w/16.84w/16.62w
7. Lawrence Willis (LaL)	54'6 ½" (16.62)	+2.5	16.57/x/16.6w/16.00w/x/x
8. James Lemons (Unat)	53'4 ½" (16.27)	3.1	15.95w/16.27w/x/15.56w/16.04w/15.92w

9. Kyle Jenkins (Ind) 53'1 ¾" (16.20), 10. Muhammad Halim (Corn) 52'8 ¾" (16.07), 11. Alonzo Moore (HPC) 52'7 ¼" (16.03), 12. James Jenkins (HPC) 51'4 ¼" (15.65)

Qualifying: July 4, 19.10 Hr, 55'1 ½" (16.80) or top-12: Davis 55'3" (16.84), Curry 54'10" (16.71), Wilson 54'6 ½" (16.62), Bell 54'5 ½" (16.60), Roulhac 54'3 ¼" (16.54), Simms 53'11 ¾" (16.45), J.Jenkins 53'5" (16.28), Willis 52'11 ½" (16.14), Halim 52'11" (16.13), Moore 52'9 ½" (16.09), Lemons 52' 4 ¾" (15.97), K.Jenkins 52'4 ½" (15.96). Non-qualifiers: Alphonso Jordan (Unat) 52'3 ¾" (15.94), Bashir Ramzy (Unat) 52'1 ¾", Ryan Grinnell (Boise) 51'11 ¾" (15.84), Tydree Lewis (Ok) 51'11 ¾" (15.84), Andre Black (Louis) 51'11" (15.82), Shardae Boutte (Ok) 51'7 ¾" (15.74), Marc Kellman (Unat) 51'5" (15.67), Ronald Carter (VSA) 51'3" (15.62), Nkosinza Balumbu (Ark) 51'0" (15.54), Ryan McCoy (GM) 50'9 ½" (15.48), Lamont Dagen (HPC) 48'6" (14.78), Clarence Smith (Penn St) 48'0 ¾" (14.65).

37 of the 49 measured jumps in the final were wind-assisted, and in those circumstances some strange results can occur. Kenta Bell took advantage of a 4.5 wind with the first jump of the competition to jump 56'6 ½" and set the standard. No-one got close until the third round when Curry and Davis hit 56'3 ¼" and 56'5 ¼" on successive jumps. The next round saw Brandon Roulhac jump a barely windy 56'3 3/4" to move into third place. Wilson closed in with his 5<sup>th</sup> round 56'2 ½", which meant that just 4 inches covered the top-5. Wilson got a perfect 2.0 wind for his final jump – a Hayward field record of 57'2 ¼", and Curry jumped 56'5 3/4" to dislodge Davis from the team. As with the long jumpers none of the Americans made it to the final in Beijing.

### Shot Put – June 28, 16.40 Hr

1. Reese Hoffa (NYAC)	72'6 ½" (22.10)	x/20/91/21.13/x/21.94/22.10
2. Christian Cantwell (Nik)	71'2 ¾" (21.71)	20.78/x/20.48/x/21.24/21.71

3. Adam Nelson (Nik)	68'6 1/2" (20.89)	20.78/x/x/20.89/x/x
4. Dan Taylor (Nik)	68'3" (20.80)	20.80/x/x/x/20.75/x
5. Russ Winger (Unat)	66'10" (20.37)	20.05/x/20.37/x/x/x
6. Ryan Whiting (Az St)	66'9 3/4" (20.36)	20.36/x/20.01/x/19.95/20.15
7. Noah Bryant (Unat)	65'10 1/2" (20.08)	19.69/19.85/19.96/19.55/x/20.08
8. Cory Martin (Aub)	64'4 1/2" (19.62)	18.76/19.62/x/x/x/19.28

9. Jamie Beyer (Shel) 63'0" (19.20), 10. Rhuben Williams (Shore) 61'7 1/2" (18.78), Garrett Johnson (Unat) & Chris Figures (Unat) – 3 fouls. Qualifying: June 27, 21.00 Hr, 67'7" (20.60) or top-12: Nelson 69'0" (21.03), Hoffa 68'10 1/2" (20.99), Cantwell 68'3 3/4" (20.82), Whiting 66'72 (20.29), Martin 66'5" (20.24), Taylor 66'0 1/2" (20.13), Winger 65'9" (20.04), Figures 65'9 1/4" (19.96), Bryant 64'10 3/4" (19.78), Johnson 64'1 3/4" (19.55), Beyer 64'1" (19.53), Williams 63'11" (19.48). Non-qualifiers: Jesse Roberge 63'6 3/4" (19.37), Steve Manz (Unat) 63'3 1/4" (19.28), Jon Kalnas (Monm TC) 62'11 1/4" (19.18), Sean Shields (Unat) 62'4", Mitchell Pope (Unat) 62'1 1/4" (18.93), Bryan Vickers (Ash) 61'5 3/4" (18.74), Sheldon Battle (Unat) 61'4 1/4" (18.70), Zack Lloyd (Az) 60'3" (18.36), Vince Mosca (USAA) 60'3" (18.36), Shawn Best (Az) 60'0 1/2" (18.29), Anthony Greer (Unat) 59'1 1/4" (18.01), Joe Remitz (Bemi) 59'0" (17.98), Tony Thompson 58'11 1/4" (17.96).

The triumvirate of Nelson, Cantwell and Hoffa were world champions all, and expected to make the team. Initially Dan Taylor threw a spanner in the works with his opening throw of 68'3", which led until Hoffa started to get going. A 68'7" in the second round was followed by 69'4" in the next round. Nelson, who was in 4<sup>th</sup> after three rounds, threw 68'6 1/2" to edge past Taylor. Cantwell, who had failed badly in 2004, redeemed himself with his 5<sup>th</sup> round throw of 69'8 1/4", but lost the lead shortly after to Hoffa who put an excellent 72'0" to take back 1<sup>st</sup> place for good. Cantwell had a good try with 71'2 3/4" with his last throw, but was again overshadowed by Hoffa who left the best to last with his 72'6 1/2". Nelson, who had produced a relatively poor effort to make the team, nevertheless had one foul of around 22 meters to show how he could perform. Cantwell went on to win silver in Beijing, as American Shot Putters provided 3 times as many Olympic finalists as all other 2008 US field eventers combined!

#### Discus Throw - July 6, 14.20 Hr

1. Ian Waltz (Nik)	216'1" (65.87)	63.32/64.54/x/65.87/63.99/x
2. Michael Robertson (Nik)	209'1" (63.73)	62.15/61.05/63.73/61.82/x/61.16
3. Casey Malone (Nik)	205'7" (62.67)	62.67/57.73/61.07/62.67/60.83/60.57
4. Doug Reynolds (Unat)	205'6" (62.64)	62.64/x/x/x/60.85/56.20
5. Rashad Scott (Ky)	203'4" (61.98)	x/61.98/x/x/x/x
6. Will Conwell (CNW)	202'7" (61.74)	60.26/61.32/60.89/54.03/61.74/x
7. Adam Kuehl (Nik)	201'9" (61.50)	56.89/59.58/60.89/x/61.50/61.11
8. James Dennis (Unat)	198'7" (60.54)	

9. Jason Young (Unat) 197'10" (60.31), 10. Matt Lamb (Unat) 194'10" (59.38), 11. Jarred Rome (Nik) 193'5" (58.95), 12. John Godina (adi) 187'10" (57.27)

Qualifying : July 3, 20.30 Hr, 211'7" (64.50) automatic qualifier: Rome 206'5" (63.05), Lamb 204'7" (62.36), Waltz 204'2" (62.25), Godina 202'3" (61.64), Kuehl 201'4" (61.37), Reynolds 198'3" (60.42), Robertson 198'0" (60.37), Malone 197'11" (60.33), Conwell 197'3" (60.13), Scott 197'1" (60.09), Young 197'0" (60.06), Dennis 197'0" (60.06). Non-qualifiers: Brian Trainor 196'6" (59.91), Lance Brooks (Unat) 194'10" (59.39), Wes Stockbarger (Fla) 190'10" (58.16), Jason Schutz (Col St) 190'4" (58.02), Karl Erickson (Unat) 189'10" (57.87) Greg Garza (UCLA) 189'1" (57.63), Reedus Thurmond (CNW) 188'4" (58.40), Russ Winger (Unat) 184'4" (56.18), Chase Madison (Ky) 183'9" (56.01), Clendon Henderson (Lib) 181'2" (55.23), Dan Austin (Unat) 174'3& (53.12), Anthony Curtis (Unat) 172'9" (52.66).

Ian Waltz and Jarred Rome, the defending OT champion, were favorites to vie for the OT win this time, but Rome had a horrible day, failing to reach 200 feet by quite some way. Waltz, on the other hand, dominated proceedings, with 3 throws beyond the best of anyone else Reynolds 205'6" and Malone 205'7". This lasted until Waltz, the last of the finalists to throw, reached 207'9" to take the lead, which he increased to 211'9" in the next round. Michael Robertson went into third in round three with his 209'1", and Waltz emphasized his superiority with 216'1" in round four. The headwinds the throwers had to deal with did little to enhance the distances, and Waltz's best was only achieved after the wind switched to a quartering wind in the second half of the competition.

#### Hammer Throw - July 4, 19.00 Hr

1. A.G. Kruger (Nik)	248'8" (75.81)	74.04/74.94/75.39/75.56/75.81/73.68
2. Kevin McMahon (Unat)	244'4" (74.49)	72.55/73.95/x/74.49/72.62/x
3. Jake Freeman (Unat)	241'5" (73.59)	72.92/71.76/71.91/73.59/x/72.41
4. Travis Nutter (Unat)	240'4" (73.25)	69.70/73.25/x/71.03/73.00/71.57
5. Michael Mai (US Army)	235'4" (71.75)	71.75/67.81/69.37/71.75/x/x
6. Cory Martin (Aub)	235'0" (71.64)	71.09/71.29/71.23/71.64/x/71.15
7. James Parker (Unat)	229'6" (69.97)	
8. Jake Dunkleberger (Aub)	226'0" (68.90)	

9. Garland Porter (Unat) 224'10" (68.53), 10. Lucais McKay (Unat) 222'1" (67.71), 11. David Paul (Unat) 218'8" (66.65), - Kibwe

## Johnson (NYAC) – 3 Fouls.

Qualifying: June 30, 16.45 Hr, 236'3" (72.00) or top-12: Kruger 240'6" (73.30), Martin 240'3" (73.22), Nutter 239'1" (72.87), Freeman 236'6" (72.08), Parker 234'0" (71.33), Paul 228'6" (69.65), Dunkleberger 228'0" (69.51), Mai 225'5" (68.70), McMahon 224'7" (68.46), Johnson 224'4" (68.38), MacKay 224'2" (68.34), Porter 223'6" (68.13). Non-qualifiers: Jesse Doty (SyrC) 221'2" (67.42), Adam Midles (TXO) 221'1" (67.40), Nick Owens (Shore) 219'8" (66.95), Brian Richotte (Unat) 219'5" (66.89), Boldi Kocsor (UCLA) 219'2" (66.80), Nick Welihozkiy (PBay) 219'2" (66.80), Chris Bryce (Unat) 217'1" (66.16), Kevin Becker (Unat) 216'0" (65.85), Chris Rohr (Mo) 216'0" (65.85), Arnaldo Cueto (Unat) 212'7" (64.80), Jason Morris (Mo) 211'2" (64.37), Wil Fleming (Unat) 208'9" (63.62)

Kruger led the qualifying by just 3 inches, and in the final opened up with 242'11", and led by over 3 foot from Jake Freeman (239'3"). As other throwers improved, so did Kruger, as he produced successive throws of 245'11", 247'3", 247'10" and 248'8". Behind him Nutter moved into second in the second round with 240'4", but was overtaken in the 4<sup>th</sup> round by Freeman (241'5") and then McMahon (244'4"). Kruger was the only athlete with a qualifying mark [258'1" in May in Eugene], and accordingly the only athlete selected for the Olympics. While it is traditional in Eugene to hold the Hammer on a the field adjacent to the stadium, this was an area where the officials erred. The competition should have been held inside the stadium, with preliminary races deferred until the throwing finished – the athletes would have appreciated the attention, and perhaps thrown better, and the crowd would have enjoyed the competition. In 2012 the organisers should cater more for the throwers than they did in 2008.

### Javelin Throw – July 6, 16.15 Hr

1. Bobby Smith (Mon TC)	249'6"	(76.06)	74.33/73.49/72.30/72.17/76.06/75.31
2. Mike Hazle (Nik)	248'7"	(75.76)	72.80/x/75.76/72.44/75.44/x
3. Brian Chaput (JavUSA)	248'1"	(75.63)	75.63/x/72.70/73.76/x/x
4. Chris Hill (Ga)	244'5"	(74.51)	74.51/64.91/x/68.14/x/x
5. Leigh Smith (Unat)	243'7"	(74.24)	
6. Barry Krammes (Shore)	242'2"	(73.82)	
7. Sean Furey (Unat)	241'2"	(73.50)	
8. John Hetzendorf (Unat)	230'9"	(70.33)	

9. Corey White (USC) 226'1" (68.92), 10. Aris Bojas (VSA) 225'8" (68.78), 11. Eric Brown (Unat) 219'0" (66.75), 12. Jon Jeffreys (Wa St) 210'0" (64.01)

Qualifying: July 4, 17.30 Hr, 252'7" (77.00) or top-12: Krammes 259'1" (78.97), Hill 255'0" (77.72), Chaput 247'11" (75.57), Hazle 247'11" (75.57), L.Smith 243'6" (74.23), Hetzendorf 243'5" (74.19), Furey 243'4" (74.17), B.Smith 242'3" (73.85), Borjas 239'8" (73.05), White 236'9" (72.16), Jeffreys 230'9" (70.34), Brown 230'7" (70.28). Non-qualifiers: Shae Murray (Unat) 228'3" (69.57), Doug Lefler (Unat) 227'8" (69.41), Mark Bridge (Unat) 225'9" (68.81), Roald Bradstock (Unat) 225'5" (68.71), Breaux Greer (adi) 220'6" (67.20), Cyrus Hostetler (LaneCC) 219'3" (66.84), Ryan Weidman (BFoot) 216'10" (66.64), Bradley Roth (AzSt) 216'10" (66.11), Adam Burke (Unat) 216'6" (66.00), Ryan Brandel (Unat) 215'7" (65.70), Allan Pettner (Unat) 201'6" (61.42), Brett Trudo (Wich) 198'10" (60.61). Adam Montague (Fla) – Dnc

The change in Javelin specifications in 1986 meant that a tailwind became a benefit to throwers, so it seemed strange indeed that the throwers had blustery winds in their faces. Throwing in the opposite direction would have added 5-7 meters to the distances achieved, something both the throwers and the crowd would have preferred. Hot favorite at the beginning of the year had been Greer, the #3 thrower in the world, but the injury prone Greer had received surgery in December 2007 on the torn rotator cuff in his right shoulder. And could only manage 220'6" in the qualifying round, so snapping his run of 8 consecutive US titles. Barry Krammes led the qualifiers with 259'1", which would turn out to be nearly 10 foot better than the winning throw in the final. Brian Chaput took the lead early with his 248'1", but was overhauled by Mike Hazle in round three. Bobby Smith, very much an outsider, hit the winning throw in the 5<sup>th</sup> round. Then the complications began. Only 2 of the finalists had "A" standard marks, and so Leigh Smith and Mike Hazle made the team; subsequently Greer was selected, and though he improved more than 6 meters in Beijing, neither Greer nor the others qualified for the final.

### Decathlon – June 29/30

1. Bryan Clay (Nik)	(4476/1)	8832
10.39/7.39/15.17/2.08/48.41/13.75/52.74/5.00/70.55/4:50.97		
2. Trey Hardee (Nik)	(4454/2)	8534
10.43/7.75/14.07/2.02/47.99/13.71/42.41/5.00/63.69/4:44.79		
3. Tom Pappas (Nik)	(4405/3)	8511
10.90/7.77/17.26/1.96/49.80/14.17/49.44/5.20/59.34/4:54.08		
4. Jake Arnold (Unat)	(4033/8)	8130
11.11/6.91/14.54/1.96/48.66/14.12/46.02/5.00/57.85/4:31.61		
5. Ashton Eaton (Or)	(4226/5)	8122
10.61/7.49/12.28/1.96/47.07/14.26/39.69/5.10/47.28/4:20.56		
6. Jangy Addy (Tn)	(4249/4)	8025
10.77/7.20/15.63/1.96/48.61/13.73/47.08/4.40/57.10/5:05.07		

7. Chris Helwick (Unat)	(3910/12) 8010
11.34/6.98/13.80/1.99/50.20/15.26/44.25/4.90/67.35/4:21.44	
8. Lysias Edmonds (APTC)	(4009/10) 7765
10.92/6.88/12.43/1.99/47.80/14.30/38.52/4.90/51.60/4:37.92	
9. Mustafa Abdur-Rahim (ASC)	(4010/9) 7757
10.90/6.88/14.00/1.87/47.64/14.38/47.49/4.20/45.86/4:21.34	
10. Chris Randolph (CNW)	(3896/12) 7660
11.38/6.63/13.72/2.02/49.08/14.81/42.17/4.50/58.26/4:35.28	
11. Joe Detmer (Unat)	(3870/13) 7653
11.09/6.77/12.75/1.90/48.12/15.08/35.45/4.60/56.31/4:07.63	
12. Ryan Olkowski (Unat)	(4076/7) 7633
10.85/7.04/12.57/2.08/49.46/14.75/37.59/4.80/53.03/4:56.80	
13. Ryan Harlan (Unat)	(3939/11) 7587
11.18/6.48/15.23/2.05/50.96/14.68/42.90/4.60/59.59/5:08.30	
14. Rickey Moody (Wa St)	(4111/6) 7512
11.07/7.41/15.28/2.05/52.58/14.74/43.54/4.00/54.95/5:09.89	
15. Matt Chisam (Unat)	(3585/19) 7429
11.45/6.25/13.76/1.93/52.10/14.88/43.77/5.10/55.08/4:46.56	
16. Chris Richardson (VS)	(3826/16) 7312
11.41/7.44/13.70/1.87/51.70/15.14/44.50/4.40/55.73/5:12.35	
17. Mat Clark (Nn Ia)	(3841/15) 7279
11.21/6.83/12.52/1.93/48.71/15.62/33.99/4.40/45.61/4:12.60	
18. Joe Cebulski (Unat)	(3689/17) 6629
11.68/6.57/13.46/1.99/50.93/14.99/46.10/nh/56.07/4:49.78	
19. Raven Cepeda (Nn Ia)	(3644/18) 6443
11.22/6.54/14.34/1.90/53.47/14.70/40.93/nh/48.75/4:43.25	
Dnf. Chris Boyles (Unat)	2436(4)
11.30/nm/14.57/2.08	

Bryan Clay opened up with 10.39 to lead by 9 over Trey Hardee with 1001 points. Hardee edged past Clay with a 7.75 long jump, and Pappas went by both of them with a superb 56'7 1/2" shot. Clay moved up from third with his 6'10" high jump, and was never headed. Hardee came close, being 17 points back after 6 events after edging Clay 13.71 to 13.75 in the hurdles. Clay's dynamic throwing ability got him clear of his rivals in the discus when he threw 173'0" to extend his lead to 194 over Pappas. A javelin throw of 231'5" took the lead over 300 points which was only slightly cut in the final event, when Hardee edged past Pappas for second. Clay's 8832 beat Dan O'Brien's OT record by over 100 points, while Hardee's 8534 was a PR, Aand Pappas's 8511 was his best for 4 years. Behind them Jake Arnold edged local boy Ashton Eaton and Jangy Addy for 4<sup>th</sup>. Addy would go on to place 20<sup>th</sup> in Beijing – representing Liberia, while Clay would attain the one title to have eluded him, winning with 8791.

## WOMEN

100 Meters – June 28, 17.48 Hr (+0.5w)		20m	40m	50m	60m	80m	100y
1. Muna Lee (Nik)	10.85	3.15	5.15	6.07	6.98	8.89	9.99
2. Torri Edwards (adi)	(10.894) 10.90	3.12	5.09	6.04	6.97	8.88	10.01
3. Lauryn Williams (Miami)	(10.897) 10.90	3.15	5.13	6.16	6.99	8.91	10.03
4. Marshevet Hooker (adi)	10.93	3.24	5.19	6.12	7.07	8.96	10.05
5. Allyson Felix (adi)	10.96	3.20	5.18	6.12	7.09	9.01	10.09
6. Angela Williams (Nik)	11.02	3.10	5.11	6.05	7.00	8.97	10.10
7. Mechelle Lewis (Nik)	11.08	3.13	5.15	6.08	7.05	9.01	10.19
8. LaSahunte'a Moore (adi)	11.22	3.27	5.30	6.28	7.22	9.19	10.30

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, June 28, 15.25/15.35 Hr

1/	1. Hooker 10.89w, 2. Lee 10.91w, 3. L.Williams 10.92w, 4. A.Williams 10.92w, 5. Bianca Knight (adi) 11.09w, 6. Gloria Asumnu (adi) 11.13w, 7. Alexis Weatherspoon (Unat) 11.24w, 8. Alexis Joyce (Unat) 11.31w (+3.4w)
2/	1. Edwards 10.78, 2. Lewis 10.97, 3. Felix 11.00, 4. Moore 11.03, 5. Carmelita Jeter (Nik) 11.05, 6. Lisa Barber (adi) 11.07, 7. Alexandria Anderson (Tex) 11.07, 8. Shalonda Solomon (Reeb) 11.18 (+1.8w)

Quarterfinals - first 4 + 4 fastest losers qualify, June 27, 19.40/19.55 Hr

1/	1. Hooker 10.76w, 2. L.Williams 10.86w, 3. Lewis 10.95w, 4. Anderson 10.98w, 5. Joce 11.16w, 6. Sani Roseby (Nik) 11.19w, 7. Lynne Layne (Ten) 11.27w, 8. Victoria Jordan (Tex HS) 11.29w (+3.4w)
2/	1. Jeter 10.97, 2. Felix 10.98, 3. A.Williams 11.06, 4. Knight 11.07, 5. Weatherspoon 11.08, 6. Solomon 11.16, 7. Chryste Gaines

(Unat) 11.24, 8. Miki Barber (Nik) 11.29 (+0.7w)

- 3 1. Edwards 10.85w, 2. Lee 10.89w, 3. Asumnu 11.02w, 4. Moore 11.04w, 5. L.Barber 11.10w, 6. LaDedra Guy (Unat) 11.17w, 7. Wyllesheia Myrick (Unat) 11.19w, 8. Stephanie Durst (Unat) 11.26w (+2.3w)

Heats - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 27, 17.30-17.50 Hr

- 1/ 1. Lee 11.00, 2. L.Williams 11.03, 3. Lewis 11.13, 4. Gaines 11.15, 5. Solomon 11.16, 6. Tawanna Meadows (Troy) 11.48 (+1.8w)  
2/ 1. Felix 11.01w, 2. Asumnu 11.10w, 3. Layne 11.18w, 4. Joyce 11.21w, 5. Amber Robinson (Unat) 11.38w, 6. Melinda Smedley (Unat) 11.42w, 7. Juanita Broaddus (LSU) 12.44w (+3.5w)  
3/ 1. Edwards 11.16, 2. A.Williams 11.26, 3. Weatherspoon 11.30, 4. Myrick 11.33, 5. Durst 11.34, 6. Jessie Onyepunuka (USC) 11.48, 7. Scottesha Miller (Ok) 11.62 (+1.1w)  
4/ 1. Jeter 11.10, 2. Knight 11.11, 3. Moore 11.12, 4. Barber 11.19, 5. Jordan 11.36, 6. Santana Lowery (Unat) 11.38 (+1.4w)  
5/ 1. Hooker 10.94w, 2. Anderson 11.08w, 3. Guy 11.25w, 4. Roseby 11.29w, 5. M.Barber 11.29w, 6. Angela Daigle-Bowen (Unat) 11.39w, 7. Tangela Neal (Unat) 11.64w

In an outstanding field, it was generally considered by observers that competitive Lauren Williams would make the team, and that the USA's fastest in 2008, Allyson Felix and Marshevet Hooker (on 10.93), and Pre winner Torri Edwards (10.94) would be battling for places on the team. Williams ran 11.03 in her heat, but was edged by sharp looking Muna Lee. Felix (11.01w), Edwards (11.16) and Hooker (10.94w) all won their heats. Hooker then ran an impressive 10.76w ahead of Williams (10.85w), as 4 ducked under 11.00, and became the race favorite. Carmelita Jeter edged Felix 10.97 to 10.98, and Edwards ran 10.85w with Lee (10.89w) in close attendance. Bianca Knight ran 11.07 in her quarter-final, the #2 mark ever by a US junior, and finished 0.01 behind Angela Williams, who set the US junior mark (11.04) back in 1999. The average time of the 24 runners in these almost ideal conditions (95o and average wind +2.1) was 11.08!

The semi-finals saw Edwards emerge as favorite. After Hooker beat Williams for the second time 10.89w to 10.92w, with Lee between them (10.91w), Edwards took advantage of a 1.8 wind to run a magnificent and relaxed looking 10.78. Angela Williams started best in the final, but Edwards caught her at 30m, and was the leader until 85m. Lee, who had looked good throughout the event, but had not appeared to be the best, suddenly was – she was 3<sup>rd</sup> at 50m and closed in on Edwards sharply as the latter decelerated after the 80m mark, going away to win by half a meter. Williams lived up to her reputation almost catching Edwards at the finish, and heading off Hooker and Felix, both of whom left themselves too much to do in the second half of the race.

200 Meters - July 6, 16.40 Hr (-5.6w)

5. 1. Allyson Felix (adi)	21.82w	(11.2/10.6)
6. 2. Muna Lee (Nik)	21.99w	(11.2/10.8)
7. 3. Marshevet Hooker (adi)	22.20w	(11.4/10.8)
3. 4. Lauryn Williams (Nik)	22.21w	(11.3/10.9)
4. 5. Bianca Knight (adi)	22.25w	(11.3/11.0)
2. 6. Carmelita Jeter (Nik)	22.35w	(11.5/10.9)
8. 7. Shalonda Solomon (Reeb)	22.36w	(11.4/11.0)
1. -. Torri Edwards (adi)	Dnc	

Semifinals - first 2 plus 2 fastest losers qualify, July 5, 14.05-14.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Knight 22.53, 2. Hooker 22.55, 3. L.Williams 22.59, 4. Edwards 22.66, 5. LaSahunte'a Moore (adi) 23.02, 6. Alexandria Anderson (Tex) 23.21, 7. Charonda Williams (Az St) 23.37, 8. Porscha Lucas (Tex A&M) 23.44 (-0.1w)  
2/ 1. Felix 22.22, 2. Lee 22.33, 3. Solomon 22.48, 4. Jeter 22.61, 5. Ebonie Floyd (Nik) 22.63, 6. Stephanie Durst (Unat) 22.99, 7. Miki Barber (Nik) 23.10, 8. Leslie Cole (Ok) 23.24 (0.0w)

Quarterfinals - first 3 + 4 fastest losers qualify, July 5, 11.40/11.55 Hr

- 1/ 1. Solomon 22.68, 2. Moore 22.72, 3. Lee 22.84, 4. Durst, 5. Natasha Hastings (Nik) 23.55, 6. Santana Lowery (Unat) 23.84 (+1.6w).  
2/ 1. Floyd 23.05, 2. Felix 23.09, 3. Anderson 23.28, 4. C.Williams, 5. Latonia Wilson (Nik) 23.54, 6. Lynne Layne (Ten) 23.75 (+1.3w)  
3/ 1. Hooker 22.74, 2. Jeter 22.90, 3. L.Williams 23.12, 4. Lucas 23.33, 5. Cole 23.36, 6. Wyllesheia Myrick (Unat) 23.43 (0.0w)  
4/ 1. Knight 22.81, 2. Edwards 23.09, 3. Barber 23.33, 4. Lewis 23.55, 5. Natalie Knight (Fla) 23.57, 6. Sani Roseby (Nik) 23.81 (-1.3w).

Heats - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, July 4, 19.20-19.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Hooker 22.87, 2. Lee 23.27, 3. L.Williams 23.30, 4. C.Williams 23.37, 5. Ashlee Kidd (Nik) 23.69, 6. Scottesha Miller (Ok) (+1.4w)  
2/ 1. Knight 22.74, 2. Anderson 23.10, 3. M.Barber 23.10, L.Moore 23.17, 5. Cole 23.37, 6. Mechelle Lewis (Nik) 23.40 (0.0w)  
3/ 1. Felix 22.68, Durst 23.15, 3. N.Knight 23.38, 4. Roseby 23.45, 5. Layne 23.47, 6. Hastings 23.49 (+0.5w)  
4/ 1. Solomon 22.51, 2. Edwards 22.87, 3. Lucas 23.20, 4. Lowery 23.34, 5. Shana Cox (Penn St) 23.50, 6. Lakadron Ivery (Unat) 23.88 (+2.0w)

Winner of the '04 Trials race, Felix was favorite to repeat, and waited until the semi-finals to open up. Prior to that round, the most impressive runner was Shalonda Solomon, who was fastest in the first two rounds [22.51/22.68]. Bianca Knight, already impressive in the 100, edged Hooker [22.55] and Lauryn Williams [22.59] with her 22.53, which saw her take the lead from Edwards at 80m and build up a lead of a meter and a half by 150m, before Hooker and Williams began to reel her in. Felix won the other semi in a much faster 22.22, looking remarkably easy, as did Muna Lee behind her. In the final, Lee was out slightly better than Felix, who worked hard to catch Lee after 80m. Felix gradually drew away from Lee, who was a clear second – 2 meters behind Felix and 2 ahead of the next three. Knight had run an excellent bend, and held third until Williams caught her with 20 meters to go. Battling with Williams was Hooker, who stumbled with 3 meters to go, falling over the line. In getting to the horizontal her chest reached the line ahead of Williams, winning her an Olympic spot. In both the Trials and the Olympics first and second repeated from 2004, with Felix running 21.93 for second despite a hip problem, before setting the 4x400 alight with a 48.6 split which ensured US victory

400 Meters - July 3, 20.05 Hr

5. 1. Sanya Richards (Nik)	49.89	11.87/24.07/36.43
4. 2. Mary Wineberg (Nik)	50.85	11.96/23.69/36.50
7. 3. DeeDee Trotter (adi)	50.88	12.79/24.62/37.15
8. 4. Monique Henderson (Reeb)	50.98	12.23/24.51/37.23
6. 5. Natasha Hastings (Nik)	51.13	12.17/24.29/36.92
1. 6. Ebonie Floyd (Nik)	51.26	12.31/24.70/37.55
2. 7. Monica Hargrove (Unat)	51.94	12.28/24.20/37.10
3. 8. Debbie Dunn (Unat)	52.41	11.90/23.42/36.66

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, June 30, 19.10 Hr

- 1/ 1. Wineberg 50.57, 2. Hastings 51.04, 3. Dunn 51.79, 4. Hargrove 51.88, 5. Shana Cox (Penn St) 51.90, 6. Moushaumi Robinson (Unat) 52.48, 7. Jessica Cousins (Nik) 52.64. Shareese Woods (adi) 51.79– DQ – Lane infraction.
- 2/ 1. Richards 50.75, 2. Trotter 50.90, 3. Henderson 51.07, 4. Floyd 51.49, 5. Monique Hennagan (Nik) 51.99, 6. Brandi Cross (CCar) 52.25, 7. Ashlee Kidd (Nik) 52.37, 8. Kenyata Coleman (Ms) 53.97

Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 29, 15.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Wineberg 51.46, 2. Henderson 52.24, 3. Kidd 53.22, 4. Nine Gilbert (Unat) 53.37, 5. Dominique Blake (Penn St) 53.90, 6. Francena McCorory (Hamp) 57.73
- 2/ 1. Hastings 51.51, 2. Woods 51.60, 3. Cox 51.69, 4. Robinson 52.02, 5. Jenna Griffin (Oh St) 53.20, 6. Lauren McNary (Unat) 53.60
- 3/ 1. Richards 51.08, 2. Floyd 51.37, 3. Cross 51.63, 4. Hennagan 51.73, 5. Cousins 52.63, 6. Donniece Parrish (Kans St) 54.14. Miriam Barnes (Nik) – Dnc
- 4/ 1. Trotter 51.97, 2. Dunn 52.20, 3. Hargrove 52.36, 4. Coleman 52.92, 5. Cynetheia Rooks (Unat) 52.95, 6. Leslie Cole (Ok) 53.19, 7. LaJada Baldwin (Ms) 54.01

Having failed to make the 400 team for Osaka in 2007, Richards was keen to eradicate memories of her illness in the previous year, and she confirmed her status as favorite in cruising through her heat, almost easing to walking pace across the line in 51.08, fastest time of the first round. Mary Wineberg, who had finished 2 meters behind Richards (50.10 to 50.32) in the Pre meet reconfirmed herself as Richards' most likely challenger with her semi-final win in 50.57, while Richards again took it easy in the closing stages in beating Trotter 50.75 to 50.90 in the second semi-final. 2004 winner Hennagan finished out of the money this time with her 51.99. Four of the finalists had been in the 2004 final, and two of those – Richards and Dunn led through 100 and 200 respectively. Richards, concerned with the wind was careful over in the second 100 meters, and was sporting faintly ridiculous arm protectors stretching from the wrist almost to her shoulders – supposedly to protect her from the wind. At the 200 mark Dunn led by 2 meters from Wineberg, with Richards another 3 meters back. By 300 meters Richards led by a small margin from Wineberg, with Dunn now wilting. Richards went away in the straight, and won by 8 meters from Wineberg, with Trotter moving up from 7<sup>th</sup> at 300m to take the third Olympic spot – as she had done in 2004. Richards' time of 49.89 was exactly the same as her 2004 Trials time.

800 Meters – June 30, 20.15 Hr

1. Hazel Clark (Nik)	1:59.82	26.8/56.9/1:27.3
2. Alice Schmidt (adi)	2:00.46	27.1/57.0/1:27.4
3. Kameisha Bennett (Nik)	2:01.20	27.3/57.5/1:28.2
4. Nicole Teter (Nik)	2:01.30	28.0/57.4/1:27.9
5. Maggie Vessey (Unat)	2:02.01	28.0/59.4/1:30.6
6. Morgan Uceny (Reeb)	2:02.16	27.6/57.6/1:29.0
7. Geena Gall (Mi)	2:02.35	27.5/57.9/1:29.3
8. Becky Horn (Wn Mi)	2:03.87	27.3/57.7/1:29.1

9. Katie Waits (Reeb) 2:04.60, 10. Laura Hermanson (ND St) 2:05.01, 11. Latavia Thomas (LSU) 2:05.15, 12. Nikeya Green (Reeb) 2:07.05

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, June 28, 16.25/16.35 Hr

1/ 1. Schmidt 2:03.27, 2. Vessey 2:03.81, 3. Green 2:03.90, 4. Hermanson 2:05.78, 5. Teter 2:10.76, 6. Horn 2:15.72, 7. Thomas 2:17.53, 8. Bennett 2:19.98 (58.7/64.6)

2/ 1. Uceny 2:02.10, 2. Clark 2:02.14, 3. Waits 2:02.38, 4. Gall 2:03.03, 5. Ty Davis (Tln) 2:05.26, 6. Heather Dorniden (Mn) 2:05.76, 8. Laura Roesler (NDHS) 2:04.03 (60.7/61.4)

Heats - first 4 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 27, 20.00 Hr

1/ 1. Clark 2:03.65, 2. Thomas 2:03.90, 3. Uceny 2:03.91, 4. Roesler 2:04.04, 5. Martinez 2:04.11, 6. Doniden 2:04.66, 7. Hermanson 2:04.89, 8. Victoria Martinez (Unat) 2:05.65, 9. Krishna Curry (UCLA) 2:05.91, 10. Nichole Jones (Bay) 2:07.18

2/ 1. Schmidt 2:03.58, 2. Waits 2:03.73, 3. Vessey 2:04.00, 4. Green 2:04.87, Horn 2:05.10, 6. Chanelle Price (Pa HS) 2:05.93, 7. Carlee Clark-Platt (BYU) 2:05.99, Sherron Rhetta (Nik) 2:07.29, 9. Christina Rodgers (Az) 2:07.82. Sasha Spencer (Nik) – Dnc

3/ 1. Bennett 2:04.85, 2. Teter 2:05.01, 3. Gall 2:05.04, 4. Davis 2:05.26, 5. Phoebe Wright (Tn) 2:05.66, 6. Trisa Nickoley (Mo) 2:05.83, 7. Lauren Austin (Unat) 2:06.18, 8. Nicole Cook (Reeb) 2:06.38, 9. Alysia Johnson (Nik) 2:06.43. Temeka Kincy (Tex) – Dnc

The preliminaries were uneventful until the first semi-final. Alice Schmidt was leading at 600m when Kameisha Bennett went down, and in the ensuing melée Teter, Horn and Thomas all went down. Nicole Teter appealed, and all 4 were eventually allowed to go through to the final. A field of 12 could have caused problems with a slow pace, but two-time Olympian wasn't going to take such risks, and she zipped through 200m in 26.83, before easing down to pass halfway in 56.90, with Schmidt and Waits in close contact. Clark held form through 600m (1:27.3) with Schmidt still in touch, but a gap of 4 meters to third place (Teter) had arisen. In a final 200m that looked tortuous Clark went clear of Schmidt despite running 32.49 [2:10 pace], regaining her Trials 800 title, and Teter lost third place to Kameisha Bennett, while Maggie Vessey came up from 11<sup>th</sup> at 600m to take 5<sup>th</sup>. Teter, who possessed an "A" qualifying time, was selected for Beijing over Bennett.

#### 1500 Meters - July 6, 16.05 Hr

1. Shannon Rowbury (Nik)	4:05.48	68.5/67.8/62.4/46.8
2. Erin Donohue (Nik)	4:08.20	68.7/67.8/64.7/47.0
3. Christin Wurth-Thomas (Nik)	4:08.48	68.4/67.7/64.3/48.1
4. Morgan Uceny (Reeb)	4:10.85	69.0/68.1/65.5/48.3
5. Amy Mortimer (Reeb)	4:14.98	68.6/67.8/66.3/52.3
6. Lindsey Gallo (Reeb)	4:15.96	69.0/66.9/67.9/52.2
7. Tiffany McWilliams (adi)	4:16.28	68.8/67.9/67.2/52.4
8. Sarah Bowman (Ten)	4:16.54	69.0/67.9/67.1/52.5

9. Sara Hall (Asics) 4:16.79, 10. Jordan Hasay (Ca HS) 4:17.36, 11. Jenelle Deatherage (Reeb) 4:22.45, 12. Treniere Clement (Nik) 4:24.62

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 4, 20.25/20.35 Hr

1/ 1. Rowbury 4:11.75, 2. Mortimer 4:12.49, 3. McWilliams 4:12.80, 3. Hall 4:12.89, 5. Clement 4:13.24, 6. Bowman 4:13.29, 7. Mary Jayne Reeves (Or TC) 4:13.47, 8. Lauren Hagans (Bay) 4:15.01, 9. Carrie Tollefson (adi) 4:17.27, 10. Dacia Barr (Ark) 4:21.18, 11. Anne Shadle (Reeb) 4:20.34, 12. Miesha Marzell (Unat) 4:31.44

2/ 1. Gallo 4:12.54, 2. Wurth-Thomas 4:12.66, 3. Donohue 4:13.01, 4. Uceny 4:13.61, 5. Hasay 4:14.50, 6. Deatherage 4:15.64, 7. Keri Bland (WV) 4:16.05, 8. Frances Koons (Vill) 4:17.41, 9. Christine Babcock (Ca HS) 4:20.00, 10. Emily Anderson (WM) 4:20.85, 11. Katie Follett (Wa) 4:22.60, 12. Michelle Turner (Wa) 4:30.59

Heats - first 6 plus 6 fastest losers qualify, July 3, 19.30 Hr

1/ 1. Wurth-Thomas 4:13.40, 2. McWilliams 4:13.54, 3. Reeves 4:13.89, 4. Mortimer 4:14.06, 5. Uceny 4:15.93, 6. Marzell 4:18.12, 7. Babcock 4:18.32, 8. Anne Shadle (Reeb) 4:20.34. Brie Felnagle (NC) – Dnf. Julie Cullen (NYAC) – Dnc

2/ 1. Rowbury 4:16.13, 2. Donohue 4:16.84, 3. Koons 4:17.86, 4. Hagans 4:17.94, 5. Hall 4:18.00, 6. Deatherage 4:18.35, 7. Hasay 4:18.39, 8. Follett 4:19.00, 9. Bland 4:19.30, 10. Amanda Bates (NYAC) 4:32.71.

3/ 1. Gallo 4:17.01, 2. Clement 4:17.33, 3. Bowman 4:17.48, 4. Tollefson 4:17.68, 5. Anderson 4:18.77, 6. Turner 4:18.79, 7. Barr 4:19.51, 8. Nikeya Green (Reeb) 4:22.95, 9. Natalie Picchetti (Ga) 4:23.40, 10. Amanda Miller (Wa) 4:24.45

Shannon Rowbury had a best of 4:12.41 entering 2008, but she stepped up a gear, and by the Trials she had improved to 4:01.61. After winning her heat and semi-final she was the overwhelming favorite to win. The other big story of the preliminaries was Jordan Hasay, who set a High School record of 4:14.50 in qualifying for the final. The 16 year old Hasay would place 10<sup>th</sup> in the final, and then flew off to Poland to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the World Junior championships. In the Eugene final Rowbury followed Clement (68.35) and Wurth-Thomas (2:16.12) through the first 2 laps, before breaking away with 600 meters left. By the bell she had 8 meters Wurth-Thomas and the race



for first place was over. Donohue was 5 meters behind second, and in turn nearly 10 meters ahead of the rest of the field. Rowbury completed her final lap in 61.28 and the last 800m in 2:05.58 (3:55.5 pace), and Donohue outkicked Wurt-Thomas for second. Morgan Uceny, following on her 6<sup>th</sup> in the 800, was 4<sup>th</sup> in a PR 4:10.85.

#### 3000 Meters Steeplechase - July 3, 21:45 Hr

1. Anna Willard (Nik)	9:27.59
2. Lindsey Anderson (Nik)	9:30.75
3. Jenny Barringer (Col)	9:33.11
4. Nicole Bush (Mi St)	9:40.27
5. Lisa Galaviz (Nik)	9:48.27
6. Kara June (Asics)	9:49.56
7. Amanda Lorentzen (Tln)	9:49.74
8. Carrie Messner-Vickers (Asics)	9:49.93
9. Carrie Strickland (Bow AC) 9:53.67, 10. Ann Gaffigan (N Bal) 9:54.93, 11. Kristin Anderson (Nik) 10:00.24, 12. Sariah Long (Unat) 10:00.62, 13. Lesley Higgins (NYAC) 10:04.04, 14. Delilah DiCrescenzo (Riad) 10:04.70	

Heats - first 4 plus 6 fastest losers qualify, June 30, 19.40 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Bush 9:49.53, 2. L.Anderson 9:49.71, 3. Galaviz 9:52.66, 5. DiCrescenzo 9:56.44, 6. Long 9:56.72, 7. K.Anderson 9:59.62, 8. Higgins 10:02.88, 9. Dawn Cromer (Brooks ) 10:21.77, 10. Brittany Somers (Unat) 10:22.34, 11. Liz Wort (Brooks) 10:29.37, 12. A'Havahla Haynes (Wi) 10:48.81
<u>2/</u>	1. Barringer 9:48.50, 2. Willard 9:52.06, 3. Strickland 9:53.43, 4. Messner-Vickers 9:53.78, 5. Gaffigan 9:55.24, 6. Lorenzen 9:58.92, 7. Lindsay Allen (Stan) 10:04.47, 8. Bridget Franek (Penn St) 10:11.56, 9. Kelly Strong (Asics) 10:13.70, 10. Sarah Madebach (Ga) 10:14.10, 11. Lindsay Sundell (Fla) 10:19.57, 12. Kathryn Andersen (Nik) 10:37.23

It was difficult to assess who was favorite going into the meet, though NCAA winner Barringer (with 9:29.20) was less than half a second off Lisa Galaviz's US record (9:28.75), and Willard (9:37 in May) and '04 OT exhibition event winner Gaffigan were also contenders. Bush set a Trials record of 9:49.53 in the heats, though this was 10 seconds off Gaffigan's OT exhibition win in 2004. Barringer set the pace in the final, passing 1000m in 3:05. Willard, Lindsay Anderson, Bush, Messner-Vickers, Galaviz and Di Crescenzo followed the pace closely. The last two started to tail off by halfway, and with a kilometer to go (6:19.8) the lead group was down to three. Willard went to the front with 600m to go, and Anderson then went by Barringer. Willard, who set a US record in winning was doubly happy, having just got engaged, and particularly noticeable, with bright pink streaks in her blond hair. Willard improved to 9:22.76 later in the year but Barringer took back her US record with 9:22.26 for 9<sup>th</sup> in the Olympic final, one place ahead of Willard.

#### 5000 Meters - July 4 20.55 Hr

1. Kara Goucher (Nik)	15:01.02
2. Jen Rhines (adi)	15:02.02
3. Shalane Flanagan (Nik)	15:02.81
4. Sara Slattery (adi)	15:18.88
5. Lauren Fleshman (Or TC)	15:23.18
6. Arianna Lambie (Nik)	15:29.99
7. Julie Culley (NYAC)	15:34.43
8. Rebecca Donaghue (N Bal)	15:35.48
9. Tasmin Fanning (VaT) 15:41.05, 10. Molly Huddle (Sauc) 15:42.19, 11. Melissa Cook (NBal) 15:48.44, 12. Maureen McCandless (NBal) 15:54.50, 13. Angela Bizzarri (Ill) 16:03.99, 14. Amy Hastings (adi) 16:07.03, 15. Teresa McWalters (Stan) 16:09.44. Renée Metivier Baille (Nik) – Dnf	

Heats - first 6 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 30, 20.50/21.15 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Flanagan 15:35.86, 2. McCandless 15:36.52, 3. Fleshman 15:36.79, 4. Cook 15:37.07, 5. Huddle 15:37.60, 6. Fanning 15:57.73, 7. Metivier Baille 15:44.44, 8. Bizzarri 15:45.78, 9. Emily Brown (TMn) 15:57.34, 10. Mandi Zemba (NBal) 16:15.72. Nicole Blood (Or) – Dnf
<u>2/</u>	1. Goucher 15:32.22, 2. Rhines 15:32.31, 3. Lambie 15:32.56, 4. Culley 15:36.50, 5. Donaghue 15:38.95, 6. Slattery 15:40.24, 7. McWalters 15:49.54, 8. Hastings 15:53.90, 9. Cack Ferrell (Or TC) 16:23.04. Julia Lucas (Reeb) – Dnf

The heats eliminated 3 finishers (as in 2004), and 2 more failed to finish. The first 3 laps of the race were insipid, averaging more than 75 seconds per circuit. One kilometer was reached in 3:08.36, and Arianna Lambie took over the pace, passing 2k in 6:10.20 and 3k in 9:12.68. At that point the leading pack was down to 6 athletes [Lambie, Flanagan, Fleshman, Goucher, Rhines and Slattery]. Up to the 4k point little changed, and then Flanagan took over. Within 100m after 4k (reached in 12:15.50), the field was split into two, with the short Rhines chasing Flanagan and Goucher bringing up the rear of the first echelon. The pace, which had been moving steadily at 73 pace was moved up to 71 in the 12<sup>th</sup> lap, and succeeded by laps of 67 and 65. The order was still the same with 200 to go, and Goucher went past Rhines with 150m to go, and caught Flanagan off the final curve. Rhines chased Goucher down the finishing straight, but

Goucher won by 7 meters with her last lap of 64.6, with the tired Flanagan 5 meters behind Rhines. The victory was [articularly satisfying for Goucher, who'd finished last in her heat 4 years earlier. All 3 made the Olympic final, the only track event – male or female – beyond 400m where the US managed to do so in 2008.

10000 Meters – June 27, 21.20 Hr

1. Shalane Flanagan (Nik)	31:34.81	(16:10.75/15:24.06)
1. Kara Goucher (Nik)	31:37.72	(16:11.00/15:26.72)
3. Amy Begley (Nik)	31:43.60	(16:11.30/15:32.30)
4. Katie McGregor (Reeb)	32:29.82	
5. Blake Russell (Reeb)	32:31.07	
6. Magdalena Lewy Boulet (Saucony)	32:45.06	
7. Sara Slattery (adi)	32:46.60	
8. Lisa Koll (Ia St)	33:09.87	

9. Molly Huddle (Saucony) 33:17.73, 10. Melissa Cook (NBal) 33:18.12, 11. Desiree Davila (Hans) 33:18.56, 12. Stephanie Rothstein (Unat) 33:22.86, 13. Amy Rudolph (adi) 33:33.34, 14. Amy Hastings (adi) 33:37.52, 15. Elva Dryer (Nik) 33:38.60, 16. Serena Burla (Riad) 33:40.40, 17. Allison Grace (Zap) 33:40.84, 18. Jill Steffens (Nbal) 33:51.88, 19. Melissa White (Hans) 33:54.35, 20. Sharon Thompson (Unat) 34:10.46, 21. Tara Storage (ROhSS) 34:24.84, 22. Heather Gibson (Asics) 34:28.00, 23. Kathy Newberry (NYAC) 34:34.20

The only contender not in the field was Deena Drossin, 2004 winner, who was concentrating on the Marathon. The temperature had reached 86o earlier in the day, and the athletes were over cautious with the first couple of laps, covered in 82 and 84 seconds, respectively. The pace improved, but even at halfway the time of 16:10.64 suggested that 32 minutes would likely be the finishing time, while 31:45 was required for the “A” standard. There were 6 in the leading bunch at 5000, with Flanagan, Goucher and 2004 fourth placer McGregor the only ones with the “A” standard. By 7km, only Begley was with Flanagan and Goucher. Begley, needing 31:45 took the lead in the 8<sup>th</sup> kilometer, which was reached in 25:38.29. Flanagan then took the lead, and while Goucher stayed in contact, Begley began to lose ground. With 2 laps to go she was 20 meters behind Flanagan. Goucher took the lead shortly before the bell, but Flanagan quickly went past her, and won by 20 meters thanks to her last lap of 66.42. Goucher finished off with 69.40 to qualify for Beijing, but the crowd was focusing on Begley. Requiring a last lap of 68.6 to make the “A” standard, she fought hard and crossed the line with 1.40 seconds to spare, much to the joy of the crowd. Her second 5k had been covered in 15:32.30 – a time she had beaten just once in her career, 3 years earlier. Flanagan went on to win a much merited bronze medal in the Olympics, despite having suffered food poisoning a couple of days prior to the race.

20 Kilometer Walk - July 6, 07.00 Hr

1. Joanne Dow (adi)	1:35:11
2. Teresa Vaill (WUSA)	1:36:35
3. Susan Armenta (Unat)	1:42:12
4. Sam Cohen (ParkA)	1:42:33
5. Jolene Moore (ParkA)	1:42:37
6. Stephanie Casey (Unat)	1:43:51
7. Solomiya Login (SE Pa AC)	1:44:09
8. Maria Michta (WUSA)	1:47:45

9. Caroline Kealty (Unat) 1:48:40, 10. Loretta Schuellein (WUSA) 1:49:04, 11. Susan Randall (MiaVTC) 1:49:15, 12. Margaret Ditchburn (Unat) 1:51:31, 13 Heidi Hauch (Unat) 2:12:01. Lauren Forgues (McRw) – Dnf; Kristen Furseth-Mullaney (PegAC) & Sara Standley-Gonzalez (Unat) – DQ.

Competing for the one available space, Joanne Dow reversed the placings of 2004, beating 45 year old Teresa Vaill to win her first Olympic selection at the third attempt. The top-5 had placed in the top-6 4 years earlier. Only Dow and Vaill had reached the “B” standard, so this turned out to be a straight duel. Vaill had been the oldest US female Olympian 4 years earlier, and now Dow, at 44 and 4 months, eclipsed that record.

Marathon – Boston, April 20, 08.00 Hr

1. Deena Kastor (Asics)	2:29:35
2. Magdalena Lewy Boulet (adi)	2:30:19
3. Blake Russell (Reeb)	2:32:40
4. Zoila Gomez (Unat)	2:33:53
5. Tera Moody (Boulder RC/adi)	2:33:54
6. Turena Johnson Lane (Brooks)	2:34:17
7. Ann Alyanak (Run Ohio)	2:34:46
8. Dot McMahan (Hanson Brooks)	2:35:02

9. Robyn Friedman (Unat)	2:35:02
10. Erin Moeller (Unat)	2:36:51

11. Kasie Enman (BAA) 2:37:14, 12. Megan Hepp (Unat) 2:37:29, 13. Desiree Davila (HBDP) 2:37:50, 14. Melissa White (HBDP) 2:37:53, 15. Veena Reddy (Unat) 2:38:08, 16. Sheri Piers (Dirigo) 2:38:46, 17. Linda Somers Smith (Asics) 2:38:49, 18. Sami Akbar (Reeb) 2:39:19, 19. Mary Akor (Unat) 2:39:34, 20. Sally Meyerhoff (Unat) 2:39:39. 124 finished, 20th - 2:39:39, 30th - 2:44:10, 100 - 2:50:17, 24 failed to finish

<http://www.usatf.org/events/2008/OlympicTrials-Marathon-Women/results.asp> [for complete result]

Magdalena Lewy Boulet, 5<sup>th</sup> in 2004, took the race by the scruff of the neck immediately. By 3 miles (17:27) she had a lead of 44 seconds, which was over a minute by 5 miles. She passed 10k in 35:40, and by 20k (70:46) the lead was up to 1:50. Behind her a pack of 8 were biding their time, waiting for Deena Kastor to make her move. Halfway was reached in 1:14:38 by Lewy Boulet, and 1:16:20 by the pack. Kastor began to make her move in the 16<sup>th</sup> mile. Only Russell could stay within spitting distance, and not for long. By 18 miles she was 19 seconds clear of Russell, but still 1:33 behind MLB. However, gains of 10 seconds a mile suddenly turned into gains of 20 seconds per mile. 1:15 behind at 20 miles became 8 seconds behind at 23 miles. Kastor was 5 seconds in front at 24 miles, and went away to win. It was her first OT win, but confirmed her as the USA's best marathoner – as she had been for 6 of the previous 7 years. Lewy Boulet held on well to finish second, with Russell, 4<sup>th</sup> in 2004, improving one position to take the final spot. Down on 90<sup>th</sup> place – with 2:49:48, was 1984 Olympic champion Joan Samuelson, at the age of 50.

100 Meters Hurdles - July 6, 17.40 Hr (+3.8w)

1. Lolo Jones (Asics)		12.29w
2. Damu Cherry (Nik)		12.58w
3. Dawn Harper (Unat)	(12.612)	12.62w
4. Nichole Denby (adi)	(12.619)	12.62w
5. Candice Davis (Unat)		12.66w
6. Ginnie Powell (Nik)		12.74w
7. Joanna Hayes (Nik)		12.96w
- Kellie Wells (Nik)		Dnc

Semifinals - first 4 qualify, July 6, 15.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Cherry 12.48, 2. Wells 12.58, 3. Hayes 12.68, 4. Powell 12.75, 5. Tiffany Ofili (Mi) 12.76, 6. Michelle Perry (Nik) 12.79, 7. Ellakisha O'Kelley ((Unat) 13.23, Laneisha Waller (Ill) 13.25 (+1.7w)
- 2/ 1. Jones 12.45, 2. Denby 12.54, 3. Harper 12.58, 4. Davis 12.76, 5. Gi-Gi Johnson (Nik) 12.82, 6. Yvette Lewis (Unat) 12.87, 7. Kristi Castlin (Va T) 13.00, 8. Shantia Moss (Ga T) 13.04 (+1.7w)

Quarterfinals - first 4 + 4 fastest losers qualify, July 5, 13.15/13.25 Hr

- 1/ 1. Wells 12.82, 2. Cherry 12.86, 3. Lewis 12.97, 4. Johnson 13.11, 5. Moss, 6. Ashlee Williams (Unat) 13.57, 7. Kimyon Broom (Cal) 14.11. Ashley Lodree (VSA) – Dnf (-1.3w)
- 2/ 1. Jones 12.59, 2. Harper 12.75, 3. Ofili 12.84, 4. Powell 12.87, 5. Waller 13.11, 6. Shalina Clarke (USC) 13.18, 7. Danielle Carruthers (Unat) 13.20, 8. April Garner (Shore) 13.54 (+1.1w)
- 3/ 1. Hayes 12.65, 2. Denby 12.74, 3. Davis 12.87, 4. Perry 12.92, 5. Castlin 12.93, 6. O'Kelley 13.07, 7. Lauren Smith (Unat) 13.19, 8. Jennifer Williams (Tex A&M) 13.56 (+1.7w)

Heats - first 4 plus 8 fastest losers qualify, July 5, 11.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Davis 12.92, 2. Powell 13.12, 3. Ofili 13.19, 4. Moss 13.33, 5. Smith 13.51, 6. Williams 13.55, 7. Jacquelyn Coward (Tn HS) 13.69 (-0.1w)
- 2/ 1. Wells 13.02, 2. Perry 13.13, 3. Denby 13.15, 4. Lodree 13.39, 5. Garner 13.63, 6. Sherlenia Green (Va T) 13.96. Hyleas Fountain (Nik) – Dnc (-2.6w)
- 3/ 1. Cherry 12.92, 2. Harper 13.01, 3. G.Johnson 13.09, 4. Castlin 13.14, 5. O'Kelley 13.15, 6. Waller 13.40, 7. A.Williams 13.57 (-0.4w)
- 4/ 1. Jones 12.68, 2. Hayes 12.74, 3. Lewis 12.93, 4. Carruthers 13.04, 5. Clarke 13.30, 7. Broom 13.55, 7. Landria Buckley (Unat) 13.73 (+1.5w)

Fastest in the heats was Jones, who ran 12.68 ahead of '04 Olympic champion Hayes (12.74), with the wind a friendly +1.5, having shifted from -2.6 in an earlier heat. Jones (12.59) and Hayes (12.65) were again the fastest later in the day in round two, displacing Damu Cherry (12.47 earlier in the season) as most likely to succeed. Cherry regained credibility in the semis with a 12.48 win in the first semi-final, ahead of Kellie Wells who ran a PR 12.58, but suffered a hamstring pull at the finish. Hayes and Powell qualified, eliminating double world champion Michelle Perry, also affected by a hamstring injury. Jones then ran a world leading 12.45 in the second semi-final, with both Denby (12.54) and Harper (12.58) running PRs behind her. Jones got a good start in the final, and steadily went away from the field, clocking a superb 12.29 to win by 3 meters from Cherry. Dawn Harper was a clear third at the 8<sup>th</sup> barrier, but she hit that hurdle hard and only just held off the faster finishing Nicole Denby, and her margin of 7/1000ths was effectively the difference

between not making the team and winning the Olympic gold medal!

**400 Meters Hurdles – June 29, 16.02 Hr**

5. 1. Tiffany Ross-Williams (Reeb)	54.03
8. 2. Queen Harrison (Va T)	54.60
4. 3. Sheena Tosta (Nik)	54.62
6. 4. Lashinda Demus (Nik)	54.76
3. 5. Christine Spence (Nik)	55.74
2. 6. Latosha Wallace (Asics)	55.85
1. 7. Angel Perkins (adi)	56.23
7. -. Miriam Barnes (Nik)	DQ/Dnf

**Semifinals - first 4 qualify, June 28, 16.10 Hr**

<u>1/</u>	1. Tosta 54.95, 2. Barnes 55.35, 3. Harrison 56.04, 4. Wallace 56.15, 5. Melinda Sallins (Unat) 56.39, 6. Shelenia Green (Va T) 57.06, 7. Meka Rembert-Thompson (Exec) 57.74, 8. Deseria Brown (Sn II E) 59.66
<u>2/</u>	1. Ross-Williams 54.75, 2. Demus 55.70, 3. Spence 55.82, 4. Perkins 56.08, 5. Markita James (Nik) 56.18, 6. Jennifer Grossarth (Unat) 56.37, 7. Dominique Darden (Unat) 56.54, 8. Erin Crawford (Unat) 59.49

**Heats - first 3 plus 4 fastest losers qualify, June 27, 18.30 Hr**

<u>1/</u>	1. Tosta 56.07, 2. Wallace 56.67, 3. Harrison 57.16, 4. Crawford 58.30, 5. LaToya James (NC) 58.64, 6. Talaya Owens (Al) 59.50, 7. Erica Moore (In St) 59.70
<u>2/</u>	1. Demus 56.98, 2. Sallins 57.15, 3. Grossarth 58.81, 4. Kathleen LaValley (Mi) 59.62, 5. Ashley Brown (Kans) 61.21. Jacquelyn Coward (Ca HS) & Sandra Glover (Nik) – Dnc
<u>3/</u>	1. Ross-Williams 55.47, 2. Darden 56.55, 3. James 56.63, 4. Perkins 57.14, 5. De.Brown 57.15, 6. Rembert-Thompson 58.30. Tacita Bass (Exec) – Dnc
<u>4/</u>	1. Barnes 56.23, 2. Spence 57.49, 3. Green 58.12, 4. Da.Brown 58.74, 5. Ryann Kraiss (Pa HS) 59.39, 6. Nicole Leach (UCLA) 60.90

Ross-Williams was the fastest in the heats and semis, running 55.47 and 54.75. Only Sheena Tosta, winner of the first semi-final with 54.75, was able to join Ross-Williams under 55 seconds, as the breezes which affected the men’s 400 hurdle times took their toll on the women as well. These two, together with LaShinda Demus, the only American under 54 seconds in 2008, were regarded as the likely team members. Demus led early on in the final, but Ross-Williams caught her at the 7<sup>th</sup> hurdle, and was thereafter never headed. Behind the two leaders Barnes and Tosta were battling for third, with Harrison in fifth. Barnes then hit the 8<sup>th</sup> hurdle and fell into Harrison’s lane, with the latter taking evasive action to avoid colliding with Barnes. Harrison then showed great poise, passing Tosta and catching Demus 10 meters from the line. Demus, who had struggled at the last hurdle, went from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in the space of a second missing Olympic selection.

**High Jump - July 4, 19.30 Hr**

		1.84	1.89	1.91	1.93	1.95	1.97	2.00
1. Chaunte Howard (GaT)	6'4 ¾" (1.95)	xo	o	o	o	o	o	xxx
2. Amy Acuff (Asics)	6'4" (1.93)	o	o	o	o	x	xx	
3. Sharon Day (Asics)	6'3 ¼" (1.91)	o	xo	xo	xxx			
4. Deirdre Mullen (Shore)	6'3 ¼" (1.91)	o	xxo	xxo	x	xx		
5. Sheena Gordon (Unat)	6'2 ¼" (1.89)	xo	xo	xxx				
6. Destinee Hooker (Unat)	6'2 ¼" (1.89)	o	xxo	xxx				
7. Gwen Wentland (Nik)	6'0 ½" (1.84)	o	xxx					
=8. Ifoma Olausson (Unat)	6'0 ½" (1.84)	xo	xxx					
=8. Adriane Stone (Unat)	6'0 ½" (1.84)	xo	xxx					

10. Raevan Harris (Aub) 6'0 ½" (1.84), 11. Becky Christiansen (Harv) 6'0 ½" (1.84), 12. Amber Kaufman (Unat) 5'10 ½" (1.79) Liz Patterson (Az) – No height, Shanay Briscoe (Tex HS) – Dnc

Qualifying: June 30, 19.15 Hr: Automatic qualifying 6'2 ¾" - All finalists cleared 5'11 ½" (1.82) except Briscoe, Christiansen, Gordon and Harris who cleared 5'10 ½" (1.79) – 1<sup>st</sup> attempt. . Non-qualifiers: Beth Ann Costagno (Shore), Jasmin Day (Az), Desirae Gonder (CSN) 5'10 ½" (1.79) , Epley Bullock (Neb), Renee Hein (Unat), Carin Knight (Ct), Ann Louise Larsen (Unat), Victoria Lucas (Tex HS), Inika McPherson (Cal), Britney Rogers (Unat), Kaylene Wagner (Unat) (all no heights (1.79). Tisha Waller (unat) - Dnc

Acuff and Howard were favored to repeat again – in Acuff’s case it would be a prospective 4<sup>th</sup> Olympic selection. When the bar was raised to 6'4" Acuff, with a clean card led from Howard (one miss at 6'0 ½"), and were accompanied by Sharon Day and Deidre Mullen. However, neither could clear that height, leaving Day with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Olympic spot; both Howard and Acuff cleared 6'4", and Howard then went on to make 6'4 ¾" and 6'5 ½". A happy Acuff attributed her failure to make a height beyond 6'4" to making the team – “As soon as I knew I was on the team, I lost my mind and composure for jumping. Just getting in the top-3, that’s all that matters”.

<b>Pole Vault - July 6, 15.40 Hr</b>		4.45	4.50	4.55	4.60	4.65	4.76	4.92	5.02
1. Jenn Stuczynski (adi)	16'1 3/4" (4.92)	p	p	p	xxo	o	o	xxo	xxp
2. April Steiner Bennett (adi)	15'1 " (4.60)	p	o	p	xo	xxx			
3. Erica Bartolina (Unat)	14'11" (4.55)	xxo	p	xxo	xxx				
4. Jillian Schwartz (Nik)	14'9" (4.50)	p	o	xxx					
5. Tracy O'Hara (Unat)	14'9" (4.50)	p	xo	xxx					
6. Becky Holliday (Unat)	14'9" (4.50)	p	xxo	xxx					
=7. Chelsea Johnson (UCLA)	14'5 1/4" (4.40)								
=7. Stacy Dragila (Nik)	14'5 1/4" (4.40)								
=7. Mary Vincent (Asics)	14'5 1/4" (4.40)								

=10. Lacy Janson (Nik) & Melinda Owen (Id) 14'5 1/4" (4.40). Erin Asay (Unat) – No height.

Qualifying: 3 July, 19.10 Hr – Automatic qualifier 14'9" (4.50). Asay, O'Hara & Owen cleared 13'9 1/4" (4.20), all other finalists cleared 14'1 1/4" (4.30). Non-qualifiers: Tori Anthony (UCLA), Kate Conwell (CNW), Kylie Hutson (In St), April Kubishta (Az St), Elly Rudy (Mt St) & Katie Stripling (Ark) 13'5 1/4" (4.10). The following no heighted: - Natalie Moser (Fla), Katelin Rains (Mank), Brysun Stately (Unat), Nicole McEwen (Nik), Ingrid Kantola (Unat), Andree Pickens (Unat)

The strong following winds caused problems for some of the jumpers, but even so – when the bar reached 14'9" there were still 11 athletes in the competition. Surprisingly, Stacy Dragila and 15 footer Chelsea Johnson both failed at that height, and only 4 athletes cleared (with 2 passing). At 14'11" Schwartz, O'Hara & Holliday all failed, while the least fancied of the 4 jumpers going at that height – Erica Bartolina made the height on her last jump. At 15'1" April Steiner Bennett cleared on her second jump, while Jenn Stuczynski, attempting her first height of the afternoon, cleared (easily) on her final jump at the height. From then on it was the Stuczynski show, as she cleared 15'3" and a Trials record 15'7 1/4" first time, before getting over 16'1 3/4" for a US record, and then had two reasonable jumps at a WR 16'5 1/2". Stuczynski went on to win the silver medal in Beijing.

#### Long Jump - July 15, 17.45 Hr

1. Brittney Reese (Nik)	22'9 1/2"	(6.95)	+1.4	6.49/6.52/7.6/6.66/6.79/6.95
2. Grace Upshaw (Nik)	22'7"	(6.88)	+1.8	6.60/x/6.88/6.45/6.61/6.50
3. Funmi Jimoh (Nik)	22'0 3/4"w	(6.72)	+2.1	6.37w/6.72w/6.41/6.51/6.47w/6.15
4. Hyleas Fountain (Nik)	21'11 3/4"	(6.70)	-1.0	x/6.60w/6.44/6.70/6.60/x
5. Tianna Madison (Tenn)	21'7 1/4"w	(6.58)	+2.1	6.48/6.53/6.58w/4.94/6.37/6.19
6. Ola Sesay (Unat)	21'6 3/4"	(6.57)	+1.5	6.41/6.57/6.43/x/6.50/6.19
7. Shameka Marshall (Shore)	21'6"	(6.55)	-1.6	6.24/x/6.51/6.55/6.43/6.53
8. Akiba McKinney (Unat)	21'5 1/2"	(6.54)	+0.2	x/6.54/x/6.47/x/6.54

9. Rose Richmond (Nik) 21'0 3/4" (6.42)/+1.9, 10. Erica McLain (Nik) 20'11 1/4" (6.38), 11. Brianna Glenn (Unat) 20'6 1/4" (6.25)/+1.8, 12. Jeoni Maduka (Corn) 19'6 1/4" (5.95)/+1.8

Qualifying: July 12, 20.40 Hr, 21'11 3/4"/6.70 or top-12 – Fountain 21'10 1/4" (6.66)/+1.6, Reese 21'8 3/4" (6.62)/-0.7, Jimoh 21'8 1/4" (6.61)/+1.0, McKinney 21'6 1/4" (6.56)/+0.8, Glenn 21'5 1/4" (6.53)/0.0, Upshaw & Richmond 21'4" (6.50), Sesay 21'3 1/2" (6.49), Madison 21'2" (6.45), McLain 21'0 3/4" (6.42), Marshall 21'0"w (6.40), Maduka 20'10" (6.35) 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: Jenny Adams (adi) 20'6 1/2" (6.26), April Holliness (Nik) 20'5 3/4" (6.24), Antonette Carter (Asics) 20'4 1/4" (6.20), Kiamesha Otey (Unat) 20'3 1/2" (6.18), Lela Nelson (Nik) 20'1" (6.12), Mindy Neeley (McClurkin) 20'0 1/2" (6.11), Gayle Hunter (Penn St) 19'9 3/4" (6.04), Natasha Harvey (Jack) 19'9 1/2" (6.03), Janay deLoach (Col St) 19'7 1/2" (5.98), Alesha Walker (NM) 19'6 1/4" (5.95), Tisifene Taylor (Mon TC) 19'2 3/4" (5.86), Tori Polk (Unat) 19'2" (5.84), Shaquania Lundy (Jack) 19'1 1/4" (5.82), Lorian Price (Unat) 19'0 3/4" (5.81), Ronda White (Unat) 18'11 1/4" (5.77)

No-one reached the automatic qualifying distance, with the preliminary round headed by Fountain's 21'10 1/2". With the wind fluctuating between -1.6 and +4.3, conditions were difficult for judging the run-up. Nevertheless, the athletes produced only 12 foul jumps in the competition. 2004 Olympian Grace Upshaw led at the end of round one with 21'7 3/4", but Funmi Jimoh confirmed her 2008 improvement (from 6.46 to 6.91) with 6.72w in round two. This lasted until the next round, when NCAA champion Reese hit 22'2 1/4" to be followed later in the round by Upshaw's 22'7". Fountain closed up with 21'11 3/4" in round four, but then it was Reese who supplied the fireworks, first with a slight improvement to 22'3 1/2" in round five, and then a final round PR of 22'9 3/4". All 3 Olympians made the Beijing final, with Reese the best of the US jumpers with 22;2 1/4" for fifth place.

#### Triple Jump - June 29, 14.25 Hr

1. Shani Marks (Nik)	47'2 1/4"	(14.38)	-0.2w	x/13.76/14.38/14.02/x/13.69
2. Shakeema Welsch (Walker) (Unat)	46'10"w	(14.27)	+3.5w	13.99/13.86/13.95/13.93w/14.27w/14.01
3. Erica McLain (Nik)	45'9 3/4"	(13.96)	+0.4w	x/13.80/13.96/13.53w/13.44w/13.44

4. Yvette Lewis (Unat)	45'5"	(13.84)	+0.5w	13.84/13.47/13.50w/13.18/13.84/x
5. Amanda Thieschafer (Unat)	45'5"	(13.84)	+1.0w	13.69/13.51/13.41/13.56/13.65/13.84
6. Toni Smith (Ok)	45'3 3/4"	(13.81)	+1.2w	13.09/13.71/13.45/13.19/13.81/13.74
7. Simidele Adeagbo (Nik)	44'10 1/4"w	(13.67)	+2.6w	13.36w/13.67w/x/13.56/x/13.67
8. Crystal Manning (Kans)	43'10"	(13.36)	+1.9w	13.36/12.98/13.09/13.26w/13.09w/x

9. Sherita Williams (GBTC) 43'7 1/4" (13.29)/+1.8, 10. Brandy Depland (Unat) 43'0 1/2" (13.12)/+1.0, 11. Brittany Grovey (TVA) 42'9 1/2" (13.04)/+1.0, 12. Tomika Ferguson (Unat) 42'8 1/4" (13.01)/+1.7.

Qualifying: June 27, 17.40 Hr, 44'7 1/2" (13.60) or top-12: Marks 47'0 3/4"w (14.34)/+2.1, Smith 45'10 3/4" (13.99)/+1.8, Adeagbo 45'10 3/4" (13.99)/+2.0, McLain 45'9 3/4" (13.96)/+2.0, Lewis 45'6 1/2"w (13.88)/+4.2, Thieschafer 45'1 3/4"w (13.76)/+3.7, Welsch 45'1" (13.74)/+1.8, Manning 44'11"w (13.69)/+3.0, Grovey 44'5 1/2" (13.55)/+1.6, Williams 44'4 1/4" (13.52)/+2.0, Depland 44'2 3/4"w (13.48)/+2.2, Ferguson 44'2 1/2" (13.47)/+0.5.

Non-qualifiers: Sheena Gordon (Unat) 44'0 1/2"w (13.42)/+3.3, Tahari James (BU) 43'11 3/4" (13.40)/+1.8, Colleen Scott (Unat) 43'11 1/4"w (13.39)/+3.5, April Williams (P2P) 43'11 1/4"w (13.39)/+2.9, Tamara Highsmith (Ct) 43'8 3/4" (13.33)/+2.0, Ronda White (Unat) 43'8 1/2"w (13.32)/+2.9, Tiombe Hurd (Nik) 43'6"w (13.26)/+3.3w, Alyce Williams (P2P) 43'4 1/2"w (13.22)/+3.3, Blessing Ufodiama (VSA) 43'0 1/2" (13.12)/+1.8, Renee Williams (UCLA) 41'1"w (12.52). Neidra Covington (TCU) and Pascale Delaunay (Cheet) – Dnc.

Shani Marks had twice reached the "A" standard of 46'7" (14.20) in 2008, and led the qualifiers with a wind aided 47'0 3/4". Pre-meet favorite Welsch took the lead in the final with the second jump of the competition – 45'10 3/4" (13.99), and held it until Marks boomed the winning jump of 47'2 1/4" in the third round, becoming the third American to legally exceed 47'0". Welsch reacted well, reaching 46'10"w in round five, but it was not enough. Having placed second in 2004, Welsch repeated – only to suffer the same fate of not being selected because she hadn't reached the "A" standard (her best was 14.17) – particularly unfortunate on this occasion, as she got the distance, but with illegal wind. Third placer McLain did have the requisite performance, and so was selected.

#### Shot Put - July 5, 13.50 Hr

1. Michelle Carter (Unat)	61'10 1/4"	(18.85)		18.37/18.85/17.45/17.72/18.16/18.49
2. Kristin Heaston (Nik)	60'2"	(18.34)		17.86/16.97/17.68/18.34/18.32/17.56
3. Jill Camarena (NYAC)	59'5 1/2"	(18.12)		18.12/x/x/x/17.64/18.01
4. Chandra Brewer (Unat)	59'2"	(18.03)		18.03/16.54/16.73/16.92/16.98/16.75
5. Liz Wanless (NYAC)	58'11 1/2"	(17.97)		17.88/17.97/17.63/17.86/17.68/17.60
6. Susan King (Mem)	58'10"	(17.93)		17.26/17.93/17.15/x/17.49/x
7. Jessica Pressley (Az St)	58'9 1/2"	(17.92)		16.96/17.92/17.40/x/17.24/x
8. Abigail Ruston (Unat)	57'1 1/2"	(17.41)		

9. Gail Lee (Unat) 54'5 1/2" (16.60), 10. Adriane Blewit (Unat) 54'1 3/4" (16.50), 11. Sarah Stevens (Az St) 53'0 1/4" (16.16), 12. Patience Knight (Tex T) 52'9 1/2" (16.09).

Qualifying: July 3, 09.20 Hr, 57'5" (17.50) or top-12: Carter 60'1 3/4" (18.33), Camarena 58'7 1/2" (17.87), Heaston 57'10 1/2" (17.64), Wanless 57'7" (17.55), Lee 56'10 1/4" (17.33), Brewer 56'10" (17.32), Pressley 56'7 1/2" (17.26), Ruston 56'5 3/4" (17.21), King 55'10 1/4" (17.02), Stevens 55'9 3/4" (17.01), Blewitt 55'9 1/4" (17.00), Knight 53'9" (16.38). Non-qualifiers: Robyn Jarocki (Unat) 52'9 1/4" (16.08), Khadija Talley (Mia) 51'7 1/4" (15.73), Rachel Jansen (Nn Ia) 51'3" (15.62), Aubrey Baxter (B Hills) 51'1 3/4" (15.59), Ashley Muffett (Ky) 50'2 1/2" (15.30), Krishna Lee (Mo) 49'7 1/4" (15.12), Aja Evans (Ill) 49'3 3/4" (15.03), Jen Steiner (Unat) 48'3 1/2" (14.72)

Michelle Carter had the genetic blessing of being the daughter of Michael Carter, High School record holder in the shot from the 1970's, and the curse of excessive expectations because of those genes. A 59'11" putter 3 years earlier she had stagnated...until reaching 60'1 3/4" in the qualifying round. She then produced an "A" standard effort of 60'3 1/4" in the first round, before improving in the next round to 61'10 1/4". Behind her Kristina Heaston trailed Jill Camarena's 59'5 1/2" for the first half of the competition before getting over 60'0" twice to ensure second position. Camarena's opening effort held up for third, but 4 other athletes were within 8 inches of her 59'5 1/2". Both Camarena and Carter went on to make the Olympic final, the first Americans to do so in the event since 1996.

#### Discus Throw – June 29, 15.15 Hr

1. Aretha Thurmond (Nik)	213'11" (65.20)		60.89/65.20/58.84/57.98/x/59.82
2. Suzy Powell (Asics)	206'5" (62.92)		59.88/58.95/62.55/59.69/59.51/62.92
3. Stephanie Brown Trafton (Nik)	205'6" (62.65)		x/60.24/60.43/62.65/x/60.52
4. Becky Breisch (Nik)	200'3" (61.04)		60.36/59.52/61.04/x/56.25/55.19
5. Cecilia Barnes (Unat)	186'8" (56.91)		
6. Summer Pierson (Unat)	186'0" (56.69)		
7. Kelechi Anyanwu (Unat)	178'10" (54.51)		
8. Tai Battle (Az St)	177'11" (54.22)		

9. Katie Corner (TOD) 175'6" (53.49), 10. Khadija Talley (Mia) 175'6" (53.49), 11. Rachel Longfors (Asics) 175'4" (53.44), 12. Rachel Varner (Unat) 174'7" (53.23)

Qualifying: June 27, 19.50 Hr, 196'10" (60.00) or top-12: Brown Trafton 208'8" (63.61), Powell 201'5" (61.39), Thurmond 201'1"

(61.29), Breisch 198'2" (60.41), Pierson 193'11" (59.12), Anyanwu 185'1" (56.42), Longfors 181'10" (55.42), Barnes 176'8" (53.86), Varner 175'10" (53.61), Corner 174'4" (53.15), Talley 173'3" (52.80). Non-qualifiers: Ronda Gullatte (TOD) 171'4" (52.22), Jeré Summers (Louis) 169'11" (51.80), Melissa Bickett (Unat) 169'0" (51.53), D'Andra Carter (Tex T) 167'9" (51.14), Emily Pendleton (Mi) 164'2" (50.05), Kate Hutchinson (USC) 162'7" (49.56), Ana Jelmini (Ca HS) 160'6" (48.92), Merritt Dietz (Ok St) 160'4" (48.88), Billie-Jo Grant (Va) 159'6" (48.62), Jenney Larson (Unat) 158'5" (48.30), Annie Hess (Conc/Or) 153'2" (46.68). Gia Lewis (Unat) – 3 fouls.

Stephanie Brown Trafton had the second longest throw in the world (217'1") at the time of the Trials, and she led the qualifiers by more than 2 meters with 208'8". The final was a different matter, with the honors being taken by two time Olympians Aretha Thurmond (né Hill) and Suzy Powell. Thurmond took the lead with the third throw of the competition – 199'9", and never relinquished it booming her second throw out to a winning 213'11". Powell obtained her third Olympic selection with her third throw of 205'2", and consolidated her position with a sixth round 206'5". Brown Trafton dueled with Becky Breisch for the third spot, overtaking her for the second time with her 4<sup>th</sup> round 205'6". The conditions hadn't been conducive to big throwing – Summer Pierson threw 186'0" – as she had done at the 2004 Trials – and placed 6<sup>th</sup> (as compared with 9<sup>th</sup> four years earlier). Afterwards Brown Trafton said "I can't tell you how honored I am to be on the team with these tow ladies. It's hard to think at the moment". She collected her thoughts pretty well, becoming a surprise Olympic champion in Beijing with 64.74m

#### Hammer Throw - July 5, 13.10 Hr

1. Jessica Cosby (Nik)	232'0" (70.72)	70.72/69.56/70.00/68.49/x/69.94
2. Amber Campbell (Mjolnir)	227'2" (69.24)	69.07/x/67.53/67.58/67.42/69.24
3. Sarah Veress (Unat)	225'1" (68.60)	67.46/x/64.74/65.00/68.60/64.51
4. Loree Smith (NYAC)	220'2" (67.11)	66.74/67.11/x/x/64.45/x
5. Kristal Yush (Unat)	215'6" (65.69)	
6. Keturah Lofton (Unat)	215'2" (65.58)	
7. Kelly Godsey (Unat)	215'1" (65.57)	
8. Melissa Myerscough (Unat)	214'5" (65.35)	

9. Cari Soong (TXO) 213'5" (65.04), 10. Brittany Hinchcliffe (TXO) 213'0" (64.92), 11. Brittany Riley (Sn III) 211'5" (64.44), 12. Erin Gilreath (NYAC) 208'4" (63.50) /// Qualifying: July 3, 19.00 Hr, 224'9" (68.50) or top-12: Cosby 228'8" (69.70), Smith 223'3" (68.06), Yush 220'3" (67.14), Riley 219'6" (66.90), Campbell and Veress 219'0" (66.77), Godsey 217'3" (66.22), Gilreath 216'9" (66.08), Hinchcliffe 214'8" (65.43), Soong 212'4" (64.73), Lofton 212'3" (64.71), Myerscough 212'3" (64.69). Non-qualifiers: Leslie Coons (Unat) 209'7" (63.88), Amy Haapanen (Unat) 207'7" (63.29), Bethany Hart (Shore) 207'3" (63.17), Britney Henry (adi) 207'0" (63.09), McKenzie Garberg (Wa St) 200'7" (61.14), Loren Groves (Ks St) 199'9" (60.89), Ashley Harbin (Laf) 199'2, Kate Burton (Wy) and Vanessa Wilhelm (Unat) 194'6" (59.29), Elizabeth Alabi (Unat) 194'4" (59.23), Kristen Callan (Unat) 192'3" (58.60). Chandra Andrews (Unat) – 3 fouls.

The qualifying standard for the final was upped from 63.50 in 2004 by 5 meters. Only Cosby, attaining the Olympic "A" standard made that level, but 12 throwers did get beyond 64 meters – compared with 61.81 for 12<sup>th</sup> in the 2004 qualifying round. In the final the top 3 positions were settled by the end of the first round. Veress threw 221'4", to be overtaken by Campbell's 226'7" and, on the next throw, Cosby with 232'0". Four of Cosby's throws exceeded Campbell's best of 227'2", and she was duly selected, along with Campbell and Loree Smith, as Sarah Veress did not have an "A" standard mark to her name.

#### Javelin Throw – June 30, 20.20 Hr

1. Kara Patterson (Purdue)	191'9" (58.44)	55.56/54.72/58.44/58.04/x/58.15
2. Dana Pounds (AF)	189'8" (57.83)	52.19/57.83/x/57.42/x/x
3. Rachel Yurkovich (Or)	185'1" (56.41)	51.64/49.22/51.36/51.05/50.66/56.41
4. Kim Kreiner (Kent)	183'5" (55.90)	
5. Alicia DeShasier (Unat)	175'5" (53.48)	
6. Katie Coronado (NM)	174'1" (53.06)	
7. Kayla Wilkinson (Neb)	173'0" (52.73)	
8. Lindsey Blaine (Nik)	168'7" (51.38)	

9. Ruby Radocaj (Mn) 167'5" (51.04), 10. Amy Backel (Ok) 164'4" (50.08), 11. Samantha Ford (Unat) 159'0" (48.46), 12. Mallory Webb (Unat) 155'4" (47.36)

// Qualifying: June 28, 12.45 Hr, 180'5" (55.00) or top-12: Pounds 187'10" (57.25), Kreiner 177'4" (54.02), DeShasier 176'6" (53.80), Patterson and Radocaj 175'9" (53.57), Yurkovich 172'5" (52.55), Backel 170'10" (52.08), Ford 170'1" (51.85), Blaine 169'5" (51.65), Coronado 168'5" (51.34), Wilkinson 164'1" (50.01), Webb 159'1" (48.48). Non-qualifiers: Lisa Brown (Gad) 157'9" (48.08), Anna Raynor (KK) 157'3" (47.95), Deloma Miller (Unat) 154'5" (47.07), Heidi Nadeau (Penn St) 154'3" (47.02), Ashley McCrea (Or) 153'2" (46.70), Inger Appanaitis (Nev) 153'0" (46.63), Stephanie Zollman (Unat) 152'8" (46.54), Hannah Warfield (Unat) 150'2" (45.77), Jessica Wingfield (Tex A&M) 147'11 (45.09), Alexandria Shaw (LB St) 147'1" (44.85), Carly Bloomfield (Unat) 145'2" (44.24).

Kara Patterson and Kim Kreiner were the only throwers to have reached the “A” standard of 60.50, and this was the determining factor for Olympic selection. Patterson led after the first round with 182’3”, and reacted well to Pounds’ second round 189’8” by coming up with two throws over 190’ to book her ticket to Beijing. Kreiner, carrying a plantar fascia foot injury finished out of the top 3 with 183’5” with her only fair throw, but it was enough for selection.

**Heptathlon – June 27/28**

1. Hyleas Fountain (Nik)	(3989-1) 6667
12.65w/1.81/13.67/23.31/6.88/48.15/2:27.69	
2. Jacquelyn Johnson (Nik)	(3717-3) 6347
13.12w/1.78/12.94/24.48/6.45w/47.71/2:20.07	
3. Diana Pickler (Asics)	(3750-2) 6257
13.13w/1.84/11.77/24.11/6.24/42.40/2:16.59	
4. Gi-Gi Johnson (Nik)	(3671-4) 6247
12.83w/1.66/12.20/23.38/6.42w/42.46/2:15.88	
5. Liz Roehrig (Mn)	(3598-6) 5819
14.12w/1.78/13.16/24.36/6.02w/37.26/2:25.51	
6. Fiona Asigbee (Unat)	(3589-7) 5789
13.80/1.78/13.16/24.95/5.99/36.74/2:25.64	
7. Ashley Wilhelm (Unat)	(3421-9) 5747
13.85w/1.72/12.25/25.25w/6.03/36.91/2:17.42	
8. Jackie Poulson (Poc TC)	(3408-10) 5741
14.03w/1.69/13.13/25.34w/5.49/46.11/2:17.97	

9. Bettie Wade (Mi) 5723, 10. Rynne DuPree (Unat) 5697, 11. Kasey Hill (Unat) 5687, 12. Dani McNaney (Unat) 5593, 13. Buky Bamigboye (Gtn) 5352. Dnf – Julie Pickler (Asics) (6 events) 4764, , Shevell Quinley (AZ) 6-4751, Abbie Stechsculte (Unat) 6-4360, Lela Nelson (Nik) 4-2513, Gayle Hunter (Penn St) 4-2293

Hyleas Fountain dominated the event from the gun of the 100 hurdles. She ran 12.65w, and scored 1178 points. She was still in 7000+ territory when the Javelin began. Only in the High Jump did she fail to set a PR on the first day. Behind her Diane Pickler and the 2 Johnson’s waged a fierce battle for the 2 remaining Olympic spots, with Jacquelyn Johnson eventually establishing a hold over the runner-up position. The fight for third continued right down to the wire. After the first day Gi-Gi Johnson was 79 points behind Pickler, but by the time the Javelin finished the margin was down to 20 points, and in the end Pickler scraped home with 10 points to spare. All of the top 4 scored lifetime bests, and Fountain’s 6667 was the best in the world at that time in 2008. Fountain went on to score 6619 in Beijing, and came away with the silver medal.