

SPORTS

World Competes in Eugene

Memorable start for US athletes

(AP) --The Americans won nine medals on home turf Sunday at the world championships in Eugene in what will go down as one of the most memorable days for U.S. track and field in its long, successful history. It was the best single medal day for a nation at worlds, according to meet organizers.

Hurdler Devon Allen's false start kept the U.S. from a possible sweep in the 110-meter final and what could've been the 10th medal of the day.

The speedster-slash-receiver will now take his talents to the football field, where he'll attempt to make the roster for the Philadelphia Eagles. It was hardly the way he wanted to finish at worlds.

Allen's disappointment hardly spoiled a day in which the recording of the "Star-Spangled Banner" got worn out.

It began with the hammer throw, where Brooke Andersen took gold and Janee' Kssanavoid won bronze.



Gold medalist Grant Holloway of the United States poses after a final in the men's 110-meter hurdles at the World Athletics Championships Sunday in Eugene. (AP photo)

That was a warmup act for the night session, where seven medals piled up in a span of about 10 minutes.

The women's pole vaulters led the run with Katie Nageotte and Sandi Morris finishing 1-2.

Moments later — and following a delay as Allen unsuccessfully pleaded his case to officials to remain the race — Grant Holloway defended his hurdles title, with Trey Cunningham close behind in second.

Around the same time, the shot putters wrapped up a podium sweep with two-time Olympic champion Ryan Crouser taking gold, Joe Kovacs earning silver and Josh Awotunde finishing with bronze.

All this came an evening after Fred Kerley, Marvin Bracy and Trayvon Bromell swept the 100. It got Crouser thinking of what was possible in his event.

The competition continues through this week and weekend.

Building Confidence, Self Esteem



Providing life-changing opportunities through sports and physical activity to kids with multiple disabilities, the Northwest Association for Blind Athletes prepares to host its seventh summer program, Camp Spark, opening Friday, July 28 on the Linfield University Campus in McMinnville.

Teen Advances in Chess



Zoey Tang, 14, of Portland, is one of the nation's best chess players for girls her age. (KATU photo)

Zoey Tang of Portland is 14 years old and is competing this summer in one of the nation's top chess tournaments, one of only 10 players who qualified for the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship in Saint Louis, Mo.

Tang, who will be a freshman at Westview High School this fall, is rated the top chess player in the U.S. and third in the world for girls her age.

She also gives back to her community, recently founding the non-profit Puddletown Chess with her brother and friend to make chess accessible to everyone in Oregon through free lessons and tournaments.