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Dunellen Native Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone Qualifies for USA Track and Field Team for the 2024 Paris Olympics; Breaks Women’s 400-meter Hurdles World Record for a 5th Time

Dunellen, NJ – July 1, 2024 - On Sunday, June 30, Dunellen native Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone secured her spot on the USA Track and Field Team for the 2024 Paris Olympics and broke the women’s world record for the 400-meter hurdles race for a fifth time with a decisive victory at the US Olympic Trials finals at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon.

McLaughlin-Levrone’s path to her third Olympic Games started on Thursday, June 27 where she was victorious in the first round of the Olympic Trials with a time of 53.07 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles race. Her momentum continued on Saturday, June 29, taking first in the semi-finals with a time of 52.48 seconds. She officially qualified for USA Track and Field Team with a third victory on Sunday, June 30, in the Olympic Trials finals where she made history once again, breaking the women’s world record in the 400-meter hurdles race for a fifth time, completing the race in 50.65 seconds, taking 0.03 seconds off her previous world record, which she set in the very same location at the 2022 World Championships.

“The Borough of Dunellen could not be prouder of our hometown Olympian,” said Mayor Jason F. Cilento. “Sydney’s hard work and dedication has earned her the honor of representing our country at the Olympic Games for a third time, and she continues to inspire us all with her incredible achievements and unparalleled passion. Our Miracle Mile is thrilled to see her excel on a global stage, and we can’t wait to see what she’ll accomplish in Paris. Good luck Sydney!”

Sydney’s Olympic career began in 2016 when she competed in the Rio Games at only 17 years old. Her next appearance would see her capture two gold medals in the 2020 Tokyo Games in her signature event, the 400-meter hurdles, as well as the 4x400-meter relay. As she prepares for her third Olympic Games, Sydney looks to defend her title and add to her already impressive legacy.

The schedule for the Women’s 400-meter Hurdles events is as follows:

- Round 1 – Sunday, August 4 at 6:35 AM ET
- Repechage Round – Monday, August 5 at 4:50 AM ET
- Semi-Finals – Tuesday, August 6 at 2:07 PM ET

- Finals – Thursday, August 8 at 3:25 PM ET

The 2024 Olympics will be airing primarily on NBC with additional coverage on the USA Network, E!, GOLF Channel, and CNBC.

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