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WORLD MASTERS TRACK FIRST WEEK: USA SCORES 24 GOLD, 62 OVERALL MEDALS; FIVE BREAK WORLD RECORDS IN LYON

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(LYON, FRANCE) -- In the first week of the World Masters Championships (WMA) ongoing in Lyon, France, the USA team has won 24 golds to date and broken four world masters records and tied one. The team has amassed 62 medals overall. The meet began August 4 and ends August 16. Over 8,000 athletes are competing, and the US has 426.

In individual highlights:

Bruce McBarnette, 57 (Sterling VA), won his 12th world title in the high jump, the most of any high jumper in history.

World marks have been broken by Flo Meiler (W81) in the W80 Heptathlon; Christel Donley, also W80 just behind Flo but also breaking the old mark; Rita Hanscom, W60 Heptathlon; and Kathy Bergen, W75 who set a world record in the 200 meters and tied the high jump world mark.

PHOTOS below by Rob Jerome, the USA's credentialed onsite photographer:

Bruce McBarnette's 12th High Jump World Title jump at WMA Lyon, most in history: <http://www.weinerpublic.com/20150810-bruce.jpg>  
(Photo: Rob Jerome)

Flo Meiler, jumping during her world record and gold medal Heptathlon: <http://www.weinerpublic.com/20150810-flo.jpg>  
(Photo: Rob Jerome)

Rita Hanscom, jumping during her world record and gold medal Heptathlon: <http://www.weinerpublic.com/20150810-rita.jpg>  
(Photo: Rob Jerome)

Also at the meet, the USA is having a team party arranged by MTF Chair Gary Snyder, who heads the delegation, at 6:30 PM French time Friday August 14 at the Mercure Saxe Lafayette Hotel.

Phil Greenwald, team Manager, holds team meetings at 10:30 each morning at the Balmont Stadium, track on the day's complicated logistics (five venues) and schedule and is now busy arranging relay teams for USA to aim at Gold.

Full list of gold, silver, and bronze to date, with marks and home towns, below from Mary Trotto, USATF Awards Committee Chair:

#### WMA LYON 2015 USA MEDALISTS TO DATE

WORLD CHAMPIONS HIGHLIGHTED					
PL	Name	AGE	HOMETOWN	Event	Performance
3	Ayala-Troncoso, Carmine	W56	Austin, TX	8k x-c	31:35.00
2	Hurrell, Lynne	W81	Grass Valley, CA	8k X-C	48:46.00
1	Teague, Elizabeth	W41	EIPaso, TX	WEIGHT	13.55m
1	Meiler, Florence	W81	Shelburne, VT	HEPTATHLON	5730 WR
2	Donley, Christel	W80	Colorado Spr. CO	HEPTATHLON	5135 WR
1	Hanscom, Rita	W60	San Diego, CA	HEPTATHLON	5989 WR
2	Guest, Rachel	W40	Surprise, AZ	HEPTATHLON	5468 Pts
1	Goldhammer, John	M62	Claremont, CA	WEIGHT	20.26m
1	Finsrud, Carol	W58	Lockhart, TX	WEIGHT	13.59M
1	Meiler, Florence	W81	Shelburne, VT	TRIPLE JUMP	5.91M
2	Donley, Christel	W80	Colorado Spr. CO	TRIPLE JUMP	5.70M
3	Bernert, Brandi	W36	Denver, CO	100m	12.66
1	McGowan, Emmanuelle	W47	Hanover PK., IL	100m	12.85
3	Matthews, Brenda	W66	Anaheim, CA	100m	15.29
1	Bergen, Kathy	W75	LaCanada, CA	100m	16.31
1	Obera, Irene	W81	Fremont, CA	100m	17.57
2	Ridley, Babatunde	M37	Hyattsville, MD	100m	10.87
1	Pendland, Reggie	M46	Dallas, TX	100m	11.24
1	Tissenbaum, Allan	M55	Pittsburgh, PA	100m	12.05
2	Brown, Kenton	M70	Austin, TX	100m	13.20
2	Richards, Dick	M81	Encinitas, CA	100m	15.02
1	Hanscom, Rita	W61	San Diego, CA	HIGH JUMP	1.36m

1	Goldhammer, John	M62	Claremont,CA	HAMMER	56.42m
3	Mathews, George	M72	Snohomish, WA	WEIGHT	18.81m
1	Frost, Carol	W70	Lockhart, TX	JAVELIN	25.58m
1	Cohn, Linda	W61	Northridge,CA	JAVELIN	34.11m
2	Bergen, Kathy	W75	LaCanada, CA	HIGH JUMP	1.20Tied WR
1	Donley, Christel	W80	Colorado Spr.,CO	HIGH JUMP	1.06m
2	Meiler, Florence	W81	Shelburne, VT	HIGH JUMP	1.02m
3	King, Daniel	M56	Roanoke,VA	5000M	17:04.14
2	Talcott, Dave	M55	Oswego,NY	5000M RW	25:33.56
3	Swarts, David	M50	Jackson,MI	5000M RW	23:57.40
2	Moremen, William	M87	Claremont,CA	5000M RW	37:20.85
2	Martino, Marianne	W65	Littleton,CO	5000m RW	30:30.64
2	Coushay, Brian	M51	Beaverton, OR	DECATHLON	7101 Pts
3	Janusey, Michael	M57	Venetia, PA	DECATHLON	6861 Pts
2	Baker, Robert	M70	Metairie,LA	DECATHLON	5957 Pts
1	Meiler, Flo	W80	Shelburne,VT	POLE VAULT	1.80m
1	Hanscom, Rita	W60	San Diego,CA	POLE VAULT	
3	Gentile, Christine	W45	Castle Rock,CO	800	2:22.15
2	Chaplin, Lesley	W57	Atlanta,GA	800	2:38.12
3	Berra, Nicholas	M46	Enola,PA	800	2:02.66
3	Lindsley, Frederick	M70	Grand Terrance,CA	800	2:37.71
3	Moremen, William	M87	Claremont,CA	10000m RW	1:18.16.00
3	Swarts, David	M50	Jackson,MI	10000m RW	48:34.00
3	Talcott, Dave	M55	Oswego, <a href="#">DM1</a> , NY	10000m RW	52:35.00
1	Hurrell, Lynne	W81	Grass Valley,CA	800m	3:57.18
3	Harada, Mary	W80	West Newbury,MA	800m	5:27.84
1	LeBourne, Anslem	M56	Maplewood,NJ	800m	2:04.79
2	Knerr, Ray	M55	Ventura,CA	800m	2:05.29
2	Hiney, Bill	M70	Southold, NY	DISCUS	43.54M
3	Hardison, Ellyn	W72	Topanga,CA	POLE VAULT	1.25M
2	McGowan, Emmanuelle	W47	Hanover PK.,IL	200m	25.91
3	Bridges, Lee	M45		200m	22.89
3	Yelverton	M55		200m	25.08
3	Matthews, Brenda	W66	Anaheim, CA	200m	32.40
2	Blake,			200m	27.47
1	Bergen, Kathy	W75	LaCanada, CA	200m	33.79 WR
3	Lida, Bob	M75	Wichita, KA	200m	29.61
1	Obera, Irene	W82	Fremont, CA	200m	37.29
1	Guest, Rachel	W40	Suprise,AZ	LONG JUMP	
3	Myers, Joseph Plains,TN	M63	White	SHOT	14.42m
1	Muller, Tim	M65	Scottsdale,AZ	SHOT	14.15m