

# U.S. Athletes Of The Year

**Tyson Gay & Sanya Richards** returned to the head of the U.S. classes



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## Gay's Two No. 2s Were Enough

Our 28-member panel accorded '07 winner Tyson Gay a very rare honor: he was named No. 1 despite not ranking No. 1 in the world in any event (welcome to a world dominated by Usain Bolt). Reigning champ Bryan Clay was injured and did not figure in this year's voting. The scorers:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
1. Tyson Gay .....	16	5	4	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	254	90.7%
2. LaShawn Merritt .....	9	9	5	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	245	87.5%
3. Dwight Phillips .....	2	10	9	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	229	81.8%
4. Christian Cantwell...	1	1	5	10	10	1	—	—	—	—	194	69.3%
5. Trey Hardee .....	—	2	3	7	9	7	—	—	—	—	180	64.3%
6. Kerron Clement .....	—	1	2	1	4	14	4	1	1	—	147	52.5%
7. Bernard Lagat .....	—	—	—	—	2	3	19	2	1	1	112	40.0%
8. Jeremy Wariner .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	7	6	53	18.9%
9. Terrence Trammell .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	7	4	42	15.0%
10. Dathan Ritzenhein .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	2	3	36	12.9%

11. Bershawn Jackson 25; 12. Meb Keflezighi 9; 13. Wallace Spearmon 7; 14. Chris Hill 3; 15. tie, David Payne & Nick Symmonds 2.



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## Richards Almost Unanimous

Sanya Richards got a perfect score when she won in '06, but this time our 27-voter panel gave two No. 1s to Allyson Felix. The bottom end of the ballot found the votes well spread around. The scorers:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
1. Sanya Richards .....	25	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	268	99.3%
2. Allyson Felix .....	2	19	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	239	88.5%
3. Carmelita Jeter .....	—	5	14	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	212	78.5%
4. Brittney Reese .....	—	1	7	18	1	—	—	—	—	—	197	73.0%
5. Lashinda Demus .....	—	—	—	1	18	5	1	—	1	—	146	54.1%
6. Anna Willard .....	—	—	—	—	3	9	4	4	5	1	102	37.8%
7. Jenny Barringer .....	—	—	—	—	4	2	5	10	2	1	89	33.0%
8. Shannon Rowbury .....	—	—	—	1	—	4	6	8	4	2	85	31.5%
9. Dawn Harper .....	—	—	—	—	—	4	8	3	4	1	70	25.9%
10. Chris W-Thomas .....	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	2	21	7.8%

11. Jenn Stuczynski 14; 12. Chelsea Johnson 13; 13. Michelle Carter 11; 14. Chaunté Howard 9; 15. Amy Yoder Begley 7; 16. Jessica Cosby 2.