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# RYAN CROUSER RETURNS TO AMERICAN TRACK LEAGUE TO BEST WORLD RECORD, SANDI MORRIS LEADS POLE VAULT FIELD

**ATLANTA:** The full start list for Sunday's next round of the American Track League, which will include events in the 60m, 200m, 600m, 60m hurdles, shot put and pole vault as well as a women's mile and long jump, has been announced. The meet will air live on Sunday, January 31st at 1pm Central on ESPN2, with a new international broadcast partner to be announced shortly.

Morris, who will kick off her season Sunday, revealed her path to compete was slowed due to Covid, "I'm really excited to open my season finally. I had a really intense pre-season and right when I felt I was on a roll and ready to compete, my husband and I caught Covid. I've been back to training for about two weeks and fortunately I feel great. I have confidence I can open with a solid mark this weekend and am so thankful that ATL has put together this competitive opportunity. "

#### **MEN'S EVENTS**

#### 60m

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Heat 1			Country
	4	Jak Ali Harvey	TUR
	5	Odean Skeen	JAM
	6	Marvin Bracy	USA
	7	Jaylon Bacon	USA
	8	LaQuan Nairn	USA
Heat 2			
	4	Anaso Jobodwana	RSA
	5	Maurice Eaddy	USA
	6	Mario Burke	BAR
	7	Nethaneel Mitchell-Blake	GBR
	8	<b>Davon Demoss</b>	USA

# 200m

Heat 1			Country
	3		
	4	Vernon Norwood	USA
	5	Deon Lendore	TRI
	6	Tony McQuay	USA
Heat 2			
	3		
	4	Chidi Okezie	NGR
	5	Nethaneel Mitchell-Blake	GBR
	6	Jareem Richard	TRI

# 600m

Lane			Country
	1		
	2	<b>Cameron Laverty</b>	USA
	3	James Gilreath	USA
	4	Nicholas Hilson	USA
	5	<b>Donovan Brazier</b>	USA
	6	Travean Caldwell	USA

#### 800m

Lane			Country
	1	Craig Engels	USA
	2	<b>Charlie Grice</b>	USA
	3	Bryce Hoppel	USA
	4	<b>Clayton Murphy</b>	USA
	5	Eric Sowinski	USA
	6	Jim Warren	USA

#### 60mh

Lane			Country
	1		
	2	Tyler Brendel	USA
	3	DaShaun Jackson	USA
	4	Jason Joseph	SUI
	5	Isaiah Moore	USA
	6	Chad Zallow	USA
	7	Trevor Bassitt	USA
	8		

# **Shot Put**

Order			Country
	1	Tyler Brendel	USA
	2	Roger Steen	USA
	3	Payton Otterdahl	USA
	4	Nick Ponzio	USA
	5	Ryan Crouser	USA

# **WOMEN'S EVENTS**

#### 60m

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Heat 1			Country	
	2			
	3	Kristina Knott	PHI	
	4	Mikiah Brisco	USA	
	5	Tianna Bartoletta	USA	
	6	Candace Hill	USA	
	7	Aries Sanchez	VEN	
Heat 2			Country	
Heat 2	2		Country	
Heat 2	2 3	Shawnti Jackson	Country USA	
Heat 2	_	Shawnti Jackson Aleia Hobbs	,	
Heat 2	3		USA	
Heat 2	3	Aleia Hobbs	USA USA	
Heat 2	3 4 5	Aleia Hobbs Hannah Cunliffe	USA USA USA	

# 200m

Heat 1			Country
	2		
	3	Kristina Knott	PHI
	4	<b>Caitland Smith</b>	USA
	5	Shaunae Miller-Uibo	ВАН
	6	Shamier Little	USA

# 600m

Heat 1			Country
	1		
	2		
	3	Sparkle McKnight	USA
	4	Sammy Watson	USA
	5	Raevyn Rodgers	USA
	6	<b>Gabby Scott</b>	PUR

#### **Blankenship Women's Mile**

Order			Country
	1	Kaitlin Ryan	USA
	2	Lianne Farber	USA
	3	Sammy George	USA
	4	Heather MacLean	USA
	5	Julia Rizk	USA
	6	Dani Jones	USA
	7	Mackenzie Andrews	AUS
	8	Carina Viljoen	RSA

#### **Pole Vault**

Order			Country
	1	Robin Bone	CAN
	2	Marissa Kalsey	USA
	3	Jill Marois	USA
	4	<b>Kortney Oates</b>	USA
	5	Megan Clarke	USA
	6	Anicka Newell	CAN
	7	Sandi Morris	USA

# **Long Jump**

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Order			Country
	1	<b>Baileh Simms</b>	CAN
	2	Aasha Marler	CAN
	3	<b>Aries Sanchez</b>	VEN
	4	Yanis David	FRA
	5	<b>Chanice Porter</b>	JAM
	6	<b>Kendell Williams</b>	USA
	7	Tianna Bartoletta	USA

American Track League's made-for-TV, four-meet, indoor elite track and field series is broadcast live on ESPN/ESPN2. The series, which features the top men's and women's track and field athletes in the world, are also part of the World Athletics 2021 Silver Label Tour.

The 2021 season, which was originally to take place in various cities around the USA, will take place at one location in order to create a strict and comprehensive COVID protocol for all athletes, coaches and officials. The four meets will be held on the campus of the University of Arkansas at the Randal Tyson Track and Field Center. The 2021 edition of the American Track League will not have fans in attendance. However, these made-for-TV meets will be two hours in length and include some modified events to create more fan engagement and excitement.

As part of the World Athletics Continental Silver Tour, the athletes have the opportunity to earn bonus points, based on their performances, that can enhance their ability to advance to the Olympic Games in Tokyo. With international travel limited and the number of events leading into Olympic Trials in June still unconfirmed, the opportunity is critical for athletes to gain A standard scores to secure minimum eligibility for the games.

TENTATIVE Next Meet Schedule and TV Station/Times (Order of events and final event lists to be finalized)

Sunday, February 7, 2021 Randal Tyson Track and Field Center Fayetteville, AK ESPN 3:30-5:30PM (Central)

Men's Events: 60M 400M Mile 60HH LJ Women's Events: 60M 200M 800M 60H PV HJ

Sunday, February 14, 2021 Randal Tyson Track and Field Center Fayetteville, AK ESPN/ESPN2 TBD

Men's Events: 60M 300M 800M 60HH SP Women's Events: 60M 400M 1000M 60H PV

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#### **About American Track League**

The American Track League is a series of four meets being held in the United States in Fayetteville, AR. The ATL was founded in 2013 by Paul Doyle and has continued for the past eight years providing elite competition in the US for thousands of athletes. Providing a condensed, fast paced and unique format has been at the center of the ATL to entertain and engage fans, even from the couches of their own homes

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