

Ohio State Track Star Anavia Battle Qualifies For United States Olympic Team



Ohio State women's track and field sprinter Anavia Battle finished in third place in the 200-meter Olympic Trials, which was enough to become the third Buckeye to qualify for the United States Olympic team.

Battle ran the 200-meter in 21.95 seconds, just behind Gabby Thomas and Jenna Prandini, who finished in 21.61 and 21.89 seconds, respectively. The time was a personal best for Battle. Her previous best was 22.28 seconds, which was not only her record, but a school record.

In earlier rounds, Battle ran a 22.37 to qualify for the semifinals with a fifth-place finish. She then ran a 22.32 in the semifinals to earn fourth place and qualify for the finals.

Battle will be joining Adelaide Aquilla and Christina Clemons as Ohio State members on the U.S. team, who will compete in shot put and the 100-meter hurdles, respectively.

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