Dunbar Going for Gold in Eugene Today

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A Kodiak High School alum will be competing for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team today. Trevor Dunbar, an all-American sophomore at the University of Oregon, will compete in the 5,000 meter preliminary this evening.

Dunbar was the 25th qualifier for the 25 places, and had been "on the bubble" until Saturday, when other runners with times better than his 13-minutes 36.86-seconds decided not to compete in the 5-K after racing in the 10-K Friday night.

Dunbar's in a field that includes Galen Rupp, who won Friday night's 10,000 meters, and Alan Webb, who holds the American record in the mile.

He will compete in the first of two heats, which begin at 6 p.m. Alaska time. They will be broadcast live on the NBC Sport Channel.

The top 12-to-16 runners in the tonight's two qualifiers will advance to the 5,000 meter finals on Thursday night at about 6:30 Alaska time.

Two other Alaskans are competing this week in Eugene: Jordan Clarke, a shot-putter from Anchorage qualified Saturday for the finals by finishing 8th in the preliminaries, and Janay DeLoach, who went to Eielson High in Fairbanks and jumped for Colorado State. She is a favorite to make the U.S. Olympic team in the long jump. She's the silver medalist in the World Indoor Championships earlier this year, and has a personal best of 22-feet 11-1/4-inches.