Unexpectedly for Trials Marathon, the three favorites through as Alan Culpepper won a thrilling race - sprinting away from Meb Keflezighi in the final 200 meters, with Dan Browne claiming the third spot on the Athens Olympic Team. The race followed an unpredictable script after the pack managed only 4:53 pace for the first 3 miles. Teddy Mitchell and Brian Sell broke from the pack, and after 7 miles Sell surged away alone building a minute lead at 16 miles. The 15 man chase pack then chased after Sell, and after Culpepper through in a 4:47 17th mile only Meb, Browne, and Trent Briney remained in the hunt. The pack blew past Sell at 21.5 miles and Briney soon fell off the pace. Browne runs into difficulties a mile later as Culpepper and Keflezighi matched strides and wins over the final miles, with the original lead maintained by Culpepper sprinted to victory.