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WARNER IN FRONT- GÖTZIS ZZ, Victor 10th and 12th at the Break



Hello Again..... Welcome back to Mösle Stadium in Götzis, Austria for the 44th Hypo-Bank Decathlon and IAAF Combined Events Challenge. The weather broke blue-bird perfect, with temps in low 80s at the start.

Three-time and defending champ Damian Warner, 28, Calgary was the favorite. The Rio Olympic bronze medalist was seeking a bit of redemption for a vault 'nh' at the Gold Coast Commonwealth games back in April. 2016 IAAF coach of the year' Harry Marra returned to Götzis, this time coaching Commonwealth champ Lindon Victor, who was to be part of the Santa Barbara Track Club. Wisconsin's 'Double Z' Zach Ziemek was making his first appearance in Voralberg, coming off an impressive win at the Bryan Clay meet. As always the Germans were here in force (5!) but, for the first time in memory there were no Austrians on the start list. In fact, the field was outstanding considering there were no Olympic or World champs later in the season. The start list found Russia's Ilya Shkurenkov, cataloged as ANA (authorized neutral athlete---because of his nation's drug testing history) and new Norwegian record holder and MultiStars winner Martin Roe. In all 24 of the 31 starters had 8000+ credentials. Nowhere else in the world can one find such a quality field.

Day one saw Warner in complete control with no challengers. He led from the opening gun and finished with a 4565 first day Well clear of the field. Ziemek (4184 and Victor (4174) stood 10th and 12th.

Defending champ and first day leader Damian Warner was most of the show at the 44th Hypo-Bank affair.



**44th Hypo-Bank Meeting
Mosle Stadium
Götzis, Austria
May 26-27, 2018**

100 meters: [11:46 am – 12:11 pm]

[MR- 10.15 Damian Warner/Canada 2016 WR]

The skies were bright and sunny, temps in low 80s. Canadian Damian Warner draws all the attention each Saturday morning. Two years ago he had set a deca WR with a impressive 10.15 clocking and it was no surprise at the time since he had clocked an eye-opening 10.07 century earlier in the season albeit with a 5.2mps.

In the first of six sprint races prodigies Karel Tilga/Estonia and Niklas Kaul/GER were bookends on the inside and outside lanes. Tilga won easily (11.04) over

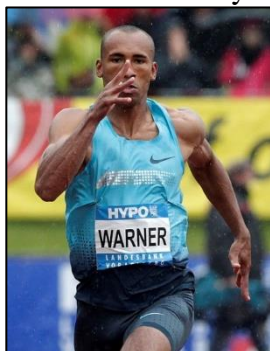
fast-reacting BelaRussian Vitaly Zhuk (11.07) with Kaul 4th in 11.29.

In the 2nd race former NCAA outdoor king Maicel Uibo was in front by 50 meters and held on to win in 11.04 seconds.

The 3rd race saw a trio lean together at the finish with Spain's Jorge Urena winning in 11.05 seconds.

In the 4th race with ANA (Authorized Neutral Athlete- meaning Russia) was in lane 6 but finished last in 11.09. The race was won by Sweden's Fred Samuelsson. Finland's Elmo Savola achieved a rare Götzis feat, a false start. German vet Kair Kazmirek was well below form in the 5th section (10.99) as new Norwegian record holder Martin Row led from the gun and clocked 10.82. In most races there were slight tailwinds.

The feature (6th) race saw Warner in lane 4, flanked by tall German Rico Freimuth and Lindon Victor, the newly crowned Commonwealth champ who was fortunate to have veteran Harry Marra as his coach for this meet. Former NCAA indoor champs Zach Ziemek (2016) and Luca Weiland/GER (2015) were in lanes 1 and 2. Warner was clear of the field by 30



Damian Warner won the 100m in a nifty 10.31 seconds.

meters and steadily drew away as Freimuth and Ziemek gave chase. They finished in that order, 10.31, 10.59 and 10.65 seconds. For ZZ it was his best clocking since the '16 Trials. Weiland was 5th in 10.95 and would soon withdraw. Victor was 4th in a nice 10.74. Set to gun was hand-timed and averaged 0.96 seconds.

Section # 6

Pl	name	nation	lane	PRs	reaction	time	points
1	Warner, Dam	CAN	4	10.07w	0.180	10.31	1020
2	Freimuth, Rico	GER	3	10.40	0.159	10.59	954
3	Ziemek, Zach	USA	1	10.57	0.159	10.65	940
4	Victor, Lindon	GRN	5	10.60	0.152	10.74	919
5	Weiland, Luca	GER	2	10.52	0.133	10.95	872
6	Pretorius, Fred	RSA	6	10.62	0.124	11.03	854

Wind:+0.6, set to gun 0.88.

After One: Warn. 1020, Frei 954, ZZ 940, Vict 919., Roe 901....8th Wiel 872.....14th Uibo 852.

Long Jump: [12:51 – 1:50 pm]

[MR - 8.11m/26-7¼ Roman Sebrle/CZE 2001]

16 athletes were on the infield (section A) and 14 (section B) in front of the tribune, both jumping from north to south. Winds were moderate.

In section 'A' Warner nailed the board perfectly in round #1 and managed a seasonal best 7.81m/25-7½ and passed his remaining two trys. Uibo traveled 7.57m/24-10 in the first round and Ziemek got 7.43m/24-4½ in the 3rd. Lindon Victor struggled here managing just 7.05m/23-1¾. Seven surpassed 7.50m. The men's high jump ran concurrently with the women's high jump and much of the crowd's attention was focused on the attempt on the WR as Olympic champ Nafissatou Thiam/BEL attempted and skied!!! 2.01m/6-7. Son-of-a-gun.....she had the nerve to pass the existing WR 1.98/6-6. Whew. Then the bar went to 2.04m/6-8¼ w/o success. Ultimately only 8 of the 29 men jumped as high as Nafi....Yikes!

Back to the decathlon...in section B Karel Tilga won with a fine 7.33m/24-¾. Kaul got a PR 7.29/23-11...both jumps coming in the first round. Niels Pittomils/BEL did not get a legal mark.

After Two: Warn 2032, Frei 1869, ZZ 1858, Roe 1848....8th Uibo 1804... 12th Vict 1745.

Shot Put: [2:26– 3:07 pm]

[MR 17.45/57-3 Michael Smith/Canada 1997]

The premier (read: seeded) throwers were in the northwest corner with the lower seeded tossers in the northeast circle.

In section A spectators surrounding the area got a good look at Lindon Victor whose throwing qualifications are first rate.

Yet the event was a disappointment for him . His first effort knocked over the 15m bucket *outside* the right foul line. His second toss was mediocre and his 3rd brought rain and landed at 15.20m/49-10½, about a meter short of expectations.

Group A was won by France's tall Bastien Auzeil who put 15.43m/50-7½. Noteworthy was the first effort by Warner which covered 14.83m/48-8 of Voralberg real estate and was near career best! He was on a roll and after 3 events led 2nd place Freimuth by 160 points. In Group B Estonian teenager Karel Tilga got a huge PR on the very first throe, 15.32m/50-3. Young German Niklas Kaul also got a PR at 14.20m/46-7¼ for 3rd and Ziemek was 5th with a solid 14.01m/45-11¾ effort. 29 headed to the high jump under cloudless skies and temps in the high 70s.

After Three: Warn. 2811m Frei 2651, Roe 2637 Brau 2606, ZZ 2587.....6th Uibo 2580...9th Vict 2547.

High Jump: [3:50– 5:20 pm]

[MR 2.23m/7-3¾ Christian Schenk/DDR 1990]

Gone are the days when straddlers like Christian Schenk/GDR and Thomas Ericksson/SWE routinely cleared 7 foot heights.



Estonian Michael Uibo won the high jump at 2.12m/6-11½

Surprisingly Victor was eliminated after clearing only 1.97m/6-5 ½. In 'A' a dozen went to 2.03m/6-8. Ziemek missed his first try here and his 2nd stayed put for several seconds before falling off the standards. The 3rd try was ever so close but it didn't stay put. Eight advanced to 2.06m/6-9 but only Uibo managed 2.12m/6-11½. He stalled there but had climbed from 6th to 2nd overall.

In the adjacent Group B Fred Pretorius/RSA won at 2.03m/6-8.

After Four: Warn 3642, Uibo 3495, Tilg 3491, Samu 3413, Brau 3409,8th ZZ 3390,12th Vict 3323.

400 meters: [6:00 pm – 6:26 pm]

[MR = 46.53 Erki Nool/Estonia 1997]

At 6 pm there was little wind and temps in the low 70s. Most of the crowd of 5500 has stayed for the 400m contested in six sections.

The first race saw Frenchman Basile Rolnin pull am hammy on the back straight, Keisuke Ushiro ran away with the win in 49.98.

Uibo drew the second race but the event has been an achilles heal. He managed a 50.32 clocking for 4th as Pole Pawel Wiesolek won in 49.48.

Belgium's Thomas van der Plaetsen held on to win the 3rd section, 2 100ths ahead of Adam Sebastien Helcelet/CZE.

Ziemek drew the lane 3 in the 4th race and was 24.19 at 200m before racing home in 50.23 in a section won by BleaRussian Vitaliy Zhuk in 49.18. ZZ closed out day one with a 4194 score.

Section4 [run at 6:15 pm]

Pl	name	nation	lane	PR	time	points
1.	Zhuk	BLR	5	49.32	49.18	853
2.	Shkureniov	ANA	4	47.88	49.40	842
3.	Roe	NOR	6	49.00	49.70	828
4.	Ziemek	USA	3	49.04	50.23	804
5.	Cairoli	ITA	2	48.90	50.57	789

The fifth race was captured by Dutchman Pieter Braun in 49.25 with favorite Rico Freimuth up the track in 50.09. The final race was taken over by German Kai Kazmirek at 200m and Damian Warner could not run him down. Kazmirek won in a nifty 47.27 with the Canadian 45/100ths back. Lindon Victor drew lane 2 but the field ran away from him in the first 200m. He began to roll at 250m and was moving fastest of all at the finish but his 49.22 was well back.

We'll be back tomorrow with a report on the doings on day two.

Final Section [run at 6:25]

Pl	name	nation	lane	PR	time	points
1.	Kazmirek	GER	4	46.75	47.27	945
2.	Warner	CAN	3	46.54	47.72	923
3.	Brugger	GER	6	47.29	48.02	908
4.	Kaul	GER	5	48.09	48.41	889
5.	Victor	GRN	2	48.24	49.22	851

After Five: Warn 4565, Kazm 4347, Uibo 4295, Tilg 4264,
Brug 6263.....10th 4194.....12th Vict 4174.

RESULTS:**5/26-27 44th Hypo-Bank Meeting,****Mosle Stadium, Götzis, AUT** PRs in []

4565	<u>Warner Damian</u> /CAN [8695]	10.31+0.5	781+0.5
	1483 203 47.72		
4347	<u>Kazmirek Kai</u> /GER[8580]	10.99+0.5	756+1.4
	1403 206 47.27		
4295	<u>Uibo Maicel</u> /EST [8407]	11.04-0.6	757+2.0
	1478 212 50.32		
4264	<u>Tilga Karel</u> /EST [7489]	11.04+0.3	733+1.0
	1532 209 49.82		
4263	<u>Brugger Mathias</u> /GER[8294]	10.98+0.4	732+2.3
	1511 200 48.02		
4258	<u>Braun Pieter</u> /NED [8334]	11.12+0.4	762+0.5
	1528 200 49.25		
4229	<u>Samuelsson Fredrik</u> /SWE[8172]	10.90+0.4	749+1.2
	1418 206 49.96		
4197	<u>Van der Plaetsen Thomas</u> /BEL[8332]	11.14-0.6	
	767+0.2 1400 206 50.26		
4197	<u>Kaul Niklas</u> /GER [8435]	11.29+0.3	729+1.3
	1420 209 48.41		
4194	<u>Ziemek Zach</u> /USA [8413]	10.65+0.5	743+1.1
	1401 200 50.23		
4184	<u>Freimuth Rico</u> /GER[8663]	10.59+0.5	742+1.1
	1488 191 50.09		
4174	<u>Victor Lindon</u> /GRN[8539]	10.74+0.5	705+1.5
	1520 197 49.22		
4161	<u>Roe Martin</u> /NOR [8228]	10.82+0.5	755+1.4
	1499 188 49.70		
4155	<u>Shkurenev, Ilia</u> /ANA[8601]	11.09+0.4	753+1.6
	1398 200 49.40		
4122	<u>Zukh Vitali</u> /BLR [7921]	11.07+0.3	711+0.5
	1529 197 49.18		
4076	<u>Helcelet Adam Sebastian</u> /CZE[8335]	11.06+0.4	
	720+2.5 1455 200 50.28		
4050	<u>Auzeil Bastien</u> /FRA[8191]	11.26-0.6	706-1.6
	1543 200 50.35		
4030	<u>Urena Jorge</u> /ESP [8125]	11.05+0.4	706+0.8
	1380 200 49.61		
4001	<u>Cairolì Simone</u> /ITA[7875]	10.90+0.5	700+1.9
	1327 203 50.57		
4001	<u>Dolezal Jan</u> /CZE [7730]	11.06+0.4	722+1.3
	1292 200 49.82		
3999	<u>Ushiro Keisuke</u> /JPN[8308]	11.27-0.6	709+1.5
	1426 200 49.98		
3976	<u>Wiesiolek Pave</u> /POL[8140]	10.96+0.5	707-1.1
	1377 191 49.48		
3926	<u>Pretorius Fredrich</u> /RSA[8002]	11.03+0.5	728+0.6

		1266 203 52.28	
3902	<u>Dos Santos Jefferson</u> /BRA[8155]	11.07+0.5	694+0.8
	1431 200 52.38		
3840	<u>Lukas Marek</u> /CZE [7903]	11.08+0.4	691+1.8
	1414 188 50.93		
3768	<u>Bernaschina Luca</u> /SUI[7396]	11.21+0.3	706+0.4
	1353 185 51.29		
3641	<u>Pesic Darko</u> /MNE [7846]	11.51+0.3	671+1.9
	1469 182 51.87		
2989	<u>Rolnin Basile</u> /FRA [8087]	11.27+0.4	673+0.1
	1379 191 dnf		
dnf	<u>Savola Elmo</u> /FIN [7956]	11.02+0.4	699+0.2
	1284 185 withdrew		
dnf	<u>Pittonvils Niels</u> /BEL[8051]	11.22-0.6	nm
	withdrew		
dnf	<u>Wieland Luca</u> /GER[8201]	10.95+0.5	withdrew
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