

THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

DECA Newsletter

Volume XXXXII

Number 27

May (8), 2017



GÖTZIS FIRST DAY

Warner Sharp,



Hello Again....from Möse Stadium in Götzis, Austria for the 43rd Hypo-Bank Decathlon and IAAF Combined Events Challenge. The weather broke blue-bird perfect, with temps in high 70s at the start.

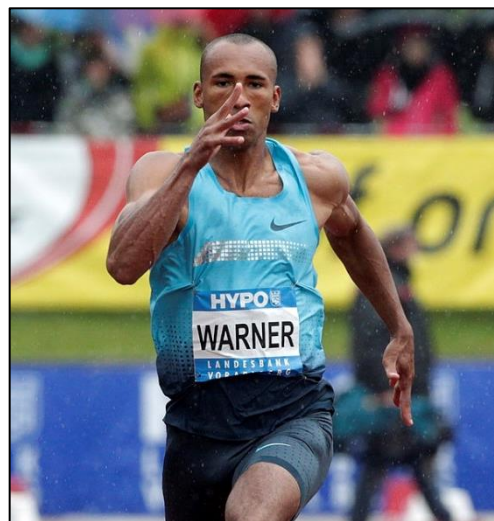
All eyes were on Canadian Damian Warner, 27, Calgary who wouldn't say so but was hoping for a national record (his own at 8695). After no-marking in the shot in 2015 and coming back to win last year Warner, who was the bronze medalist in Rio, looked particularly sharp for May. He ran up a 4532 first day score, 108 points ahead of last year's winning pace.

Bad news came yesterday when a pair of Germans, 2015 winner Kai Kazmirek and vet Arthur Abele withdrew.

Kazmirek's reported injury was lower limbs. No word on Abele. But their absence would cause a scramble for high places and prize money.

Thirty were on the start list and 20 (!) with 8000+ credentials. They would keep an eye on the IAAF World Championship qualifying score of 8100 which might produce some frantic 1500 meters performances.

Injuries, football contracts and caution resulted in no Americans in the dec field (one in hept-Erica Bougaard). But a pair of NCAA stalwarts, 2x D-I champ Maicel Uibo of Estonia and former Arizona star Pau Tonneson were making their initial appearance in Voralberg.



There was no world record in the 100 meters but Canadian Damian Warner completely dominated the first day in Gotzis winning 3 events.

Last year the weather drove everyone nuts. It rained the morning of day one but eventually the sun appeared. At the start of day one there was no weather issue. Here's the story.

43rdHypo-Bank Meeting



**Möse Stadium
Götzis, Austria
May 27-28, 2017**

100 meters: [11:46 am – 12:12 pm]

Last year Damian Williams 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

aiding wind. It had been the first step to an impressive 8523 win.

The morning broke warm and sunny, perhaps the nicest opening day here in years. Approximately 4000 dotted the grassy knolls surrounding the track or were seated in the grandstand.

There were six sections of the 100m, and all would test the spanking new track which could not possibly be as hard as its predecessor. But preceding heptathlon hurdles times hinted to a fast surface (12.80 winning hept hurdle performance was a meet record).. Interestingly Yank Erica Bougaard recorded a rare Götzis falsestart.

All sprints were neatly seeded and the first race started at 11:46 and there were slight tailwinds. Section one had ageless Leonel Suarez/CUB (29),(in orange singlet) a 2008 Olympic medalist. He won in a nifty 11.08 with three running career bests.

Ashley Bryant/GBR won the 2nd race in 10.89 (PR) with Pau Tonneson in 5th 11.08 (also PR). A nice tailwind--+2.8 mps helped. Five of six recorded PRs! Whew!

Section three found Maicel Uibo in lane 6. He placed 6th in 11.04 with Italian Simone Cairolini winning in 10.79. Young Swedish talent Fredrik Samuelson (his father was a student at Blinn JC in 1980s) was 2nd in a PR 10.81. A talented younger brother makes them one of the world's top *father-son-son* combo.

Section four found ageless Eelco Sintnicolaas/NED (30) in lane #1 and he ran away from a good field to record a terrific 10.57ANOTHER PR. What was happening here???. Whew. All the career bests, good sprint conditions and the crowd buzz set up the final race with Damian Warner in lane 4 flanked by Pierce LaPage/CAN and Rico Freimuth. What could Warner do?

He did what he normally does, smoothly run away from the field, besting teammate Pierce LaPage in 10.35 to 10.49.

The crowd seemed a bit disappointed, likely because of Warner's WR last year and all of the preceding PRs (from 11 of the earlier 24 runners. But there's nothing wrong with a winning 10.35. Wind +0.5 mps. Japan's young Aki Nakamura recorded the fastest reaction time, 0.128 seconds. Yikes!

Overall, a terrific event!

Section # 6

Pl	name	nation	lane	reaction	time	points
1	Warner, Dam	CAN	4	0.159	10.35	1011
2	LaPage, P	CAN	3	0.170	10.49	977
3.	Freimuth, Rico	GER	5	0.168	10.53	968
4..	Kasyanov, O	UKR	1	0.164	10.66	938
5.	Distelberger, D	AUT	6	0.160	10.73	922
6.	Nakamura, Ak	JPN	2	0.128	10.78	910.

After One: Warn 1059, LePa 977, Frei 968, Sint 959.....21st Uibo 852....23rd Tonn 843.

Long Jump: [12:51 – 1:50 pm]

In group A there were few (3) fouls in the opening round even though the wind, always trailing, was variable.(+0.2 to +3.2). Dutchman Pieter Braun led with a 7.71m/25-3½, 3m better than Damian

Arizona grad representing Spain, Pau Tonneson missed a PR here by 1cm. He recorded a 7.53m/24-8½ leap.



Warner. The loping Pierce LaPage (his size gives one the impression he's not moving fast...but he is) improved in round #2 to 7.64m /25-¾, just after Warner pushed the toeboard as far as it is possible and won the event at 7.85m/25-9¼. Tonneson improved in round #2, missing his PR by a cm at 7.53m/24-8½

Uibo never got untracked and managed just 7.35m/24-1½ (in round #1)

There were few improvements in round three. Two included Poland's Pawel Wiesioleh (to 7.35m/24-1½) and Japan's Akihiko Nakamura to 7.44m/24-5. Compared to a year ago when 40% of all efforts were toeboard fouls, only 23% (10/43) in 2017.

In Group B Brit John Lane prevailed (7.43m/24-4½) and again, very few fouls10 of 41 (24%). Warner was on a roll and his chances for a new Canadian record look promising. He was already 180 up on his 2016 winning score here of 8523.

After Two: Warn 2033, LePa 1947,, Sint 1921, Kasy 1904.....13th Tonn 1835.....19th 1750.



Crowds surrounded both throwing circles.

Shot Put: [2:31– 3:14 pm] While a spectacular hept high jump was being contested (1.98m/6-6 !!) the men headed to the shot put circle at the north end. The seeded group (A) was in the northwest corner, the lower seeded group at the northeast corner.

In Group A Alberto de Araujo led after round #1 with a nice 15.05m/49-4 ½ toss. But he would soon drop out, the victim of a hip flexor. Both Tonneson and Uibo fouled, the latter literally spinning out of the circle. In round #2 German Mattias Brugger took the lead at 15.25m/50-½, Tonneson got



Warner's 3rd round put measured 14.09m/46-2¾

a fair toss at 14.31m/46-11½ but Uibo stepped over the toe board on his spin.

Damian Warner came alive in round #3 managing a 14.09m/46-2¾ put to maintain his overall lead. Darko Pesic/MNE won the event at 15.47m/50-9¼ and Rico Freimuth improved with a 15.21m/49-11 effort moving to 2nd overall. But the major tale here was a 3rd foul by Uibo spinning out of the front of the circle.

In Group B Swede Fredrik Samuelsson won with a 14.40m/47-3 effort while many watched LePage whose sphere covered 13.26m/43-6 of Voralberg real estate. He was pushed back to 6th overall.

After Three: Warn 2767, Frei 2698, Sint 2687, Kasy 2673.....12th Tonn 2553.....27th Uibo 1750.

High Jump: [3:50– 6:08 pm]

Both former US collegians drew the south pit, (group A). By the time the jumping was completed at the 6th bar (2.00m/6-6 ¾) in this group the entire field remained.

There were still nine remaining at 2.06m/6-9 ¼ including Uibo and Tonneson. Surprisingly athletes began to struggle at this height. LePage and Uibo were over on initial attempts. Pawel Wiesiolek/POL cleared on his 2nd and Tonneson on his third try. Then all but Tonneson negotiated the next bar, 2.09m/6-10¼.



At 2.12m/6-11½ this trio struggled as most of the 3500 spectators remained. Uibo then scraped over on his 2d try and Wiesolek (a PR) on his third. The Pole was dropped at the next bar (2.15m/7-½) which Uibo managed on his 2nd try. Interestingly last year's event winner, Jeremy Taiwo, was in the crowd as the bar went to 2.18m/7-1¾, his winning height a year ago. Uibo's 3rd attempt was reasonably close but no cigar. The event ended at 6:08 pm and the 400 meters was pushed back for a 6:40 pm start to allow Uibo his 30 minute rest since he drew the first race. They are seeded according to seasonal bests, from



Michael Uibo/EST did not have a legal shot, but then won the high jump at 2.15m/7-½.

slowest to fastest and he drew the first race.

The event had 156 attempts and took 138 minutes, or an average of less than one minute per attempt...about normal.

Group B had finished much earlier (5:20 pm). Frenchman Maxime Maugein won there at 2.00m/6-6¾.

At this point Warner was 117 points up on last year score of 8523. The national record was worth talking about. Others who were well ahead of PR pace were Ashley Bryant/GBR, Pawel Wiesolek/POL, Fredrik Samuelson/SWE and Pieter Braun/NED.

After Four: Warn 3589, LePa 3517, Kasy 3476, Wies 34618th Tonn 3412...27th 2694

400 meters: [6:40 pm – 6:57 pm]

With 27 athletes remaining they were grouped into 5 sections of 6-6-5-5-5.

Uibo (lane 1) and Tonneson (lane 6) were scheduled for the first race. South African Fredreich Pretorius withdrew.

Section 1 was even for 180 meters before Tonneson began to fade. He struggled down the homestretch clocking just 53.63. Uibo ran conservatively in lane #1 and his 50.67 was fourth, 4/10th off his best in fourth.. The race was won by Kristjan Rothenberg/EST in 49.79

Section 1 [run at 6:00 pm]

Pl	name	nation	lane	reaction	time	points
1.	Rosenberg	EST	3	0.168	49.79	824
2.	Lukas	CZE	4	0.187	50.05	812
3.	Öiglane	EST	5	0.188	50.56	789
4.	Uibo	EST	1	0.245	50.67	784
5.	Pesic	MNE	2	0.202	51.03	768
6.	Tonneson	ESP	6	0.153	53.62	655

Amid the crowd cheers Frederik Samuelson/SWE won the 2nd race out of lane 2. His 49.26 was 18/100ths off a career best.

The 3rd race provided a whopping PR by Germany's Mattias Brugger who injected lots of enthusiasm into the crowd by lowering his best from 48.63 to 47.29!!! Wiesiolek faded to 5th at 50.

Local favorite Dominik Distelberger ran down leader Eelco Sintinicolaas/NED, 48.16 to 48.37. The top seeded race went off just before 7 pm. A year ago Warner clocked a nifty 47.13. He chased down Rico Freimuth at 200m and ran away from the field winning by nearly a second over fast finishing Akihiko Nakamura/JPN.

Section 5.

Pl	name	nation	lane	reaction	time	points
1.	Warner	CAN	4	0.151	47.49	934
2.	Nakamura	JPN	3	0.140	48.48	886
3.	LePage	CAN	2	0.188	48.99	862
4.	Braun	NED	6	0.136	49.09	857
5.	Freimuth	GER	5	0.162	49.40	842

After Five: Warn 4532, LePa 4379, Kasy 4352, Brau 430918th Tonn 4067....27th Uibo 3478.

A heckuva first day..

On the men's side, 26 of the original 30 will show up tomorrow for the 110m hurdles. Warner holds a comfortable lead while 1st day runner-up Lepage has several 2nd day weaknesses. The win seems assured for Warner and he'll have to ratchet up his game to surpass his own national record. What happens to the field after that is anyone's guess.



RESULTS:



5/27-28 43rd Hypo-Bank Meeting, Mosle Stadium, Götzis, AUT

4532	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.25+0.5	785+1.4	1409	203	47.49		
4379	LaPage, Pierce/CAN	10.49+0.5	764+0.6	1326	209	48.99		
4352	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.66+0.5	763+1.4	1464	200	48.68		
4309	Braun, Pieter/NED	10.90+2.8	771+0.5	1482	200	49.09		
4301	Sintinicolaas, Eelco/NED	10.57+0.5	761+0.6	1462	191	48.37		
4289	Freimuth, Rico/GER	10.53+0.5	747+2.1	1521	194	49.40		
4288	Bruegger, Mattias/GER	10.89+1.4	725+1.6	1532	197	47.29		
4271	Samuelsson, Fredrik/SWE	11.81+1.4	750+1.8	1440	203	49.26		
4238	Wiesliolek, Pawel/POL	10.79+0.5	726+1.9	1419	212	50.83		
4216	Bryant, Ashley/GBR	10.89+2.8	770+0.1	1420	197	49.69		
4205	Helecelet, Adam-Seb/CZE	10.87+1.4	732+2.8	1489	200	49.50		
4182	Sykora, Jiri/CZE	10.88+1.4	733+2.1	1473	197	49.20		
4130	Suarez, Leonel/CUB	11.08+1.3	725+3.0	1418	200	48.80		
4129	Cairori Simone/ITA	11.79+1.4	737-0.4	1304	203	49.95		
4115	Lane, John/GBR	10.76+0.5	743	0.0	1250	200	49.41	
4079	Öiglane, Janek/EST	11.17+1.3	713-2.6	1502	203	50.56		
4072	Pottomvils, Neil/BEL							
		11.06+2.8	731+2.8	1435	197	50.07		
4067	Tonneson, Pau/ESP	11.08+2.8	753+1.9	1465	206	53.62		
4058	Distelberger, Dominik/AUT	10.73+0.5	715+1.1	1336	188	48.16		
4046	Rosenberg, Kristian/EST	11.03+0.5	707+0.7	1365	203	49.79		
4011	Nakamura, Akihiko/JPN	10.78+0.5	744+2.2	1143	197	48.48		
4010	Maugein, Maxime, FRA	11.10+1.3	703+0.1	1393	200	49.79		
3992	Pešić, Darko/MNE	11.25+1.3	715+2.5	1547	194	51.03		
3961	Lukas, Marek/CZE	10.94+2.8	699+5.1	1421	191	50.05		
3939	Querín, Gail/FRA	11.26+2.8	732+0.5	1339	188	49.09		
3478	Uibo, Maichel/EST	11.04+1.4	735+2.2	nm	215	50.67		
dnf	Pretorius, Fredriech/RSA	10.96+0.5	731+0.9	1258	185	dns		
dnf	De Araujo, Luiz Alberto/BRA	10.72+0.5	nm	1514		withdrew		
dnf:	Oberholzer, Andri/SUI	11.14+1.3				withdrew		
dnf:	Fringeli, Jonas/SUI	11.20+1.3	689+4.4	dns		withdrew		
							30s,26f.	