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MAYER EASILY CAPTURES WORLDS Freimuth, Kazmirek Medal, Dnfs Dominate

Hello Again: Kevin Mayer was only in trouble during the pole vault on day two in London and dangerously rattled the bar on a 3rd try at his opening height. The bar stayed on and Mayer was a winner of the gold. Canadian Damian Warner had a difficult two days and the other medals were grabbed by Germans Rico Freimuth and Kai Kazmirek. Scores....8768....8564....8488.

The 16th IAAF World championship decathlon was not an enjoyable event for the Americans or US connected collegians. Consider USA champ Trey Hardee crashed in the hurdles while in medal contention. Devon Williams was far off a seasonal total and Zach Ziemek dnf'd. A pair of 2x NCAA champs, Lindon Victor/Texas A&M and Maicel Uibo/Georgia never got past the pole vault. Others: Kurt Felix/GRN-ex Boise St, Pau Tonneson/ESP-ex Arizona and Karl Robert Saluri/EST-Georgia were substandard here. Even Fred Samuelson/SWE whose father was an Angelo State decathlete a generation ago, dnf'd. For USA followers, this was one to forget.

26 returned for day two but during the 2nd day the 'dnf's' just piled up. Congrats to 25 year old Mayer who, with the vault opening heart stopper, never let anyone remotely close. Here's the 2nd day

**15th IAAF World
Championships
August 11-12, 2017
London, GBR**



France's Kevin Mayer became the first non-American, non-Czech to win an IAAF world title since 1987.

110 m Hurdles: [10:00 am]

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park saw a good crowd was already seated for the start of day two at 10:00 am. Winds, which came from the south yesterday, had shifted and now were crosswinds from the west. Temps 67° degrees F. Meet record was the 24 year old (Stuttgart, '93) 13.57 by Eduard Hämäläinen /BLS. I recall watching Hämäläinen run a full set of hurdles in 14 seconds on the practice track *15 minutes before* the official race.

Section one was 'Estonia vs the world' as all three Estonians were here. Janek Ogilane/EST won over ex NCAA champs (Boise State) Kurt Felix in 14.56 to 14.68

In the second race Kazmirek drew lane 7, just outside NCAA champ Lindon Victor. This is perhaps his weakest event for both.. Ex Arizona ace Pau Tonneson was in lane 4 and he took over when the race leader, Mihail Dudas/SRB fell after the 5th hurdle.

Tonneson outleaned Sebastien Auziel/FRA, 14.56 to 14.58. Victor was ragged and 6th in 15.36. Tailwind +1.2mps.



Damian Warner's 13.63 clocking led the hurdlers.

Zach Ziemek, after a pedestrian first day, was in lane 6 of the third section. He hit half of the barriers and finished back in 15.36 as Spain's Jorge Urena won in a nice 14.15. Wind +0.4mps.

Four of the top 5 scorers were in the final, top seeded race. The question on most observer's minds dealt with whether Warner would begin a 2nd day run here since he is the event's WR holder.

Warner was in complete control and won nicely in 13.63. Rico Freimuth (13.68) and Kevin Mayer (13.78 PR) were also outstanding. But the race was a disaster for 3 others. Trey Hardee (running side-by-side with Freimuth, hit the 3rd barrier and crashed into the 4th, effectively taking him out of the medal hunt. He finished in 48.51 seconds but was dq'd for falling into another lane. Ilya p

name	[pr]	nation	lane	reaction	time	points
1 Warner	[13.27]	CAN	5	0.134	13.63	1023
2 Freimuth	[13.63]	GER	8	0.170	13.68	1016
3 Mayer	[13.78]	FRA	2	0.192	13.75	1007
4 Kasayanov	[13.92]	UKR	6	0.176	14.05	968
5 Williams	[13.37]	USA	4	0.158	14.27	940
- Hardee	[13.54]	USA	7	0.179	dsq(48.51)	0
- Skhurenv	[13.95]	ANA	3	0.183	dsq	0



Trey Hardee picked his way thru strewn hurdles to finish in 48+ seconds.

Skhurenvov, competing as a neutral athlete because of his country's doping suspension, grabbed his right hamstring and stopped. And Devon Williams was just ragged running his slowest time (14.27) since 2013. Wind -0.1. Whew! This left 4 medal contenders: Mayer, Freimuth, Warner and Kazmirek. After Six: Mayer 5485, Frei 5377, Warn 5370, Kazm 5312.....8th Will 5162,.....22nd ZZ 4826.

Discus: [11:00 am & 12:20 pm]

Athletes were grouped according to vault history and Group A had the better vaulters. Mayer had only one fair effort but it was solid at 47.14m/154-8, 3 meters down on his SB/PR but better than his Rio mark.

ZZ came alive here with a nice 47.32/155-2 2nd round toss. The group was won by Maicel Uibo/EST at 47.88m/157-0. Kazmirek helped his medal chances with a 3rd round 45.06m/147-10 toss, 2 feet shy of a career best. Hardee recorded a pair of fouls and then called it a day.

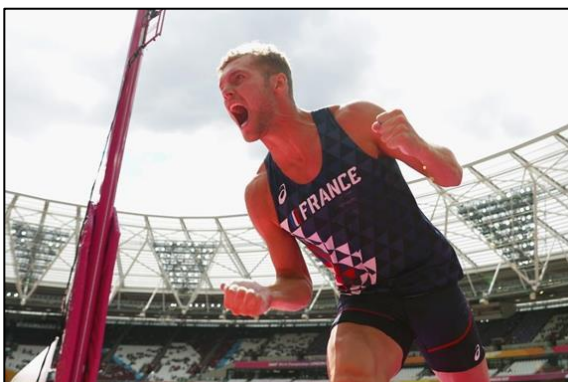
In Group B Freimuth plated a terrific 51.17m/167-10 in round 2 to win the group moving within 24 points of Mayer's lead. Surprisingly the event's top performer, NCAA champ Lindon Victor/GRN recorded 3 no marks. Go figure.

There was silly talk on internet media (including from IAAF site) about a world record. Insiders knew this was all boloney. After Seven: Mayer 6296, Frei 6272, Kasy6095, Kazm 6080, Warn 6048.....7th Will 5914,17th ZZ 5641

Pole Vault: [1:30 & 2:15 pm]

At 5.00m/16-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ seven remained in Group A (better vaulters). ZZ opened here successfully but Mayer would not start until 5.10m/16-8 $\frac{3}{4}$. And it was scary since he missed twice before finally getting over on a 3rd try.

Five went to 5.20m/17- $\frac{3}{4}$ and Tonneson was over cleanly on a first attempt. He has announced that in 2018 he'll



Kevin Mayer was more relieved than jubilant after clearing his opening vault height on a 3rd try in London.

concentrate on the vault before returning to decathlon wars in 2019. ZZ and Kazmirek both failed at 5.20m/17- $\frac{3}{4}$, a bar Mayer passed. The 5.30m/17-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ setting was kind to Tonneson but not Mayer who got credit for just 5.10m/16-8 $\frac{3}{4}$. He actually finished the 8th event before Freimuth began in the adjoining (lower seeded) group. Rico would need a 5.20m/17- $\frac{3}{4}$ to take the overall lead but his career best was 3 bars lower so Mayer appeared safe. At this point, the 3 medals appeared certain....Mayer, Freimuth and Kazmirek.

Interesting Tonneson quickly managed 5.40m/17-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ earning the right to attempt a meet record equaling 5.50m/18- $\frac{1}{2}$. No go.

In Group B Lindon Victor was the 13th to withdraw, leaving just 21 starters left. Freimuth solidified his hold on the silver medal managing 4.80m/15-9. Georgia junior Karl Robert Saluri/EST and Jorge Urena/ESP won the pit at 5.00m/16-4 $\frac{3}{4}$.



Zach Ziemek's 2nd day was an improvement over his first until the 1500m.

After Eight: Maye 7237, Frei 7121, Kazm 7021, Kasy 6914, Warn 68678th Will 670414th ZZ 6582.

Javelin: [5:30 & 6:55 pm]

Group A was won by Czech Adam Sebastian Helcelet who had the three best throws in the group winning with a PR 71.56m/234-9. Ziemek's 58.35m/191-5 outdistanced Williams' 57.93m/190-0. Williams dropped a place to 9th, ZZ improved to 13th.

In Group B Mayer opened round #1 with a 66.10m/216-10 toss and when it landed all he had to do remain upright to win. He passed his final two attempts. The first toss was approximately 4 meters in front of both Germans. Estonia's Janek Ogilane led at 69.01m/226-4 and he then improved to 71.32m/234-0 in round #2.

After Nine: Maye 8067, Frei, 7894, Kazm 7796, Ogil 7686, Warn 7554,9th Will 741114th ZZ 7295.

1500 Meters: [8:45 pm]

The stadium was sold out for Saturday's evening session. With so many dropouts (the most since 1997) there was only a need for one 1500m race.

Japan's Akihiko rushed off at the report and led the entire race, finishing in a fine 4:22.62. The race offered no drama as Mayer stayed near the front of the peloton and ahead of any challengers. The positions of the

medalists did not change. . Devon Williams was 16th (4:40.50) and Zach Ziemek did not start.

The meet' lone surprise was Estonia's Janek Oiglane, with the meet's lone PR score, who hung on for 4th place over Damian Warner. There were two meet records in London: fewest PR scores (1) and most dnf's (14)-actually a tie with 14 dnf's in Athens in 1997.

1500m splits:

<i>Distance</i>	<i>leader</i>	<i>split</i>
400m	66.8	Nakamura/JPN
800m	2:17.40	Nakamura/JPN
1200m	3:29.49	Nakamura/JPN
1500m finish	4:22.62	Nakamura/JPN

After Ten: May 8768, Frei 8564, Kazm 8488, Oigl 8371, Warn 8309.....10th Will 8088.

Results:

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8768	Mayer, Kevin/FRA	10.70-0.8	752	0.0
1572	208 48.26	13.75-0.1	4714	510 6610 4:36.73
8564	Freimuth, Rico/GER	10.53-0.7	748-0.4	
1485	199 48.41	13.68-0.1	5117	480 6234 4:41.57
8488	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	10.91-0.8	764-0.4	
1378	211 47.19	14.67+1.2	4506	510 6245 4:38.07
8371	Oiglane, Janek/EST	11.08-0.2	733-0.1	
1513	205 49.58	14.56-0.5	4211	510 7173 4:39.24
8309	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.50-0.7	744-0.6	
1345	202 47.47	13.63-0.1	4067	470 5663 4:28.39
8234	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.77-0.7	728-1.1	
1499	202 48.64	14.05-0.1	4879	470 5082 4:33.86
8227	Felix, Kurt/GRN	11.08-0.2	746+0.7	
1501	208 49.09	14.68-0.5	4539	450 6464 4:36.62
8222	Helcelet, Adam Sebastian/CZE	11.28-1.3	703-0.7	
1457	202 49.51	14.38+0.4	4471	490 7156 4:36.85
8125	Urena, Jorge/ESP	11.00-0.8	730-0.4	
1391	208 48.72	14.15+0.4	3633	500 5606 4:26.46
8088	Williams, Devon/USA	10.93-0.7	744-0.5	
1443	196 48.11	14.27-0.1	4429	460 5793 4:40.50
8049	Bryant, Ashely/GBR	11.14-0.8	744-1.0	
1409	196 49.24	14.75+1.2	4395	430 6797 4:27.15
8040	Roe, Martin/NOR	10.90-1.3	750+0.9	
1522	193 49.09	15.15-0.5	4824	450 5830 4:39.24
8025	Saluri, Karl Robt/EST	10.55-0.7	749-1.0	
1398	184 47.76	15.36-0.5	4043	500 5712 4:31.31
8006	Tonneson, Pau/ESP	11.26-0.2	721+0.6	
208	50.85	14.57+1.2	4307	540 5513 4:46.31
7922	Auzeil, Bastien/FRA	11.35-0.2	687+0.2	
1523	196 50.36	14.57+1.2	4686	480 6080 4:39.80
7890	Braun, Pieter/NED	11.22-0.8	717-1.5	
1448	193 48.54	14.67+1.2	4249	470 5926 4:38.40
7857	Distelberger, Dominic/AUT	11.03-1.3	711-0.7	
1293	187 48.13	14.59+0.2	4318	500 5646 4:39.15
7728	Dubler, Cedric/AUS	11.06-0.8	729+0.1	

1136	208 48.31	14.92+0.4	4085	490 5210 4:50.31
7646	Nakamura, Akihiko/JPN	11.06-1.3	728-0.6	
1137	196 48.98	14.43+0.4	3365	470 5422 4:22.62
7498	Ushiro, Keisuke/JPN	11.53-0.2	664-0.2	
1343	196 51.43	15.35-0.5	4764	460 6328 4:51.90
dnf	Ziemek, Zach/USA	10.99-0.7	708-0.5	
1401	199 50.32	15.36+0.4	4732	510 5835 dns
dnf	Uibo, Maicel/EST	11.35-0.8	697-1.0	
1408	202 50.61	14.90-0.5	4788	nh withdrew
dnf	Victor, Lindon/GRN	10.83-0.7	698-1.2	
1586	199 49.30	15.36+1.2	nm	nh withdrew
dnf	Dudas, Mihail/SRB	10.75-0.2	746+0.2	
1302	202 48.08	dsg+1.2	4323	withdrew
dnf	Hardee, Trey/USA	10.75-0.7	748-0.4	
1516	199 48.78	dsq -0.1	nm	withdrew
dnf	Sintinicolaas, Eelco/NED	10.96-0.7	731-0.4	
1432	190 48.73	14.32+0.4	4025	withdrew
dnf	Shkurenev, Ilya/ANA(RUS)	11.17-1.3	762+0.2	
1348	208 49.02	dsq -0.1	withdrew	
dnf	Brugger, Mathias/GER	11.15-1.3	718+0.6	
1480	190	withdrew		
dnf	Van der Plaetsen,Thomas/BEL	11.35-0.2		
709+0.1	11303	196	withdrew	
dnf	Bouraada, Larbi/ALG	10.80-0.2	722-1.1	
1341	190	withdrew		
dnf	Singkhon, Sutthisak/THA	11.16-1.3	765-0.7	
1334	withdrew			
dnf	Samuelsson, Frederik/SWE	11.24-1.3	711-1.6	
1382	withdrew			
dnf	DeAraujo, Luiz Alberto/BRA	11.07-1.3	nm-0.4	
withdrew				
dnf	Suarez, Leonel/CUB	15.93-0.8	withdrew	
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