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EATON'S LEAD 124 AFTER 8 Mayer Vaults into Contention



Hello Again.... Ashton Eaton survived some scary moments in the pole vault and took a 124 point lead over surprising Kevin Mayer/FRA into the evening's final two events at the Rio Olympic decathlon. Here's how it went. Americans Zach Ziemek and Jeremy Taiwo stand 5th and 6th.



**31st Olympic Games
& 24th Olympic Decathlon
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
August 17-18, 2016**

DAY TWO:

110m Hurdles: [9:30 – 9:54 am]

Ziemek (in lane 6) ran close to a PR in the first race. With more hurdle experience he'll be much tougher since this was one of his weaker events.

Bouraada, the African record holder having a career meet experienced the identical problemno seasonal mark...relegated to the slowest section. As with last nite's 400, he won quite easily. Disappointing performances by the American collegians. This was the first event in which the Grenada brothers, Felix and Victor, both NCAA champs, went head to head.

9:30 am, wind +0.4 mps

Section 1:	nation	lane	SB	reaction	time	points
1.. Bouraada	ALG	3	nt	0.146	14.15	955
2.. Ziemek	USA	6	14.71	0.158	14.77	878
3. Felix	GRN	4	15.08	0.189	14.79	875
4. Ushiro	JPN	8	15.00	0.175	15.09	839
5. Victor	ESP	7	14.68	0.164	15.74	762
6. Saluri	EST	5	15.09	0.167	16.51	676

The morning crowd was delighted with de Araujo's comfortable win of 14.17 over Adam Sebastian Helecect/CZE



Damian Warner/CAN (left), Ashton Eaton/USA (center) and Kevin Mayer/FRA (right) held a firm grip on the medals at the Rio Games with 2 events remaining.

9:38 am, wind: +0.1 mps

Section 2:	nation	lane	SB	reaction	time	points
1. de Araujo	BRA	7	14.44	0.140	14.17	953
2. Helcelet	CZE	8	14.46	0.137	14.25	927
3. Distelberger	AUT	4	14.45	0.186	14.39	925
4.. Suarez	CUB	2	14.65	0.149	14.48	913
5.. Dudas	SRB	3	14.52	0.158	14.65	892
6. Uibo	EST	5	14.61	0.154	14.84	869
7. Wioesolek	POL	6	14.59	0.155	15.07	839

Here there seemed to be two separate races...Garcia, the rail tin Dubler/AUS and Taiwo up front, and then a peleton. The front group finished in that order, 14.25, 14.30 and 14.57. Jeremy would drop to 6th.

9:46 am, wind: +0.7 mps

Section 3:	nation	lane	SB	reaction	time	points
1. Garcia	CUB	4	14.32	0.135	14.25	942
2. Dubler	AUS	7	14.25	0.143	14.30	936
3. Taiwo	USA	5	14.22	0.189	14.57	902
4.. Auziel	FRA	2	14.40	0.156	14.82	871
5.. Tonnesen	ESP	3	14.39	0.152	14.99	851
6 Van de Plaetsen	BEL	8	14.39	0.153	15.01	848
7. Sykora	CZE	6	14.36	0.145	15.02	847

Warner had developed into the events top hurdler. He was clear of Eaton after 4

hurdles and he clocked a fine 13.58 to Ashton's safe 13.80. Mayer continued his hot streak. Warner carved 29 out of Eaton leading margin which was now 103.

9:54 am, wind: +0.7 mps

Section 4:	nation	lane	SB	reaction	time	points
1. Warner	CAN	6	13.42	0.137	13.58	1029
2. Eaton	USA	5	13.48	0.150	13.80	1000
3. Mayer	FRA	4	14.01	0.141	14.02	972
4.. Abele	GER	3	14.07	0.137	14.12	959
5. Kasyanov	UKR	7	13.93	0.137	14.34	931
6.. Nakamura	JPN	2	14.21	0.139	14.57	902
7. Kazmirek	GER	8	14.08	0.139	14.62	896

After Six: Eato 5621, Warn 5518, Maye 5407, Kazm 5396, Bour 5333....6th Taiw 5321....11th ZZ 5148.

Discus: [10:25 am, and 11:40 am]

In Group A Lindon Victor's prodigious talent was on display. His 53.21m/174-7 meet record in round one captured the event. He added 3cm to that in round #3 and his margin of victory in the event may have been the widest in Olympic history. Only Japan's Utsuseki Kiyoharu was reasonably close nailing 49.90m/163-9 I the 3rd round. Double Z made the most noise with a 2nd round 49.42m/162-2 PR effort.



With a 149-3 discus toss Eaton put some distance between himself and Damian Warner.

The throw moved him into 7th overall.

Warner managed just 44.93m/147-5 and would lose ground here.

In Group B Leonel Suarez won Group B with a 47.07m/154-5 1st attempt toss. But the story was Eaton who opened with a line drive 43.16m/141-7. His 2nd round toss of 45.49m/149-3 padded his lead over Warner by 12 points. His 3rd effort was 10cm less. Whew!

After Seven: Eato 6398, Warn 6283, Maye 6211, Kazm 6127, Bour 6046, ZZ 6006....8th Taiwo 5984.

Pole Vault: [1:25- 4:11 pm]

When the vault started the stadium was approximately half full.

In Group A when Ashton missed a 2nd time at a pedestrian 4.90m hearts stopped. A 3rd miss would be devastating and likely it would cost him the gold. But at 2:30 pm local time, much as Daley Thompson had in 1984, he looked over the cavern and faced his future. And, like Thompson, the last decathlete to win 2 consecutive golds (an NBC site had listed Bob Mathias!?!), Ashton came thru with a clutch effort pointing his arm at the audience. In the booth Trey "...at this point every point is vital....that's it, that's it...good hand hold...he made it look easy." Whew! It was heart stopping.

At the next bar, Kevin Mayer opened and cleared easily and now had a grasp on the silver medal. He moved into 2nd. Taiwo had a pair of 3rd attempt clearances ultimately getting a PR=5.00/16-4³/₄.

After passing 5.00m/16-4 ³/₄ Eaton had a pair of misses at 5.10m/16-8³/₄. At 3:10 pm local time it happened again...in a vault worth an additional 61 points another clutch Eaton effort lit up the stadium. Just two minutes later Warner nailed his 3rd try at 4.70m/15-5 to stay within sight of Eaton's tail lights disappearing down the road..

At 5.20m/17-³/₄ there were still 8 vaulters remaining in Group A. Ziemek and Eaton both got over on 2nd tries on the inside pit (Group A) while Warner was being eliminated on the outside (Group B) pit. Mayer also cleared 5.20m/17-³/₄ to stay even with Ashton. Their differential was 187 points. Kazmirek went out at this bar, but had passed the previous bar so he found himself 65 points out of a medal (behind Warner).

In group A Ziemek, Vandy, Eaton, Tonnesen and Mayer advanced to 5.30m/17-4 ¹/₂.

The Belgian, this year's Euro champ (in a meet he won by 5 bars) was first over

Eaton passed and then Mayer and Tonnesen cleared. The four went to 5.40m/17-8½ with



Mayer's PR 5.40m/17-8½ vault solidified his grip on the silver medal.

Eaton's lead over Mayer at 155 points. The Frenchman was over on his 2nd try, aPR and Eaton's lead was now 124.

In Group B Leonel Suarez won at 4.90m/16-¾ but for the 2x Olympic bronze medalist it would be too little, too late.

This was a little tighter than anyone imagined. And the fine exhibition of by Zach and Jeremy moved them into 5th and 6th overall.

After Eight: Eato 7370, Maye 6211, Warn 7102, Kazm 7037., ZZ 6978, Taiwo, 6894 Bour 6865.



Results after eight events:

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7370	Eaton, Ashton/USA	10.46-0.1	794+1.7
	1473 201 46.08	13.80+0.7	4549 520
7246	Mayer, Kevin/FRA	10.81-0.4	760+0.1
	1576 204 48.28	14.02+0.7	4678 540
7102	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.30-0.1	767+0.5
	1366 204 47.35	13.58+0.7	4493 470
7037	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	10.78-0.1	769-1.0
	1420 210 46.75	14.62+0.7	4325 500
6978	Ziemek, Zach/USA	10.71-0.1	749+0.2
	1344 210 49.83	14.77+0.4	4942 520
6894	Taiwo, Jeremy/USA	11.01-0.4	745+0.2
	1492 219 48.78	14.57+0.7	3991 500
6883	De Araujo, Alberto/BRA	10.77-0.4	748-0.2
	1526 192 48.14	14.17+0.1	4510 490
6846	Van de Plaetsen, Tho/BEL	11.23+0.5	766+0.7
	1284 216 49.63	15.01+0.7	4358 540
6836	Bouraada, Larbi/ALG	10.75-0.4	752+0.4
	1378 210 47.98	14.15+0.4	4239 470
6779	Suarez, Leonel/CUB	11.21+0.5	

		714+0.11427	207 48.15	14.48+0.1	4707 490
6713	Helcelet, Adam-S/CZE	11.06-0.4	735 0.0		
	1511 204 48.51	14.37+0.1	4413 470		
6694	Felix, Kurt/GRN	10.93+0.5	742-0.6		
	1477 207 49.14	14.79+0.4	4510 450		
6677	Dubler, Cedric/AUS	10.86-0.8	747 0.0		
	1149 213 48.18	14.30+0.7	3889 490		
6632	Dudas, Mihail/SRB	10.83-0.8	729 0.0		
	1423 204 49.13	14.65+0.1	4327 460		
6620	Auziel, Bastien/FRA	11.17+0.5	707-0.4		
	1541 198 49.34	14.82+0.7	4223 500		
6613	Abele, Arthur/GER	10.87-0.8	697-0.1		
	1503 198 49.02	14.12+0.7	4466 450		
6601	Tonnesen, Pau/ESP	11.32+0.5	733-0.7		
	1369 201 50.81	14.99+0.7	4631 520		
6556	Victor, Lindon/GRN	10.83-0.1	711 0.0		
	1480 198 49.80	15.74+0.4	5324 440		
6530	Wiesiolek, Pawel/POL	10.88-0.8	673+0.7		
	1417 201 50.18	15.09+0.1	4832 450		
6503	Garcia, Yordani/CUB	10.81-0.1	683-0.2		
	1458 201 48.69	14.25+0.7	4034 450		
6473	Ushiro, Keisuke/JPN	11.30+0.5	683+0.3		
	1414 198 50.43	15.09+0.4	4990 490		
6467	Distelberger, Dom/AUT	10.84-0.1	733+0.1		
	1340 189 48.61	14.39+0.1	13809 480		
6182	Nakamura, Akihiko/JPN	11.04-0.8	713+0.4		
	1200 192 48.93	14.57+0.7	3491 470		
6003	Saluri, Karl-Robt/EST	10.82-0.1	702-0.4		
	1388 177 50.32	16.51+0.4	4296 450		
5790	Uibo, Maicel/EST	11.15+0.5	714+0.4		
	nm 216 51.08	14.84+0.1	3769 510		
5544	Sykora, Jiri/CZE	11.15-0.8	700+0.2		
	1345 198 49.88	15.02+0.7	4449 nh		
dnf	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.78-0.8	754-0.1		
	1450 201 48.56	14.34+0.7	nm withdrew		
dnf	Braun, Peter/NED	11.03+0.5	755+0.4		
	1390 195	withdrew			
dnf	Coertzen, Willem/RSA	11.12-0.4	698+0.1		
	1400	withdrew			
dns	Freimuth, Rico/GER	10.73-0.8	717 0.0		
	1327	withdrew			
dnf	Andreev, Leonid/UZB	11.29-0.4	660-0.2		
	1486	withdrew			
dnf	Sintinicolaas, Eelco/NED	10.87-0.4	withdrew		
	32s, 26	remain.			