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BRYAN CLAY IS FIRST DAY LEADER 4512 score leads Krauchanka by 88 points

Hello Again....It's now early morning in the USA. The decathlon high jump began at 7:10 pm on Thursday in Beijing, 7:10 am on the US East coast. Bryan Clay leads the field with 4512 points and his grip on a gold medal looks pretty good at this point. There appear to be 4 other contenders for the medals: Andrei Krauchanka (2nd 4433 and 95 pts down on PR score of 8617); Trey Hardee (3rd 4428 and 26 pts down on USOT Trials pace of 8524); Roman Sebrle (5th at 4312 and 122 pts down on his 8676 winning score from '07 Osaka); and Leonel Suarez (6th at 4297 and 54 up on 8451 PR score). This will be a battle. Off to the golf course.

Here how the 4th and 5th events went.

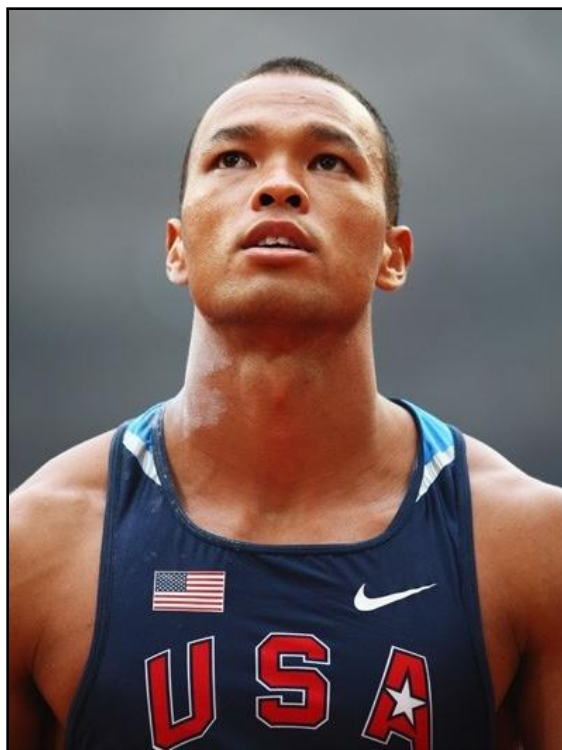
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High Jump: (7:10 pm)

In Group A (unseeded jumpers) 17 started and only 7 remained when the bar went to 1.99m/6-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ where everyone missed initial attempts. By 2.05m/6-8 $\frac{3}{4}$ only Alex Drazdov/RUS and Mikk Papahill/FIN remained. Only the later made 2.05m/6-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, then cleared 2.08m/6-9 $\frac{3}{4}$ on a 2nd attempt and 2.11m/6-11 on his first try. He went no higher but, given his PR of 2.15m/7- $\frac{1}{2}$ one can only wonder why he was placed with the weaker jumpers in the first place?

Maurice Smith/JAM cleared 1.99m/6-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ while Jangy Addy/LBR, having a very



Bryan Clay checks the scoreboard after day one in Beijing where he leads with 4512 points.

solid meet thus far, had managed 1.93m/6-4.

The event dragged so long that, before both pits were remotely close to finishing the start time for the 400m had come and gone. This is naïve scheduling at its best.

In Group B (seeded jumpers) Trey Hardee had his problems but managed 1.96m/6-5 on a 3rd attempt. Ten were then over

at 1.99m/6-6¼ including Bryan Clay who opened at 1.90m/6-2¾, took two efforts to manage 1.96m/6-5 and was over 1.99m/6-6¼

easily on his first attempt. NCAA indoor hept



Florida State Gonzalo Barroihlet leaps 1.93m/6-4 in Beijing decathlon high jump

king Gonzalo Barroihlet got 1.93m/6-4.

With the bar at 1.96m the rains returned making conditions slippery.

At 2.02m/6-7½ Bryan missed on all 3m trys as 8 (including Trey) went to 2.05m/6-8¾. Hardee managed a PR 2.05m/6-8¾ on his very first try, but then could go no higher.

Sebrle, perhaps a war horse smelling blood from afar, and Krauchanka both cleared 2.11/6-11, and the Russian Sysoyev also cleared the same height on a 3rd try and the trio went to the next bar. They went no higher. The event ended at (9:44 am, more than 2½ hours of jumping, and more than one hour late. The 400m was pushed back 80 minutes, scheduled to start at 10 pm,

At this point Clay's lead was solid and 4 others appeared likely to contend for the remaining medals-Suarez, Krauchanka, Hardee and, competing on memory, Sebrle.

After Four: Clay 3656, Pogo 3510, Hard 3507, Krau 3490, Kasy 3487, Sebr 3476, Droz 3414, Suar 3384....3344 (11th)

400 Meters: (10:10 – 10.39 pm)

The events started late with Clay, Smith and Addy all in section #1. Smith lumbered down the stretch to win in 47.96,

Addy caught in 48.51 and Clay 48.92, all solid efforts.

Section #2 was won in popular fashion by Qu Haifeng in 49.39 over Sebrle's 49.54. Estonia's Andres raja won the 3rd race in 48.98 seconds. Tall Cuban Yordani Garcia won the 4th with a 49.68 time.

The final race, run at 10:39 pm, had three medal contenders: Suarez, Krauchanka and Hardee (in lane 8). All posted fast time: Krauchanka 2nd in 47.30, Hardee a PR in 4th at 47.75, Suarez 5th in 47.91. The race was won by Britain's Daniel Awde in an excellent PR of 47.16.

31 of the original 40 athletes completed day one

After Five: Clay 4521, Krau 4433, Hard 4428, Kasy 4408, Sebr 4312, Suar 4297....Addy 4229 (9th).



Results:

4512	Clay, Bryan/USA	10.44+0.3	778	0.0	1627	199	48.92
4433	Krauchanka, Andrei/BLR	10.96-0.2	761-0.2	1439	211	47.30	
4428	Hardee, Trey/USA	10.52+0.3	772-0.2	1349	205	47.75	
4408	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.53+0.3	756+1.2	1515	196	47.70	
4312	Šebrle, Roman/CZE	11.21-0.6	768+0.8	1478	211	49.54	
4297	Suàrez, Leonel/CUB	10.90-0.6	733+0.8	1449	205	47.91	
4283	Pogorelov, Aleksandr/RUS	11.06-0.6	737+0.6	1653	208	50.91	
4279	Schrader, Michael/GER	10.80+0.3	770-0.1	1367	199	48.47	
4229	Addy, Jangy/LBR	10.76+0.3	738+0.9	1491	193	48.51	
4217	Smith, Maurice/JAM	10.85-0.2	704-0.8	1509	199	47.96	
4209	Garcia, Yordani/CUB	10.64-0.2	7707+0.3	1582	196	49.66	
4174	Raja, Andres/EST	10.89-0.2	729+0.2	1479	196	48.98	
4158	Drozov, Aleksey/RUS	11.02-0.1	723-0.1	1626	202	51.56	
4118	Sysoyev, Alexey/RUS	11.03-0.2	677+0.3	1542	211	50.71	
4080	Pahapill, Mikk/EST	11.15-0.6	704+0.6	1436	211	50.90	
4079	Niklaus, Andre/GER						

11.12-0.6 729+1.4 1436 205 49.65
 4057 Barras, Romain/FRA
 11.26-0.1 708+1.0 1542 196 49.51
 4010 Bertocchi, Massimo/CAN
 11.00+0.3 705-0.8 1410 190 48.72
 4002 Martineau, Eugene/NED
 11.19-0.4 719+0.6 1378 199 49.99
 3991 Sepehrzad, Hadi/IRI
 10.92-0.1 680+1.0 1602 190 50.75
 3979 Sitar, Damjan/SLO
 11.21-0.6 725-0.1 1241 205 50.10
 3968 Haifeng Qi/CHN
 11.15-0.4 722+1.6 1340 193 49.39
 3964 Shubianok, Mikalai/BLR
 11.31-0.2 686+0.6 1488 199 50.02
 3950 Parkhomenka, Aliaksandr/BLR
 11.29-0.4 699 0.0 1549 193 50.71
 3861 Dizdarevic, Slaven/SVK
 11.16-0.1 702+0.3 1397 196 52.02
 3857 Awde, Daniel/GBR
 11.06-0.2 712+0.3 1203 178 47.16
 3844 Halvari, Mikko/FIN
 11.18-0.6 688-0.2 1372 193 50.60
 3841 Karlivans, Janis/LAT
 11.36-0.6 726+1.3 1485 184 51.61
 3800 Gómez, Daniel/ESP
 11.12-0.4 685+0.9 1358 181 49.27
 3772 Barroilhet, Gonzalo/CHI
 11.33-0.4 708+1.9 1323 193 51.91
 3307 Chinin, Carlon/BRA
 10.99-0.2 694 0.0 nm 199 49.21
 3016 Andreev, Pavel/UZB
 11.47-0.4 662-0.3 1415 199 dnf
 dnf Covalenco, Victor/MDA
 11.87-0.1 650+0.7 1344 181 dnf withdrew
 dnf Xhonneux, Frédéric/BEL
 11.41-0.1 694+0.5 1399 190 withdrew
 dnf Van Alphen, Hans/BEL
 11.28-0.4 655+0.3 1486 184 withdrew
 dnf Abele, Arthur/GER
 10.90+0.3 647+0.3 1355 190 withdrew
 dnf Smirnov, Vitalit/UZB
 11.56-0.4 nm 1351 withdrew
 dnf Pappas, Tom/USA
 11.12-0.2 741+1.3 withdrew
 dnf Zsivóczky, Attila/HUN
 11.86-0.1 withdrew
 dnf Karpov, Dmitri/KAZ
 11.83+0.3

40 starters, 31 finishers on day one.