

THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

DECA Newsletter

Volume XXXIII

Number 42

August (6), 2008

CLAY EXTENDS LEAD

American's am marks 13.93, 176-5 !!

Hello Again.....30 started day 2 and the weather was a nice as it was nasty the day before. Storms blowing thru Beijing normally clear the air and day two broke sunny and breezy with high clouds. With an 88 point margin, Bryan Clay was in the driver's seat. The previous evening he said "I'm coming out tomorrow just trying to compete against the conditions and the competitors. Hopefully I'll be the best one there and be at the top of the podium at the end of the day." He continued "I think every event in the decathlon is important. You can't win the decathlon without having all ten events. Anytime you have a poor event, that's going to set you back a bit, and every time you have a good event, that'll put you ahead."

Hardee, reacting to his bandaged left hand remarked. "Just a little something popped throwing the shot put. I had some pictures taken during our break today and everything's fine. I'll be ready to go for tomorrow. This is just precautionary and making sure nothing else went wrong. It was long. It's my first Olympics and my first international experience, really. I'm not used to the all day schedule. We were the first ones out here this morning and the last ones to leave. It's unique, and I'm enjoying it. The fans are great. So, with Americans first and third at the break, here we go.



Bryan Clay gets an Olympic dec disc record in Beijing, 53.79m/176-5!

Games of the 29th Olympiad
Beijing, China
August 21-22, 2008



110 m Hurdles: (9:00 am)

Organizers were clever to draw lane assignments for the hurdles after day one and they compressed the remaining athletes into 4 sections. In the first race only Roman Sebrle, the defending champ, was notable being placed here with much slower runners since he



Roman Sebrle/CZE, managed 14.71 for 3rd in the 1st 110mH race

had only one seasonal outdoor hurdles race (15.15). Running in lane 2 the world record holder could only watch Cuban Yordani fly down the track and record a PR 13.90, while Roman managed to hold on to 3rd, clocking 14.71. Slight headwind (-0.4mps).

Section #2 had all the seeded runners (5 had PRs under 14 seconds), including Bryan Clay, Jangy Addy and Trey Hardee, all of whom put on a show at the Olympic Trials in Eugene. Clay (lane 3) was flanked by Andrei Krauchanka (lane 2) and collegiate dec record holder Addy (lane 4). Hardee and Jamaica's Maurice Smith (accustomed to running against one another in NCAA meets) were side by side in lanes 7 and 8.

Cuban Leonel Suarez reacted fastest and reached the first barrier the quickly, but Bryan Clay took over and walloped a great field, in control all the way, he managed 13.93. The times were a bit sluggish b/c of headwinds (here -0.5mps). As to the contenders, Smith (3rd 14.08), Suarez (4th 14.15), Hardee (5th 14.20), Krauchanka (6th 14.21) and Addy (7th 14.31) were all up the track when Clay hit the finish line. For the '04 Olympic silver medalist, it was a solid 2nd day start.



Virtually unknown, Ukrainian Oleksiy Kasyanov, 22, was still in 4th place after 6 events.

In the 3rd section France's lone entrant, Romain Barras, got a PR in 14.21. And the 4th race drew the biggest crowd response as Qi Haifeng/CHN broke the tape in 14.60 (-0.4 mps) after Alexey Sysoyev/ RUS stumbled at the start and did not finish.

After Six: Clay 5505, Krau 5381, Hard 5377, Kasy 5335, Saur 5252, Pogo 5198, Sebr 5197, Garc 5196.

Discus: (10:15 and 11:30 am)

Sloppy seeding left Hardee out of Group A (seeded section) in spite of having the 3rd best mark in the field (52.68m/172-10 at '08 Texas Relays). Doesn't anyone read results? Hello!

Throwing almost last in the order, Clay put this event away when he drilled a 53.79m/176-5 plate. At this point, not only was he in the driver's seat, he owned the bus! His mark represented a new OG meet record, The old record was set by Josef Bakai/HUN in Munich in 1972 of 52.18m/171-2.

With nothing to lose Bryan fouled in round #2. It was pretty neat (ala Tour de France yellow jersey) that the overall leader got to where a 'bib' saying 'Leading.' Thus far, no one else got to wear it.

In round # 3 Maurice Smith/JAM (50.91m/167-1) and Alex Pogorelo/RUS (50.04m/164-2) both surpassed 50m.

Roman Sebrle struggled here and it was possible a medal was slipping away. The owner of a gold (2004) and silver (2000) would be happy with a bronze but he managed but 45.50m/149-3. But Suarez gunned a 44.45m/145-10 huge PR in the final round to move 96 points up on PR pace of 8451. Clay managed 'only' 51.86m/170-1 in the final round. Addy's 42.30m/138-9 was a national record for Liberia.

Having seen the first group results, there was an opportunity for Krauchanka and Hardee to respond. Trey managed 43.55m/142-10 while Krauchanka PR's in round #1 at 44.58m/146-3. Yet the major story was the he PR dished up by Kasyanov, 48.39m. Iran's Hadi Sepehrzad won the group at 50.32m/165-1.

After Seven: Clay 6455, Kasy 6132, Krau 6139, Hard 6114 Smit 6070, Pogo 6069, Saur 6008, Sebr 5974.

Results:



21-22 29th Olympic Games, Beijing, China

6655	Clay, Bryan/USA	10.44+0.3	778	0.0
1627	199 48.92 13.93-0.5	5379		
6172	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.53+0.3	756+1.2	
1515	196 47.70 14.37-0.2	4839		
6139	Krauchanka, Andrei/BLR	10.96-0.2	761-0.2	
1439	211 47.30 14.21-0.5	4458		
6114	Hardee, Trey/USA	10.52+0.3	772-0.2	
1349	205 47.75 14.20-0.5	4355		
6070	Smith, Maurice/JAM	10.85-0.2	704-0.8	
1509	199 47.96 14.08-0.5	5091		
6069	Pogorelov, Aleksandr/RUS	11.06-0.6	737+0.6	
1653	208 50.91 14.47-0.2	5004		
6008	Suárez, Leonel/CUB	10.90-0.6	733+0.8	
1449	205 47.91 14.15-0.5	4445		
5974	Šebrle, Roman/CZE	11.21-0.6	768+0.8	
1478	211 49.54 14.71-0.4	4550		
5875	Addy, Jangy/LBR	10.76+0.3	738+0.9	
1491	193 48.51 14.31-0.5	4230		
5847	Pahapill, Mikk/EST	11.15-0.6	704+0.6	
1436	211 50.90 14.51-0.2	4935		
5837	Schrader, Michael/GER	10.80+0.3	770-0.1	
1367	199 48.47 14.71-0.4	4041		
5802	Raja, Andres/EST	10.89-0.2	729+0.2	
1479	196 48.98 14.06-0.5	3983		
5794	Garcia, Yordani/CUB	10.64-0.2	7707+0.3	
1582	196 49.66 13.90-0.4	3673		
5781	Niklaus, Andre/GER	11.12-0.6	729+1.4	
1436	205 49.65 14.37-0.2	4539		
5775	Barras, Romain/FRA	11.26-0.1	708+1.0	
1542	196 49.51 14.21-0.2	4517		
5764	Drozdov, Aleksey/RUS	11.02-0.1	723-0.1	
1626	202 51.56 15.51-0.4	4743		
5762	Sephehrad, Hadi/IRI	10.92-0.1	680+1.0	
1602	190 50.75 14.64-0.4	5032		
5709	Bertocchi, Massimo/CAN	11.00+0.3	705-0.8	
1410	190 48.72 14.32-0.5	4491		
5664	Qi Haifeng /CHN	11.15-0.4	722+1.6	
1340	193 49.39 14.60-0.4	4646		
5655	Shubianok, Mikalai/BLR	11.31-0.2	686+0.6	
1488	199 50.02 14.52-0.2	4580		
5632	Martineau, Eugene/NED	11.19-0.4	719+0.6	
1378	199 49.99 14.73-0.2	4409		
5564	Parkhomenka, Aliaksandr/BLR	11.29-0.4	699	0.0
1549	193 50.71 15.06-0.4	4527		
5502	Barroilhet, Gonzalo/CHI	11.33-0.4	708+1.9	
1323	193 51.91 14.26-0.5	4607		
5474	Sitar, Damjan/SLO	11.21-0.6	725-0.1	
1241	205 50.10 15.03-0.4	3925		
5414	Karlivans, Janis/LAT	11.36-0.6	726+1.3	
1485	184 51.61 15.28-0.4	4454		

5372	Halvari, Mikko/FIN	11.18-0.6	688-0.2	
1372	193 50.60 16.25-0.4	4771		
5365	Gómez, Daniel/ESP	11.12-0.4	685+0.9	
1358	181 49.27 14.61-0.2	4017		
5350	Awde, Daniel/GBR	11.06-0.2	712+0.3	
1203	178 47.16 14.69-0.4	3712		
5300	Dizdarevic, Slaven/SVK	11.16-0.1	702+0.3	
1397	196 52.02 15.61-0.4	3986		
dnf	Sysoyev, Alexey/RUS	11.03-0.2	677+0.3	
1542	211 50.71 dnf withdrew			
dnf	Chinin, Carlon/BRA	10.99-0.2	694	0.0
nm	199 49.21 withdrew			
dnf	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+0.31	355 190 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	Zsvóczy, Attila/HUN	11.86-0.1	withdrew	
dnf	Karpov, Dmitri/KAZ	11.83+0.3		



Clear skies over Beijing greeted 30 decathletes to start Day Two.