

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## IT IS OVER !

### Successful 2008 Season Concludes

**Hello Again....**The 2008 USA decathlon season is now in the books. We waited for the results of the year ending DecaStar meeting in Talence, a meet Bryan Clay decided not to do the meet last weekend, because of commercial obligations. Cuban Leonel could not get approval to compete as well and so Olympic silver medalist Andrei Krauchanka outlasted former Auburn star Maurice Smith (8312 to 8222) in that one which decided the IAAF CE Challenge standings. Talence results and IAAF standings are included in this newsletter.

This may be the final newsletter of the year since I have moved back to Hanover, NH to teach economics at Dartmouth this fall. Those who need to get in touch with me please use the same email address.

While it is not our intention to rehash the entire recent season (which included a record 45 DECA Newsletters!) a quick perusal of the results/lists elicits the following comments about 2008.

**Most inspiring effort:** Bryan Clay wins this one hands down. His preparation for Beijing, and his handling of the pressure, the atrocious weather conditions and the crowd, was wonderful to behold. His total dominance of the Olympic field, event after event, proved that a clean athlete can come away with the gold medal. As well, score one for the proverbial 'little guy.'

**Top team effort:** No one who saw the way Team USA ran the 1500 meters at the Thorpe



Was this a great moment? Bryan Clay coems home from Beijing with gold medal, the 12<sup>th</sup> time an American has done so. Andrei Krauchanka/BLR (left), Leonel Suarez/CUB (right)

Cup in Manhattan, Kansas, can forget it....Joe, Moose, Chris, Jake and Chris....guys were coming up with PRs with temps over 100 degrees F. It was awesome and resulted in a team victory over Germany.

**Best Crowd:** The 40,000+ spectators who watched the US Olympic Trials at venerable Hayward Field in Eugene included dozens and dozens of former decathletes including former German WR holder Guido Kratschmer.

**Most gratifying moment:** Seeing Tom Pappas make a 3<sup>rd</sup> Olympic team, in front of hometown fans in Eugene.

**Biggest help:** W&K Container CEO John Weigmann as the new sponsor of our website and DECA Newsletter. Thank you John.

**Most New Potential:** I was most impressed with 20 year old NCAA champ Ashton Eaton, a sophomore. Stay healthy!

**Biggest improvement:** The season's biggest improvement came from Oregon's Ashton Eaton as well (+999 pts) moving from 7123 to 8122. Other major PR moves in the 8K range included Chris Helwick (+363 pts), Chris Randolph (+268 pts), Mustafa Abdur-Rahim (+238 pts), Jangy Addy (+217 pts), Trey Hardee (+59 pts) and Bryan Clay (+12 pts).

For decathletes in the 7600-7800 range the biggest improvements came from Ricky Moody (+678 pts), Nick Adcock (+579 pts), Mike Morrison (+487 pts), and Brandon Hoskins (+239 pts).

**Biggest surprise:** Receiving news on the same day that Chris Boyles was denied a visa to China for the Games, and that the African nation of Liberia had added Tennessee's Jangy Addy to their Olympic team (and that he would carry the flag in the Opening Ceremonies).....a Beijing moment—boink Boyles, add Addy.

**Most Consistent Performer:** Known as the lowest standard deviation test, goes to Dartmouth's Tyler Koskenoja whose three 2008 scores were: 7462, 7460 and 7449. Standard deviation: about 3.

**Biggest Disappointments:** Injury to Tom Pappas and vault 'nh' for Trey Hardee in Beijing. (as well as getting very little video from Beijing decathlon)

**And finally.....some personal home cooking:** I was particularly pleased to see a bevy of PR scores for Dartmouth's Mustafa Abdur-Rahim, Andrew Hall, Koskenoja (see above) and a Heps come from behind victory for Tim Wunderlich.



## IAAF Combined Events Challenge Final Results



	<i>Total</i>	<i>Average</i>
1. AndreiKrauchanka/BLR (Henglo 8585, Beijing 8551, Talence 8312)	25,448	8482+
2. Leonel Suarez/CUB (Gotzis 8366, Ratingen 8451, Beijing 8527)	25,344	8448
3. Aleksandr pogorelov/RUS (Gotzis 8381, Beijing 8328, Talence 8095)	24,804	8268
4. Maurice Smith/JAM (Gotzis 8332, Beijing 8205, Talence 8220)	24,757	8252+
5. Romain Barras/FRA (Arles 8086, Beijing 8253, Talence 8172)	24,511	8170+
6. Eugene Martineau/NED (Gotzis 8161, Ratingen 8233, Beijing 8055)	24,449	8149+
7. Oleksiy Kasyanov/UKR (Jyvaskyla 7874, Beijing 8238, Talence 7951)	24,063	8021
8. Mikalai Shubianok/BLR (Gotzis 7884, Henglo 7632, Beijing 7906)	23,422	7807+

## DecaStar Results



### 9/13-14 Talence, FRA

8312	Krauchanka, Andrei/BLR	11.16+1.0 772+1.6	1418 209 48.89 14.05+2.3 4154 495 6145 4:39.13
8220	Smith, Maurice/JAM	10.93+1.0 731+0.6	1637 203 49.04 14.19+2.3 5134 445 5142 4:38.75
8172	Barras, Romain/FRA	11.20+0.4 711+2.1	1520 194 49.52 14.20+2.3 4338 505 6209 4:29.30
8095	Pogorelov, Aleksandr/RUS	11.28+1.0 722+1.5	1536 203 51.69 14.16+2.3 4945 475 6494 4:54.79
8075	Müller, Norman/GER	11.09+0.4 736+0.3	1454 191 48.40 14.73nwi 4033 485 6305 4:28.04
7951	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.69+1.0 749+0.9	1463 191 48.21 14.71+2.3 4225 435 5121 4:24.49
	7600 Logel, Franck/FRA, 7591 Schwartzl, Roland/AUT, 7523 Barras, Guillaume/FRA, 7231 Gouacide, Wilfred/FRA. dnf Drozdov, Aleksey/RUS [11.34+1.0 710+0.6 1570 n206 51.46 15.18nwi 4894 nh] 14s,10f.		

**Caption for photo on left: 110m Hurdles race in Talence, l-r: Romain Barras/FRA, Maurice Smith/JAM, and Andrei Krauchanka/BLR.**