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CLAY TAKES EARLY LEAD

Wins First Two Events at World Indoors

Hello Again... Because of the time differential and the split time schedule at the IAAF World indoor championship meet in Valencia we are posting early event results. The 23rd USA indoor combined events championship meeting is being held on the same tow days (March 8-9) so Newsletter reports will come from both Spain and Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

IAAF World Indoor Championships Men's Heptathlon March 8-9, 2008

Bryan Clay came to Valencia rare'n to go. His US leading score from Ames, Iowa (6192) three weeks earlier portended big things to come. The bi-annual world indoor meeting invites just 8 competitors (4 best decathletes from previous year + 4 top scores from current indoor season) and this year managed to draw most of the biggest names in our event----Clay, Sebrle, Karpov, Krauchanka----so that it was an opportunity to see who is in the best condition early in the Olympic year. Krauchanka and Karpov had dueled to identical scores at the recent Reval Cup in Estonia (6229) so there challenge to Clay was much anticipated. The 6 hour differential between the west coast of Europe and the US east coast meant I was



Bryan Clay took a substantial lead at the IAAF World Indoor meeting in Valencia, ESP after 2 events.

watching for scores at 4 o'clock this morning.

60 Meters: (10:00 am)

Running in lane 2, with Roman Sebrle on his left, Bryan was away early (reaction time 0.152) and smoothly



Photo provided by Seiko



Mikhail Logvinenko(l) & Roman Sebrle flank Clay in 60.

recorded a seasonal best 6.71 (vs. 6.77 in Ames). Young Estonian Andreas Raja was 2nd (6.95) while Donovan Kilmartin recorded a lifetime best in 3rd with 7.02. The sluggish reaction times of Sebrle (0.245), Krauchanka (0.301) and Karpov (0.259) were telling as they went 6-7-8 in the eight man race.

Afr One: Clay 988, Raja 900, Kilm 875, Logv 872, Pogo 861, Sebr 826, Krau 816, Karp 813.



World decathlon record holder Roman Sebrle/CZE managed 7.60m/24-11 ¼ in the long jump

Long Jump: Here Bryan was completely dominant. He lead round #1 with a 7.56m/24-9¾ effort, then improved to 7.75/25-5¼ in round #2, besting his Ames mark by 7½ inches. He fouled in the final round. Krauchanka (7.63m/25-½) and Sebrle (7.60m/24-11¼) went two-three. Kilmartin's 7.36m/24-1 kept him near 6k pace.

After Two: Clay 1985, Raja 1815, Pogo 1791, Sebr 1786, Krau 1783, Kilm 1775, Logv 1770, Karp 1701.

Results: 3/9-8 IAAF World Indoor Camps, Valancia, ESP

After two:

1985	Bryan Clay/USA	6.71 775
1815	Raja, Andreas/EST	6.95 742
1791	Pogorelov, Alex/RUS	7.06 748
1786	Sebrle, Roman/CZE	7.16 760
1783	Krauchana, Dmitry/BLR	7.19 763
1775	Kilmartin, Donovan/USA	7.02 736
1770	Logvinenko, Mikhail/RUS	7.03 735
1701	Dmitriy Karpov/KAZ	7.20 731

Reminder:

Bryan Clay's Qualifier in Ames- 2/15			
6192	6.77 756	1591 202	7.74 515 3:06.39
Donovan Kilmartin's Qualifier Boise-2/2			
6008	7.08 752	1439 206	8.28 525 2:56.15