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CLAY'S 4593 LEADS 1st DAY at GÖTZIS NACAC and Collegiate Scores

Hello Again.....My 20th stop at the Hypo-Bank meeting in Gotzis. And I can not recall a more exciting first day as Bryan Clay posted five terrific marks, knocking them off one after another and ran up a gaudy score (PR was 4554 at Athens on way to 8820 silver medal). He leads by .

With good weather forecasted for day 1, defending champ Bryan Clay was primed for a quality score. Much was made by the press about a possible world record (most recently set here in 2001 by Roman Sebrle) by Bryan downplayed the notion saying, "I'm here to do as well as I can and have fun doing it. If the record comes it comes." The field was a rerun of the 2004 Athens Games and the same field started here in 2006 when Clay became the first American decathlon winner, after 32 years.

At the same time, the annual North American-Central American Championships were under way in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic with a trio of elite Yanks, Paul Terek, Ryan Harlan and Chris Boyles participating.

As well the final weekend in may is used for the national championships for smaller institutions. The NCAA Div II, Div III and NAIA meets were conducted in Charlotte, NC, Oshkosh, WI and Fresno, CA respectively.



**33rd Hypo—Bank Meeting
Götzis, Austria
May 26-27, 2007
Day One**

100 Meters: [11:40 – 12:00 pm]



Bryan Clay in the 100m starting blacks at Götzis

Temp in low 80s by 11:40 am. Seeded by ability. Section I included vet Tomas Dvorak, a crowd favorite at Mosle stadium and he responded with a win in 11.03, pretty good for age 35.

In section II, with dead calm conditions local Markus Walser/AUT ran away with a popular win in 10.97 seconds.

In the 3rd race, tall Andrei Kranchanka/BLR, running on the outside, was clear of German Norman Muller only in the last 10 meters and won in 10.86. IAAF indoor champ Andrei

Nicklaus/GER and ex Kansas Stater Josef Karas/CZE were back.

In the 4th race, where the average was 22, Paccal Behrenbruch/GER, last year's "Rookie of the Meet," was 3rd to teammate Jacob Minah whose 10.80 was aPR. Minah tumbled and fell just past the finish but avoided taking the rest of the field with him.

In the final section, Bryan Clay drew lane 4, Roman Sebrle lane 1 and Dmitri Karpov lane 2. A pair of former NCAA champs, Maurice Smith and Claston Bernard were in lanes 3 and 6.

Clay reacted sluggishly (reaction time 0.171) to the gun but by 40 meters was well clear of the field. Pumping furiously with exaggerated left arm, he ran the last 50 meters better than ever. His 10.40 (the field clock read 10.39) just missed the meet record and he won by 6 meters over Mo Smith, now sprint trained by Mel Rosen at Auburn.

Clay/USA	10.40
Smith/JAM	10.71
Dhoubi/TUN	10.92
Karpov/KAZ	10.92
Bernard/JAM	11.05
Sebrle/CZE	11.10

[Set to gun 0.4]

*After One: Clay 999, Smit 926, Mina 906
...Karp 878..... Sebr 838*

Long Jump: [12:45 – 1: 35 pm]

20 minutes before the start meet director Konrad Lerch turned the event around to take advantage of turning winds. No one knows the area better than he and he was exactly right, so that by the start conditions were really breezy.

The better part of the crowd (@3000) was at the south end to watch the heptathlon high jump. Those in the grandstand saw Tomas Dvorak lead off section A with a 7.42m/24-1/4. O my, this was going to be an event! BelaRussian jumping bean Andrei Krauchanka followed with 7.67m/25-2. Andre Nicklaus, wearing a white handkerchief

on his head and resembling a wounded soldier...don't ask) managed 7.46m/24-5 3/4. Boy, conditions were good...temps about 72 degrees. When Bryan Clay was announced he played it cautiously (read: just off toeboard) and still sailed 7.49m/24-7. Roman Sebrle followed with a perfect 7.84m/25-8 3/4, but the tall Dmitri Karpov was 16' off and still sailed 7.22m/23-8 1/4. In round # the winds picked up and Dvorak checked his umbrella onto the infield before managing a 4cm improvement. Krauchanka then bounded a winning 7.90m/25-11 before many could not handle the additional breezes and fouls were common. One who did handle the situation was Clay who, although well beyond his halfway check point on his 2nd approach, throttled back and hit the board with a nano cm to spare. He reached 7.80m/25-7 1/4 with a +3.7 aiding wind.. Surprisingly neither Sebrle nor Karpov



Bryan Clay reached 7.80m/25-7 1/4 twice pushing him past a 2k score after 2 events.

improved, the latter still having step problems, perhaps because he has the longest approach of all the competitors.

Seven fouls dotted round #3 and one belonged to Claston Bernard, the former NCAA king from LSU, who no-marked. Bryan went for broke on his last effort and managed another 7.80m/25-7 3/4 (wind +2.0) but just missed the toeboard. Sebrle passed and when Karpov was 2 feet back on his final attempt the event was abruptly over.

In Group B the winner was young Abele who reached 7.29m/23-11.

After Two: Clay 2009, Krau 1937, Sebr 1858.....Karp 1744.

Shot Put: [2:10 – 2:50 pm]

The event had no energy...and, with the exception of Mo Smith, was unremarkable. But, if your name is Mr. Smith, you rule the northwest corner of Mosle Stadium. Maurice wanted not only the event victory and the gold coin it brings, but to erase *Michael* Smith's meet record of 17.45m/57-3, set by the Canadian in 1997.



Maurice Smith, a former NCAA champ from Auburn, won the Götzis shot with the 2nd best toss in history, 17.25m/56-7¼. Only Canadian Michael Smith has recorded a superior mark.

In round one Bryan Clay stepped out for a no mark and Smith, throwing last in the order, calmly pumped a 17.25m/56-7¼ toss that temporarily woke up a lethargic crowd.

In round two Bryan got a 15.30m/5-2½ toss and Dmitri Karpov followed with a 16.26m/53-4 effort. Smith's 2nd throw landed past 17.50m but he stepped over the toe-board. Round three was singularly uneventful. Bryan took a foot fault when his effort landed around 14.50m. Karpov's 3rd effort brought rain but no better distance and Smith, trying too hard fouled to end the event.

In Group B Josef Karas had the winning effort., 14.34m/47-½. For Clay, with his best deca 100 and 2nd best deca long jumpo and a solid shot mark, things were looking up.

After Three: Clay 2817, Sebr 2683, Krau 2679..... Karp 2611.

High Jump: [3:25 - 5:20 pm]

This may have been the best mass high jumping at Mosle Stadium since the days of Christian Schenk/GDR and William Motti/FRA. The weather improved and there were still breezes from the south (behind the back of those jumping from left side(read: Clay).

At 2.03m/6-8 all of the original 13 seeded jumpers remained. At 2.06m/6-9 11 remained, at 2.09m/6-10¼ nine were still around, an at 2.12m/6-11½ six jumpers still remained. The most impressive were Clay, who started at 1.91m/6-3½, jumping at every bar and *cleared* every bar on the first attempt thru 2.09m/6-10¼ , a PR., and the springy Krauchanka who legged over 2.12m/6-11½ on his initial attempt.

Bryan bailed on his initial try at 2.12m/6-11½ and the second was reasonably close. His 3rd was also reasonable close.

When the bar went to 2.15m7-½ just Krauchanka, and an pair of bulky Russian Alekseys, Drovdiv and Sysoyev, remained.

The blond and red clad Sysoyev was clear on his 2nd effort as was the Belarussian, using his standard 7 step approach.

The bar went to 2.18m/7-1¾ Krauchanka was already celebrating on his second try when the bar toppled off.

In Group B (lower seeded) the jumping was just as good. The young German Abele and the ageless Dvorak shared the win at 2.00m/6-6¾.

After Four: Clay 3704, Krau 3623, Sebr 3570.....Karp 3498

400 Meters: [5:55 - 6:05 pm]

In section one Switzerland's David Frolich and Dvorak dueld down the stretch with the younger the victor by a step in 49.92. In section Two Claston Bernard was out very fast and had the stagger made up on the field at 200m. he

paid the price in the final 60m, fading badly as Latvian Janis Karlivans raced past for a 49.10 with. Claston was caught in 50.37.

In section three Krauchanka was still feeling zippy and he ran way and hid in 47.46. The remainder of the field was never in the race. Section four saw the field bunched at 200m but Dennis Leyckes/GER broke away and won comfortably in 48.07 as Roman Sebrle faded in the final 10 meters to 4th.

Dmitri Karpov was moved to the fifth race off his victory last year, in lane 3 with Bryan 2 lanes to his outside. Smith

Bryan Clay posted a fast 48.41 in the day's final event to lead all competitors with 4593 points.



drew lane 6

Bryan bolted and cut the 200m mark at 22.5, a bit quick. The field caught him at 300m but he hung tough to record 48.41. Tall Jacon Minah was the winner in 47.75 while Smith was caught in a PR 47.79. Karpov recorded 48.36. Bryan's first day PR of 4593 was 39 up on his lifetime best recorded in Athens 3 years earlier/

Kudos to organizers who took less than 3 minutes between races. Wow, what a day

After Five: Clay 4644, Krau 4528, Sebr 4419, Karp 4390.

1st day results

4593 Clay, Bryan/USA-Nike 10.40-0.5
780+2.0 1530 209 48.41

4528	Krauchanka, Andrei/BLR	10.86+0.2	790+0.9 1389 215 47.46
4419	Sebrle, Roman/CZE	11.10-0.5	784+1.7 1558 209 49.27
4390	Karpov, Dmitri/KAZ	10.92-0.5	722+1.8 1626 209 48.36
4381	Smith, Maurice/JAM	10.71-0.5	684-0.8 1725 203 47.79
4353	Karlivans, Janis/LAT	11.13+0.2	782+2.2 1501 206 49.10
4257	Dvorak, Tomas/CZE	11.03+0.2	746+1.7 1614 200 50.00
4250	Drozдов, Aleksey/RUS	11.10 0.0	749+0.9 1597 212 50.63
4216	Sysoyev, Aleksey/RUS	10.92-0.8	675+0.3 1529 215 49.66
4197	Müller, Norman/GER	10.91+0.2	749+0.9 1458 191 48.26
4197	Niklaus, Andre/GER	11.07+0.2	740+0.4 1383 206 49.38
4196	Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER	10.93-0.8	732+2.2 1559 194 49.15
4114	Minah, Jacob/GER	10.80-0.8	713+2.0 1342 194 47.75
4053	Abele, Arthur/GER	11.10-0.8	729+1.5 1371 200 49.92
4053	Wiberg, Nicklas/SWE	11.21-0.8	711+1.5 1331 206 49.15
4027	Karas, Josef/CZE	11.04+0.2	733+3.6 1434 191 50.10
4023	Leyckes, Dennis/GER	10.96+0.2	680+0.3 1404 194 48.07
3969	Albert, Lars/GER	11.19+0.2	719+0.3 1523 194 51.69
3935	Barras, Romain/FRA	11.26 0.0	683+0.2 1467 194 49.48
3864	Gervasi, David/SUI	11.28+0.2	705+1.4 1378 194 50.87
3856	Bourguignon, Rudy/FRA	11.17 0.0 711-0.3	1371 188 50.63
3653	Frölicjh, David/SUI	11.08 0.0 653-0.8	1302 179 49.90
3253	Bernard, Claston/JAM	11.05-0.5 3f	1423 206 50.27
Dnf	Dhouibi, Hamdi/TUN	10.92-0.5	715+1.1 1283 179 dns
	Walser, Markus/AUT	10.97 0.0	683+0.8 1325 withdrew

25 started day 1, 23 finished.,

5/26-27 NACAC Champs, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

At the annual North American-Central American champs Cuban Junior Diaz Savas leads American Ryan Harlan by 61 points. Harlan's score is his 2nd best first day (PR 4275)

1st day results:

4286	Diaz Savas, Junior/CUB	10.92-2.5	773
		1461 191	47.64
4225	Harlan, Ryan/USA	11.18-2.5	717
		1638 206	49.97
4104	Bereza Chinin, Carlos/Brazil	10.99-2.5	
		732 1261 203	48.70
4013	Boyles, Chris/USA	11.40-2.0	720
		1429 206	50.94
4024	Juanterrano, Alberto/CUB	11.09-2.0	727
		1348 203	50.82
4010	Suarez Faiardo, Leonel/CUB	11.38-2.5	
		723 1197 212	49.38
3849	Caines, Cliff/CAB	11.42+2.5	704
		1422 191	50.50
3843	Terek, Paul/USA	11.35-2.5	708
		1416 191	51.09
3783	Slaunwhite, Craig/CAN	11.76-2.0	696
		1606 197	53.45

16 started day one, 14 finished

National Collegiate Results

5/24-25 Div II, Charlotte, NC

Abilene

Christian sophomore

Camille

Vandrendreissche won the NCAA D II decathlon, moving from 7th place after day one.

The yearly leader, Cal State LA's Desi Burt,

(left) a junior, had the meet under control until the eighth event when no-heighted but he would have had his hands full with the tall Frenchman's 4:25.94 final effort. RJ McGinnis of St. Cloud State was runner-up at 6968. Ten scored over 6500 in sunny conditions.



5/24-25 NCAA II Champs, Johnson C Smith U, Charlotte, NC

7335	Vandendreissche, Camille/Abilene		
Christian		11.80+1.2 636+2.7 1363 189	50.99 15.37 0.0 4497 465 5418 4:25.94
6968	McGinnis, R.J./St Cloud St	11.55-1.0	
		669+2.3 1373 186 50.22 15.18 0.0	3546 395 5434 4:47.70
6920	McWilliams, Ryan/Angelo St	11.14-1.0	
		657+1.5 1118 198 47.97 14.81-1.3	3268 395 3873 4:35.76
6864	Rosier, Aaron/Wheeling Jes	11.67-1.0	
		654+2.6 1076 195 49.42 15.45 0.0	3470 445 4497 4:37.77
6828	Patton, Dan/Clarion	10.98+1.2	
		654+2.4 1220 189 49.59 15.22 0.0	3525 395 4481 4:54.63
6710	Mays, Michael/Adams St	11.80+1.2	
		615+1.2 1130 186 51.13 15.81-1.3	2994 465 4869 4:21.17
6654	Brown, Pierre/Ft Valley St	11.38-1.0	
		677+4.0 1302 183 51.48 16.22 0.0	3971 415 4757 5:16.60
6529	Pounds, Chris/Abilene Chris	11.52-1.0	
		651+0.2 1276 171 50.78 15.54-1.3	4015 395 4706 5:11.45
6529	Ingram, Courtland/NWMOSt	11.74-1.0	
		596-0.9 1204 183 51.62 15.81-1.3	3157 435 5315 4:41.45
6522	Durham, Wayne/Adams St	11.63-1.0	
		639+0.4 1147 180 49.39 16.31-1.3	3199 355 5307 4:29.44
6306	Schwab, Paul/Slippery Rock	11.98+1.2	
		603+1.0 1285 189 53.43 16.61-1.3	3495 415 4836 4:56.44
6304	Rasmussen, Josh/Mankato St	11.66+1.2	
		644+1.1 1235 180 51.47 16.11 0.0	3618 375 4432 5:04.03
dnf	Burt, Desi/Cal St-LA	11.35+1.2	
		688-1.9 1161 213 49.78 15.19 0.0	3617 nh withdrew 13s,12f.

5/24-25 Div III, Oshkosh, WI

Blustery would be putting it mildly at the D III affair in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Redlands senior Fritz Nugent (graduate student from Tinley Park, IL, left) won with 5 workmanlike 2nd day marks, moving from 6th place after day one. He had to withstand a withering 4:24.03 from first day leader Kurt Steiner of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Nugent prevailed, 7199 – 7111. Ninc score over 6500 and fist day winds were at record levels, +8.5mps. For example, Clint Christy (4th place from Wisconsin-River falls) had a +18 mps over 3 events!!!).



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5/24-25 NCAA III Champs, U of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI

- 7199 Nugent, Fritz/Redlands 11.08+8.3
678+6.8 1128 186 50.92 15.31+3.1 4220
445 5516 4:45.44
- 7111 Steiner, Kurt/Wisc-Stev Pt 11.18+8.3
656+6.4 1223 201 49.94 15.56+2.2 3678
395 4792 4:24.03
- 6925 Dillow, Ben/George Fox 11.22+8.3
647+5.6 1195 186 51.51 15.55+1.6 4094
435 4306 4:33.62
- 6894 Christy, Clint/Wisc-RivFalls 11.09+8.3
665+7.5 1178 192 50.27 15.90+2.2 3646
405 4821 4:42.84
- 6786 Daly, John/Plattsburgh St 11.15+8.3
702+6.4 1072 195 50.55 15.53+2.2 3200
405 4520 4:49.28
- 6656 Fielding, Pagel/Tufts 11.23+8.5
639+5.3 1066 186 50.50 16.27+3.1 3409
405 4509 4:24.69
- 6638 Nowak, Steven/Wisc-Oshk 11.39+8.5
678+5.9 1326 189 54.24 16.44+3.1 3577
475 4185 5:08.12
- 6591 Lovell, Jeremy/Linfield 10.88+8.5
688+5.5 988 195 51.78 17.11+1.6 3198
375 5667 4:54.29
- 6518 Spaun, Benjamin/Whitworth 11.29+8.3
633+4.0 1151 174 51.87 15.59+2.2 3465
375 4884 4:33.75
- 6450 Forbes, Ryan/George Fox 11.14+8.5
633+5.8 1128 177 51.06 15.94+3.1 3841

- 415 3896 4:58.16
- 6415 Rodgers, Zach/U Chicago 11.43+8.5
638+6.3 1021 183 52.14 16.55+1.6 3555
395 4804 4:37.24
- 6381 Byars, Zach/Trinty (TX) 11.64+8.5
633+5.2 973 192 51.26 15.69+3.1 2417
415 4654 4:33.47
- 6295 Lovell, Josh/Linfield 10.82+8.5
661+5.1 1083 198 53.03 16.41+1.6 2756
325 5166 5:04.63
- 6126 Blum, Steve/Coast Guard 11.70+8.5
607+5.8 1307 183 53.40 17.05+3.1 3699
305 5360 4:55.27
- 5691 Clark, Kevin/Elizabethtown 11.00+8.3
659+6.9 963 171 52.76 15.92+3.1 2448
455 4612 dnf
- dnf Brown, Beresford/Moravian 10.62+8.3
667+7.1 1067 withdrew
16s,15 f

5/24-25 NAIA, Fresno, CA

Sergiy Olinyk, a 26 year old Ukrainen sophomore at Wayland Baptist, and the defending champ (right), of Wayland Baptist captured the NAIA



crown in a field of 16 at Fresno Pacific University. Athletes faced mostly headwinds throughout two days. The winning effort was 6733 points.

5/24-25 NAIA Champs, Fresno Pacific U, Fresno, CA

- 6733 Oliynyk, Sergiy/Wayland Baptist
11.86-1.8 654nwi 1359 190 52.22 15.98-
2.2 3653 405 5194 4:46.80
- 6633 Hilton, Jon/Okla Baptist 11.70-1.8
629nwi 1053 208 51.17 15.10-1.3 3397
365 4784 4:43.87
- 6527 Pichler, David/AzusaPac 11.56+0.5
643nwi 1239 181 51.64 15.33-2.2 3897
415 4377 5:12.89
- 6324 Gustavson, Reid/UBC 11.47+0.5
711nwi 1229 196 49.90 16.24-0.5 3288
nh 5044 4:38.04
- 6314 Ohmes, Lucas/E Oregon 11.62-1.8
628nwi 1180 166 53.85 16.27-0.9 3967
435 5025 5:07.52
- 6309 West, Brady/Malone 12.12+0.5
655nwi 1236 178 52.70 16.80-1.3 3372
405 5064 4:48.48

6240 Gamble, Brad/Hastings 11.22+0.5
649nwi 1056 187 49.63 15.24-0.9 2566
315 4090 4:48.32

6192 Hare, Chris/Malone 12.14+0.5
599nwi 1210 172 53.18 16.11-0.5 3800
415 4304 4:45.07

6151 Brummit, Ben/Graceland 11.82-1.8
642nwi 994 190 51.73 16.69-0.5 2742
355 4554 4:27.35

6104 Hoppie, Chris/E Oregon 11.51-1.8
676nwi 1036 187 50.41 15.44-2.2 3621
nh 4760 4:41.73

6076 Ingold, Cory/Doane 11.84+0.5
617nwi 1134 169 50.08 18.07-0.9 3321
355 4635 4:24.63

6028 Snyder, Dan/Tiffin 11.69+0.5
622nwi 970 172 52.05 15.81-1.3 2926
395 4932 5:03.01

5896 Ortmeier, Michael/Northwestern (IA)
12.36-1.8 630nwi 1017 187 52.70 16.53-
1.3 3026 385 4455 5:00.49

5500 Adams, Roy/WarnerPac 11.93+0.5
605nwi 1055 178 52.61 16.74-2.2 2690
285 4828 5:16.00

Dnf Kimbrell, Ryan/Pt Loma 11.90-1.8
628nwi 1164 184 54.94 17.22-0.9 2884
nh 5759 dns

Dnf McElvaney, Kevin/Dickinson St 22.54-
1.8 withdrew

16s,14f.