

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION DECA Newsletter

Volume XXXII

Number 13

May (6), 2007

## BELARUSSIAN UPSET in GÖTZIS Clay 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harlan Wins at NACAC

**Hello Again.....**in a dramatic finish to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Hypo-Bank meeting in Götzis, 21 year old shooting star Andrei Krauchanka rode seven PRs to a 600 point PR and defeated all of the Olympic medalists from Athens.

American Bryan Clay had his difficulties in the discus but hung tough to record 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 8492 score. World record holder Roman Sebrle was 2<sup>nd</sup> while Olympic bronze medalist Dmitry Karpov was 14<sup>th</sup> after dnf'ing the 1500 meters. Meet attendance was 11,500 for two days.

**33<sup>rd</sup> Hypo—Bank Meeting**  
**Götzis, Austria**  
**May 26-27, 2007**  
**Day Two**

**110m Hurdles:** [10:05 – 10:20]

Day two broke clear and sunny and the hurdles had a trailing breeze. Latvian Janis Karlivans used the outside lane to his advantage and won the initial race in 14.86 seconds. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> section: Germans Norman Muller and Jacob Minah dueled with Muller pulling away at hurdle seven to win in 14.54

Crowd favorite (there were 1500) Tomas Dvorak pulled up after 5 hurdels and the wind abruptly turned around (headwind -0.6). Frenchman Roman Barras was outleaned by Pascal Behrenbruch in 14.25-14.27

The redraw limited the field to just 4 races. As they Bryan Clay in lane 4 and Maurice Smith in 3 were the favorites:



The local newspaper featured first day leader Bryan Clay in the Sunday morning edition.

Clay broke away quickly (fastest reaction time at .131 secons) but banged the first 3 hurdles before getting into a rhythm. At hurdle 6 he was caught by Smith and the two were dead even over 8 before Bryan hit hurdle nine and Smith pulled away for the victory, 13.83 to 13.97. Wind: - 0.1mps.

Smith	13.83
Clay	13.97
Krauchanka	14.05
Nicklaus	14.34

Karpov 14.36  
Sebrle 14.52

Unexplicably Karpov and Sebrle drifted further back and Krauchanka, the 20 year old BelaRussian was looking more like a medalist.

Splits for Clay's touchdown's			
Hurdle	1	2.15	
	2	3.25	1.10
	3	4.40	1.15
	4	5.46	1.06
	5	6.58	1.12
	6	7.69	1.07
	7	8.76	1.11
	8	9.87	1.11
	9	10.97	1.10
	10	12.08	1.11
Final time		13.97	

Reminder: splits are hand times, final time is automatic.

*After Six: Clay 5571, Krau5496, Smit5378.....Sebr5327, Karp5319.*

**Discus:** [11:01 – 11:44]

Well, this proved to be Bryan Clay's undoing. With a rather polite crowd of 6000 watching almost silently, Bryan flubbed his first toss which carried but 36.14m/118-7 in round one. No matter, he had two additional chances.

The second toss traveled about 50m but outside the right sector line. Foul. Silence. When his 3<sup>rd</sup> toss did the same this meet became a whole new ballgame.

Now Bryan had to fight for the win and he found himself in an unaccustomed spot, out of the lead by 125 points to discus winner Maurice Smith. The Auburn grad's last toss carried 51.68m/169-7 and he made up a whopping 318 points on Bryan.

Amazingly the other major contenders did not take advantage. Dmitry Karpov manged a 48.14m/157-11 toss, then also dumped a pair outside the right foul line. Roman Sebrle managed but 45.15/148-1 and lean Andrei Krauchanka

managed but 39.63m/130-0 in Group B competing outside the stadium.

A pale was cast over the stadium and I was reminded of the poem "Casey at the Bat." Here comes the vault.

*After Seven: Smit6283, Clay 6158, Krau 6153, Karp 6151, Sebr 6097.*

**Pole Vault:** [12:45 – 2:57pm]

Of the major contenders only Dmitri Kapov and Andrei Krauchanka vaulted especially well, and both unexpectedly, moved ahead of Clay. Bryan bailed out of his 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt at 4.90m/16-¾ and seconds later Karpov equaled his PR for a 60 point swing. Karpov, vaulting in group B then easily made 4.90m/16-¾. Krauchanka began to look like an upset winner as he cleared 5.00m/16-4¾ on a first attempt

Maurice Smith was credited with 4.50m/14-9 while Roman Sebrle settled for a 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt clearance at 4.80m/15-9, then passed the next bar and could not negotiate 5 meters..

Clay clearly struggled here with but 3 clearances in 8 attempts, his best effort at 4.80m/15-9. Near the vault's completion (around 2:30 pm) the sun disappeared and winds picked up, hinting at rain, then cleared minutes later.

Krauchanka's win in group B moved him to the overall lead and only 62 points separated the top 4 after eight.

*After Eight: Krau 7063, Smit 7043, Karp 7031, Clay 7001, Sebr 6946,*

**Javelin:** [B 3:34- 4:02 ] [A 4:42 – 5:14]

Group B started under cloudy, breezy conditions. In round three Euro Junior champ Nicklas Wiberg/Sweden rifled a throw nearly the length of the Mosle infield. It covered 74.41m/244-1 of Voralberg real estate and landed just before the gun for the final section of the women's 800m where countrywoman Carolina Klüft was in a tussle. Perhaps it was inspiring to her, but when Klüft held

off here challengers and with Wiberg celebrating on the infield, it was a Swedish moment.

Group A got underway 30 minutes later and everyone was aware of the tightness of the scores. Every throw (at 15 points per meter) was crucial.

Round one showed the delicacy of Maurice Smith's elbow. His 46.71m/153-3 lob took him out of contention. Sebrle popped a 70.09/230-0 effort to move back into gold medal contention. Bryan skied his first toss that traveled only 64.17m/210-6. In round two Smith passed and German Pascal behrenbruch managed a PR 67.48m.. Andrei Krauchanka, still 20 years old, then boomed a PR 64.35m/211-1 PR and he looked like a winner. Sebrle passed and Bryan marginally improved getting 65.94m/216-4. In round three Smith reappeared bu he weak toos nullified any chance of winning. Sebrle passed leaving only Clay on the docket. Bryan's third throw had lots of energy on it but he immediately dropped to the ground holding his right elbow. He was competing hard and his spear landed 69.09m/226-7 away and at the moment he retook the lead, by 10 points over the upstart BelaRussian. Sebrle was another 29 back.

This would be some finish.

*After Nine: Clay 7876m Krau 7866, Sebr 7837, Karp 7755...Smit 7583.*

**1500 Meters:** [6:04 – 6:09 pm]

Organizers called for one race of 16 (US meet directors please take notice!).

The 10 point bulge for Clay did not look safe, and, given Sebrle's endurance many gave him at least a 50-50 chance of gaining the win. But the young BelaRussian was on a roill, with 7 PRs in the first 9 events, and one could not bet against him. His 1500m PR was 4:24 here a year ago, he appeared to be in the

driver's seat, needing only to stay within 5 seconds of Sebrle at the finish.

So, at the gun Sweden's young Wikberg bolted and had a 30 meters lead with 3 laps to go. Sebrle, Karpov and Clay ran near the back, Roman pacing Bryan who passed 400m in 73, then moved up. Wikberg maintained the lead until one lap to go when there was high drama. Krauchanka was conceded the win and Roman Barras made a run a Wikberg up front, but the Swede only toyed with him and had plenty left. Meanwhile Clay passed 1100 in 3:31 still running well, but struggled on the final backstretch, trying hard to maintain form.

In the meantime Karpov limped off the track with a lap remaining, no explanation.

Wikberg led Barras down the homestretch for the victory (4:25.21) and Krauchanka cruised in 4:29.10, his lead safe. Sebrle sprinted the whole final lap but was too far behind. Clay kept plugging away but it took 80 seconds for the final go around and he finished in 4:51.32.

Whew!

*After Ten: Krau 8617, Sebr 8518, Clay 8492...Karp dnf.*

## Results

### /26-27 33<sup>rd</sup> Hypo-Bank Meeting, Götzis, Austria

8617	Krauchanka, Andrei/BLR	10.86+0.2	790+0.9	1389	215	47.46	14.05-0.1	3963	500	6435	4:29.10	
8518	Sebrle, Roman/CZE	11.10-0.5	784+1.7	1558	209	49.27	14.52-0.1	4515	480	7009	4:39.92	
8493	Clay, Bryan/USA-Nike	10.40-0.5	780+2.0	1530	209	48.41	13.97-0.1	3618	480	6909	4:51.32	
8373	Drozov, Aleksey/RUS	11.10 0.0	749+0.9	1597	212	50.63	15.02 0.0	4704	500	6897	4:39.62	
8340	Niklaus, Andre/GER	11.07+0.2	740+0.4	1383	206	49.38	14.34-0.1		4573	500	6287	4:30.92

8271 Karlivans, Janis/LAT 11.13+0.2  
782+2.2 1501 206 49.10 14.86-0.6 4795  
470 6055 4:43.62

8255 Müller, Norman/GER 10.91+0.2  
749+0.9 1458 191 48.26 14.53 0.0 4443  
500 6206 4:34.23

8241 Smith, Maurice/JAM 10.71-0.5 684  
-0.8 1725 203 47.79 13.83-0.1 5168 450  
4671 4:43.64

8199 Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER 10.93-0.8  
732+2.2 1559 194 49.15 14.25-0.6  
4791430 6748 4:39.95

8064 Barras, Romain/FRA 11.26 0.0  
683+0.2 1467 194 49.48 14.27-0.6 4353  
500 6261 4:26.88

7912 Albert, Lars/GER 11.19+0.2  
719+0.3 1523 194 51.69 15.09-0.64858  
470 6248 4:41.84

7870 Wiberg, Nicklas/SWE 11.21-0.8  
711+1.5 1331 206 49.15 15.00-0.6 3767  
400 7441 4:25.21

7759 Minah, Jacob/GER 10.80-0.8  
713+2.0 1342 194 47.75 14.60 0.0 3893  
490 4771 4:41.94

7755 Karpov, Dmitri/KAZ 10.92-0.5  
722+1.8 1626 209 48.36 14.36-0.1 4814  
490 5908 dnf

7518 Gervasi, David/SUI 11.28+0.2  
705+1.4 1378 194 50.87 14.83 0.0 3827  
480 5301 4:41.11

dnf Sysoyev, Aleksey/RUS 10.92-0.8  
675+0.3 1529 215 49.66 14.74 0.0 4909  
nh 5510 dns

dnf Karas, Josef/CZE 11.04+0.2  
733+3.6 1434 191 50.10 15.49-0.6 4576  
450 6248 dns

dnf Bernard, Claston/JAM 11.05-0.5 3f  
1423 206 50.2714.49-0.64367 nh  
withdrew

dnf Frölicjh, David/SUI 11.08 0.0 653-  
0.8 1302 179 49.90 14.95 0.0 withdrew

dnf Bourguignon, Rudy/FRA 11.17 0.0 711-  
0.3 1371 188 50.63 withdrew

dnf Dvorak, Tomas/CZE 11.03+0.2  
746+1.7 1614 200 50.00 dnf withdrew

dnf Abele, Arthur/GER 11.10-0.8  
729+1.5 1371 200 49.92 withdrew

dnf Leyckes, Dennis/GER 10.96+0.2  
680+0.3 1404 194 48.07 withdrew

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  
25s, 15f

## Ryan Harlan wins NACAC

May 25-26, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

26 year old Ryan Harlan of Houston, Texas successfully defended his North American and Central American

(NACAC) with a 7901 score today. Ryan held a significant lead

after nine events and cruised the 1500m, his win never in doubt. After a major international victory at the Reval Cup in Tallinn, Estonia in January he was injured at the USA indoor nationals but has returned to good form. A pair of Cubans, Leonel Suárez (7843) and Yunior Diaz (7816). Americans Chris Boyles (7777), recovered from a broken toe earlier in the season, and Paul Terek (7609) who had everything that could go wrong, go wrong, were 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in a 16 man field.

### 525-26 NACAC Champs, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

7901 Harlan, Ryan/USA 11.18-2.5 717  
1638 206 49.97 14.36-0.2 4337 480 5731 5:17.00

7843 Suárez, Leonel/CUB 11.38-2.5 723  
1197 212 49.38 14.90-0.2 3970 440 6501 4:36.22

7816 Diaz, Yunior/CUB 10.92-2.5 773  
1461 191 47.64 15.04-1.3 4038 400 5429 4:30.16

7777 Boyles, Chris/USA 11.40-2.0 720  
1429 206 50.94 14.73-0.2 4444 470 5776 4:52.52

7609 Terek, Paul/USA 11.35-2.5 708  
1416 191 51.09 15.60-0.2 4679 510 5273 4:50.42

7416 Chinin, Carlos/Brazil 10.99-2.5 732  
1261 203 48.70 14.67-0.2 3720 400 4797 4:46.71

7295 Slaunwhite, Craig/CAN 11.76-2.0 696  
1606 197 53.45 15.90-1.3 4643 430 5676 4:58.76

6763 Mantilla, Horacio/COL, 6660

Juantorena, Alberto/CUB, 6342 Marrereo,  
Stephen/PUR, dnf

Caines, Clifford/CAN  
16s, 12f.



