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WORLDS HAVE CENTER STAGE

Hardee, Eaton, Arnold in Big Field

Hello Again....American decathletes Trey Hardee, Ashton Eaton and Jake Arnold are part of the largest starting field in meet history as they go to the starting line tomorrow (10:05 am local time-4:05 AM EDT) at the 12th IAAF World Track and Field Championships in Berlin. A normal size field for this meet is 27 (the mean for the first 11 meetings). 38(!) will start in Berlin.



Coaches: Mario Sategna, Dan Steele and Sheldon Blockburger, all decathletes who came out of the VISA program of the 1990s will be on the fence (so to speak) as their athletes do battle with the world's best. Only three of the world's best decathletes will not be in Berlin: Current Olympic champion Bryan Clay (hamstring) and Götzis winner Michael Schrader/GER (stress fracture) suffered injuries earlier in the season. And Tom Pappas, who won the Thorpe Cup (USA vs Germany) two week ago in Marburg with an eye-opening 8569 score) got a late start to the 2009 season and subsequently did not compete at the USA nationals. But everyone else is here including the top 3 Americans, Trey, Ashton and Jake, who went 1-2-3 at the USA nationals in Eugene. Also in the field are 3 former or current NCAA decathletes: Maurice Smith/JAM (Auburn), Mateo Sossah/FRA (North Carolina), Mortitz Cleve/GER (Kansas State). Jangy Addy/LBR (Tennessee) and Lars Rise/NOR (Missouri) were on the entry list but did not declare.

The entire start list is attached below. At the moment start lists for the 100m and long jump have been posted....5 sections in the 100m (7-7-8-8-8).

I'll provide a newsletter after each day. You can follow the IAAF world champs live at www.Universalsports.com. The IAAF and USATF web sites also post results. As a reminder, here is the time schedule (local times)

<i>August 19-Wednesday</i>	<i>August 20- Thursday</i>
10:05 am 100 meters	10:05 am 110m Hurdles
11:15 Long Jump	11:10 Discus
1:00 pm Shot Put	2:25 pm Pole Vault
6:05 High Jump	6:30 Javelin
8:45 400 meters	9:15 1500 meters

NB: Berlin 6 hours ahead of EDT

Cuban Leonel Suarez has the year's top score and could be the man to beat. If he wins he'll be the youngest world decathlon champ ever. Currently East German Torsten Voss holds that distinction, having won in Rome in 1987 at 24 years, 164 days. Suarez is 21! Don't overlook the defending champ, Roman Sebrle/CZE, who became the oldest winner ever in 2007 in Osaka at 32 years, 279 days. Closing in on age 35 his legs may not have the pop but he's a great competitor.

Check out our recent post for this meet which provides handbook/media guide with background, schedules, records, past results and bios of the major contenders. Below I've listed the entries and some additional statistical info on the meet. Ken Nakamura notes that Berlin has never had a decathlon score over 8500! Last major winner in the

city....Glenn Morrriis who won the 1936 Olympic Games decathlon title with a world record!

The Entry List:

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105	Larbi BOURAADA	ALG 10 May 88	8037 8037 8037
153	Roland SCHWARZL	AUT 10 Dec 80	8102 7971 7971
196	Andrei KRAUCHANKA	BLR 4 Jan 86	8617 8336 8585
299	Yunior DÍAZ	CUB 28 Apr 87	8057 8013 8057
301	Yordani GARCÍA	CUB 21 Nov 88	8496 8496 8496
306	Leonel SUÁREZ	CUB 1 Sep 87	8654 8654 8654
309	Roman ŠEBRLE	CZE 26 Nov 74	9026 8348 8348
363	Agustín FÉLIX	ESP 14 Mar 79	7845 7789 7813
388	Mikk-Mihkel ARRO	EST 28 Mar 84	7779 7779 7779
396	Mikk PAHAPILL	EST 18 Jul 83	8178 7266 8178
398	Andres RAJA	EST 2 Jun 82	8118 8088 8118
438	Romain BARRAS	FRA 1 Aug 80	8298 8239 8253
451	Nadir EL FASSI	FRA 23 Sep 83	7955 7733 7733
478	Mateo SOSSAH	FRA 20 Apr 88	8044 8044 8044
527	Pascal BEHRENBRUCH	GER 19 Jan 85	8374 8374 8374
530	Moritz CLEVE	GER 18 Feb 87	8004 8004 8004
559	Norman MÜLLER	GER 7 Aug 85	8295 8295 8295
607	Attila SZABÓ	HUN 16 Jul 84	7748 7748 7748
677	Maurice SMITH	JAM 28 Sep 80	8644 8157 8434
688	Daisuke IKEDA	JPN 15 Apr 86	7753 7753 7753
714	Dmitriy KARPOV	KAZ 23 Jul 81	8725 8029 8504
784	Atis VAISJUNS	LAT 27 Sep 82	7760 7760 7760
847	Eugene MARTINEAU	NED 14 May 40	8233 8083 8233
855	Eelco SINTNICOLAAS	NED 7 Apr 87	8112 8112 8112
857	Ingmar VOS	NED 28 May 86	8003 8003 8003
885	Brent NEWDICK	NZL 31 Jan 85	7874 7874 7874
959	Willem COERTZEN	RSA 30 Dec 82	8054 8054 8054
994	Vasiliy KHARLAMOV	RUS 8 Jan 86	8113 8113 8113
1008	Aleksandr POGORELOV	RUS 10 Jan 80	8429 8313 8381
1020	Alexey SYSOEV	RUS 8 Mar 85	8497 8030 8497
1064	Simon WALTER	SUI 13 Mar 85	7751 7751 7751
1072	Daniel ALMGREN	SWE 30 Nov 79	7733 7733 7733
1084	Nicklas WIBERG	SWE 16 Apr 85	8213 8213 8213
1144	Oleksiy KASYANOV	UKR 26 Aug 85	8286 8286 8286
1152	Yevhen NIKITIN	UKR 9 Jan 85	7853 7853 7853
1165	Jake ARNOLD	USA 3 Jan 84	8215 8069 8191
1177	Ashton EATON	USA 21 Jan 88	8122 8091 8122
1184	Trey HARDEE	USA 7 Feb 84	8534 8516 8534

Not declared:

788	Jangy ADDY	LBR 3 Feb 85	8025 8025
876	Lars Vikan RISE	NOR 23 Nov 88	7776 7776 7776

World Championships Statistics - Men's Decathlon (from Ken Nakamura)

All time Performance List at the World Championships

Performance	Performer	Points	Name	Nat	Pos	Venue	Year
1	1	8902	Tomas Dvorak	CZE	1	Edmonton	2001
2		8837	Tomas Dvorak		1	Athinai	1997
3	2	8817	Dan O'Brien	USA	1	Stuttgart	1993
4	3	8815	Erki Nool	EST	2	Edmonton	2001
5		8812	Dan O'Brien		1	Tokyo	1991

6	4	8750	Tom Pappas	USA	1	Paris	2003
7		8744	Tomas Dvorak		1	Sevilla	1999
8	5	8732	Bryan Clay	USA	1	Helsinki	2005
9	6	8730	Eduard Hämmäläinen	BLR	2	Athinai	1997
10		8724	Eduard Hämmäläinen		2	Stuttgart	1993
11	7	8714*	Daley Thompson	GBR	1	Helsinki	1983
12		8695	Dan O'Brien		1	Göteborg	1995
13	8	8680	Torsten Voss	GDR	1	Roma	1987
14	9	8676	Roman Sebrle	CZE	1	Osaka	2007
15	10	8652	Frank Busemann	GER	3	Athinai	1997
16	11	8644	Maurice Smith	JAM	2	Osaka	2007
17		8634	Roman Sebrle		2	Paris	2003
18	12	8603	Dean Macey	GBR	3	Edmonton	2001
19	13	8599*	Jürgen Hingsen	FRG	2	Helsinki	1983
20	14	8586	Dmitriy Karpov	KAZ	3	Osaka	2007
21		8556	Dean Macey		2	Sevilla	1999
22	15	8549	Michael Smith	CAN	2	Tokyo	1991
23	16	8548	Paul Meier	GER	3	Stuttgart	1993
24	17	8547	Chris Huffins	USA	3	Sevilla	1999
25	18	8524	Sebastien Levicq	FRA	4	Sevilla	1999
26		8521	Roman Sebrle		2	Helsinki	2005
27	19	8513*	Siegfried Wentz	FRG	3	Helsinki	1983
28	20	8500	Christian Schenk	GER	4	Stuttgart	1993

Note: 1983 scores (8666, 8561, 8478) are converted to points according to 1984 table (8714,8599,8513)

Margin of Victory

	Difference	Points	Name	Nat	Venue	Year
Max	263	8812	Dan O'Brien	USA	Tokyo	1991
Min	32	8676	Roman Sebrle	CZE	Osaka	2007

Best Marks for Places in the World Championships

Pos	Points	Name	Nat	Venue	Year
1	8902	Tomas Dvorak	CZE	Edmonton	2001
2	8815	Erki Nool	EST	Edmonton	2001
3	8652	Frank Busemann	GER	Athinai	1997
4	8524	Sebastien Levicq	FRA	Sevilla	1999
5	8445	Ramil Ganiyev	UZB	Athinai	1997
6	8413	Erki Nool	EST	Athinai	1997
7	8360	Stefan Schmid	GER	Athinai	1997
8	8307	Michael Smith	CAN	Athinai	1997

Best performances in ten events of Decathlon at the World Championships

Event	Name	Nat	Venue	Year
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German All-Comer's List

Performance	Performer	Points	Name	Nat	Pos	Venue	DMY
1	1	8832	Jürgen Hingsen	FRG	1	Mannheim	9 June 1984
2		8825	Jürgen Hingsen		1	Bernhausen	5 June 1983
3	2	8817	Dan O'Brien	USA	1	Stuttgart	20 Aug 1993
4	3	8811	Daley Thompson	GBR	1	Stuttgart	28 Aug 1986
5	4	8800	Roman Sebrle	CZE	1	München	8 Aug 2002

Best Performances in Berlin

No performances over 8500 points in Berlin

