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KASYANOV LEADS 1st DAY in BERLIN Hardee 3rd, Eaton 5th

Hello Again.....Texan Trey Hardee, 25, the US champion, put 5 solid marks on the board and stands 3rd after day one at the 12th IAAF World T&F championships in Berlin. He trails Okelysiy Kasyanov/UKR by 44 points and Cuban Yunior Diaz by one.

The meet ran nearly 2 hours late finishing at 10:34 pm. The final event had been scheduled for 8:45!

Hardee led thru the first 3 events winning the 100m, and posted a PR long jump and shot put. Americans Ashton Eaton scored 4355 for 5th overall and Jake Arnold stood 27th with 3960. Pre meet favorite Leonel Suarez is 8th at 4320, just 5 points down on the pace which netted him the season's top score of 8654. Big day two!

The surprises were Kasyanov who is 94 points up on his PR 8268 pace and Diaz whose 400m meet record of 46.15 pushed him to 4511, 58 down on a PR pace of 8057. Neither have big 2nd days. To watch will be Suarez, teammate Yordani Garcia (6th at 4348) who is down 90 on his 8496 SB and the ageless Roman Sebrle, now 7th at 4324, who knows how to compete. And Ashton Eaton, who is but 12 off his PR pace from the NCAAs.

Hardee had a particularly good day netting a PR 4511 score, up 57 on his career best pace of 8534 at last year's Trials. He bears watching. Here's what happened.



Trey Hardee, Austin, Texas, stand 3rd after day one in Berlin after putting 5 solid marks up on the indigo blue oval.

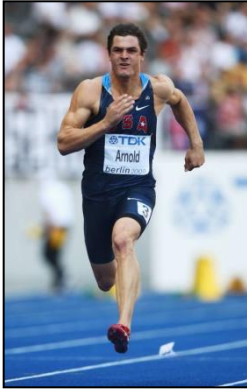


12th IAAF World Championships Berlin, Germany Wednesday-Thursday August 19-20, 2009

100 Meters: [10:05 am]

Warm temps (79 F), clear skies and several thousand fans greeted the 38 decathletes. The 5 sections were very well seeded and, typically, the event started with several false starts (Dmitri Karpov/KAZ, Kharmalov/RUS). All commands were in English.

Kapov was sluggish at the start but came on strongly after 50 meters but still could not run down Alex Sysoyev/RUS, himself fully recovered from Achilles surgery: Sysoyev 10.85, Karpov 11.02 and 6th



Two very different 100m results. Jake Arnold (l) ran a dec PR of 11.01, while Jamaican Maurice Smith (r) pulled up and limped in.

was France's Mateo Sossah, the NCAA runner-up from North Carolina (11.57).

The crowd favorite in the second section was Moritz Cleve of the host nation (lane 3) but most eyes were on Olympic silver medalist Andrei Krauchanka/BLR, who looked rather thin in lane 4. Defending champ Roman Sebrle was on the outside. After a false start (Eugene Martineau/NED) the race was so close that, at 50 m there was no clear leader and everyone was in it. Tall Aleksandr Pogorelov/RUS pulled away to run a fine 10.95 and Cleve was 2nd in 11.06. Sebrle, who had a terrific start, was 3rd, 11.16 but Krauchanka faded, netting only 11.18.

Section three was the fastest seeded race with Yanks Trey Hardee, with right knee taped, in lane 5 and Ashton Eaton in 2. 21 year old Yordani Garcia/CUB was on the



It was difficult to beat the WC starter who averaged 0.6 seconds from 'set-to-gun' for five 100m races.

outside. Hardee was warned with an unexplained green card before the start (he

appeared chagrin), got away slowly but quickly took over and, at 35 meters was clear of the field. His solid looking 10.45 put him into the immediate overall lead. Eaton struggled in the final 20 meters in 10.53 and Garcia ran a PR 10.60 for 3rd. There was a major disappointment as Maurice Smith/JAM, the former Auburn athlete, pulled up after 15 meters and stumbled in a timed 29.42



Hardee (center) Eaton (on right) and Garcia (on left) went 1-2-3 in the seeded 100 section seconds.

No incidents in the 4th section but there was a major story...running in lane 8 was the SL and favorite Leonel Suarez/CUB who faded to last in a pedestrian (for him) 11.13. Dutchman Igmarr Vos won in 10.90 seconds.

The final race after another false start, got off at 10:40 am (35 minutes to conduct 5 races!). The first 4 ran PRs with South African Will Coertzen winning in 10.89 and American Jake Arnold 4th in 11.01.

After One: Harde 987, Eato 960, Garc 952, Kasy 945....Arno (15th) 852, Suar, Krau (31st)821.

Long Jump: [11:15 am]

Conditions were virtually perfect at 11 am, warm with slight tail winds. The stadium began to fill and the crowd more than tripled from the previous event. Eaton opened Group A with a perfect approach and plant and covered a PR 7.85m/25-9¼ of Berlin real estate. An hour later it would still be the best jump. A number of athletes got big jumps in the early rounds.



Defending champ Roman Sebrle, 34, looked like his old self in the long jump, getting a noteworthy 7.80m/25-7 1/4.

Krauchanka opened at 7.62m/25-0 and Hardee responded with a PR 7.80m/25-7 1/4 getting only 2 inches of the toe-board but running tall and off the board (wind -0.9 mps). Fast improving Oleksiy Kasyanov/UKR also leaped 7.80m/25-7 1/4, Roman Sebrle opened eyes with a 7.72m/25-4 pop and Cuba's Yunior Diaz managed 7.72m/25-4, all in round #1. This was terrific jumping as 5 exceeded 25 feet in the first round alone.



Hardee's 15.33m/50-3 1/2 shot was nearly as 2 foot PR.

In the second round only Sebrle improved (7.80m/25-7 1/4 !) and Hardee had another fine effort, 7.77m/25-7. He came to Berlin with a 7.75m/25-5 1/4 lifetime best achieved a year ago at the US Olympic Trials. Round # 3 saw Hardee and Eaton dominate. The latter managed just 7.79m/25-6 3/4 and Trey tacked on 3 more cm to his career best, 7.83m/25-8 1/4. At this point the meet favorite, Leonel Suarez/CUB had only a 6.76m/22-2 1/4 and a foul to his credit. He marginally redeemed himself with a 7.24m/23-9 leap. In Group A 4 achieved career bests.

In the accompanying Group B Pogorelov won with a 7.49m/24-7 jump.

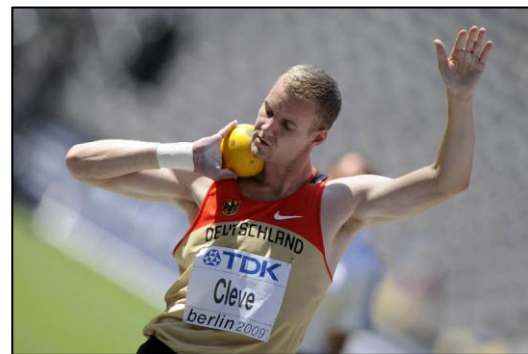
Moritz Cleve just missed his PR with a 7.27m/23-10 1/4 effort. Karpov and Arnold never did get untracked here, the former getting 6.86m/22-6 1/4, the latter 6.73m/22-1. Yet both escaped the demise of Estonia's Euro hept indoor champ Mikk Pahapill who couldn't find the toe-board and no marked. *After Two: Hard 2004, Eato 1990, Kasy 1955, Diaz 1928.....Sebr (5th)1835, Krau (9th) 1786, Suar (23rd) 1677, Arno (33rd) 1608.*

Shot Put: [1:00 pm]

In Group #A (weaker throwers) Andre Krauchanka opened with a 13.62m/44-8 1/4 and eventually managed 13.96m/45-9 3/4. He was not the Andrei Krauchanka who won the Beijing silver medal in 2008.

Hardee opened with a tentative 14.20m/46-7 1/4 toss as Estonian Andres Raja led after the first round. Eaton got 12.26m/40-3. Round #2 featured Hardee's blast! BAM! 15.33m/50-3 1/2, a 2 foot PR! Enough said. He passed his final throw. Sweden's Nicklas Wiberg, after his nation's national record 8322 set at the 1976 Olympic Games by Raimo Pihl, pushed the ball to 14.99m/49-2 1/4.

Hardee was on a roll...winning the first event and getting PRs in the next two. He was 9 points up on 8534 PR pace and he led Kasyanov by 25 and Pogo by 119. Buried in



Kansas State junior Moritz Cleve was added late to the German team but disappointed no one managing a 4001 point at the break.

13th and 14th were Krauchanka and Suarez but the Cuban had PR'd in the shot at 15.20m/49-10 1/2. He was just 7 points down on his PR

8654 pace. This was going to be one great decathlon. The athletes had a 4 hour break. *After Three: Hard 2814, Kasy 2789, Pogo 2695, Diaz 2689....Sebr (5th) 2623, Eato (6th) 2612.....Krau (13th) 2512, Suar (14th) 2505,Arno (32nd) 2335.*

High Jump: [6:05 pm]

The big field was divided into two groups with Group B hosting the better jumpers. Hardee had problems missing twice at 1.96m/6-5 and rattled the bar on his 3rd effort...but it stayed on the standards. Whew! Eaton had cleared 1.96 on his first attempt and both Trey and Ashton missed on their first two attempts at 1.99m/6-6¼ then cleared on the third, but Jake Arnold did not. It was Ashton's turn to rattle the bar.

At 2.02m/6-7½ Suarez came back to the event and, running a C (not a J!) easily cleared in front of a full stadium. Trey could not get over but Ashton did on his 3rd try. After an hour and one-half all the medal contenders but Hardee (Suarez, Garcia, Sebrle, Krauchanka, Kasynov, among others) all were in at this height. The event moved at a glacier pace. At 2.05m/6-8¾ 13! remained in Group B. At this point the decathlon was one hour behind schedule. Eaton dropped here, yet his 2.02m/6-7½ was a bar better than he cleared at his NCAA PR performance in Fayetteville in June.



Trey Hardee cleared 1.99m/6-6¼ on his 3rd attempt.
-recognition to Getty for all photos--

The 23 year old Ukrainian Kasyanov got a 2nd PR clearing 2.05m/6-8¾ in Group A where he was in full control and now the overall

leader. But he went no higher and the jumping stopped in Group A and 9 am. As the event entered its 4th hour six went to 2.11m/6-11 in Group B. All but Agustin Felix/ESP were contenders. Sebrle was the first over and looked more and more like a medalist...it would be his 4th at the WC. Suarez and Krauchanka soon followed and all 3 went to 2.14m/7-¼.

The event stopped in deference to the the finals of the women's short hurdles and it took as long as 6 minutes between attempts! By the time the 3rd round arrived the meet was already 2 hours late and the men's discus final, won on the last thrown by Robert Harting of Germany, made the crowd went nuts. The high jump, when no one negotiated 2.14m/7-¼ ended at 9:34 pm.

This can be blamed on some naïve scheduling, slow officiating and (a common problem that needs to be addressed by CE people) the use of the track as part of the run-up. Every time a circular event on the track started the high jump had to give way. In Group B alone there were 185 jumps in 210 minutes, a slow pace.

After Four: Kasy 3639, Hard 3608, Pogo3573, Sebr 3529, Diaz 3511, Garc345 Suar 3411

400 Meters: [10.23 pm]

The first section was scheduled for 8:45 pm, but at the time there still 13 high jumpers remaining! It went off at 9:58 am and it appeared that Sebrle did not get his full 30 minute rest. Many of the crowd stayed to watch. Roman just looked tired and never got in the race. Really struggling on the home straight., he crossed in 50.42, his slowest in 11 years! He had a right to complain. Daisuke Ikeda/JPN was the winner in 49.28.

The second section had the fastest runners and Yunior Diaz/CUB, 22, astounded the crowd by running a solo (from lane 8) 46.15 meet record. Dean Macey/GBR was the record holder at 46.21 in 2001. Eaton was 3rd in 47.75 and Suarez 5th in 48.00.

Section 3 saw a false start! (Nikitin/UKR). Norman Muller ran down country man Pascal Behrenbruch winning in 48.20 to 48.72. Jake Arnold run a tough 49.07 for 4th.

The the 4th race went off in 10.23 pm and Garcia bolted for the first 150 meters, then slowed to a crawl, as if realizing he was going way too fast. Hardee ran a seasonal best and consistent 48.13 as Garcia came roaring down the straight closing to 48.34. Andrei Krauchanka faded to 48.77 and K-State's Cleve clocked 49.17.

The 5th race was the slowest by seeding, Dmitriy Karpov/KAZ was dead on his feet at the finish having led wire-to-wire in 49.45, the only athlete to break 50 seconds. The day ended at 10:32 pm with 34 of 38 starters still on their feet.

After Five: Kasy 4555, Diaz 4512, Hard 4511, Pogo 4375, Eato 4355, Garc 4348, Sebr 4324.....27th Arno 3960.

1st Day RESULTS:



8/19-20 12th IAAF World Championships, Berlin, GER

4555 Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.63+0.2	780+0.9	1572	205	47.85	
4511 Hardee, Trey/USA	10.45+0.2	783+1.9	1533	199	48.14	
4512 Diaz, Yunior/CUB	10.66+0.2	772-0.3	1454	202	46.15	
4375 Pogorelov, Aleksandr/RUS	10.95-0.3	749-0.4	1665	208	50.27	
4355 Eaton, Ashton/USA	10.53+0.2	785+0.9	1226	202	47.75	
4348 Garcia, Yordani/CUB	10.60+0.2	705+1.0	1515	208	48.34	
4324 Sebrle, Roman/CZE	11.16-0.3	780+0.7	1498	211	50.42	
4320 Suarez, Leonel/CUB	11.13	0.0	724-0.3	1520	211	48.00
4290 Krauchanka, Andrei/BLR	11.18-0.3	762+0.2	1495	211	48.77	
4257 Wiberg, Nicklas/SWE	10.96-0.4	725-0.4	1499	205	48.73	
4247 Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER	10.92	0.0	709+1.6	1577	202	48.72
4234 Müller, Noman/GER	11.01	0.0	735+0.8	1493	199	48.29
4223 Raja, Andres/EST	10.82+0.2	738+0.4	1455	199	49.00	
4207 Sysoev, Alexey/RUS	10.85+0.3	687+1.0	1617	202	49.32	

4187 Bouraada, Larbi/ALG	10.68+0.2	735+0.5	1230	205	48.58		
4173 Almgren, Daniek/SWE	10.92	0.0	729	0.0	1343	199	47.68
4157 Coertzen, Willem/RSA	10.89-0.4	732+0.4	1415	202	48.63		
4133 Karpov, Dmitri/KAZ	11.02+0.3	686+0.2	1527	205	49.45		
4105 Newdick, Brent/NZL	11.11-0.4	742+1.9	1435	199	50.10		
4099 Vos, Ingmar/NED	10.90	0.0	721-0.4	1378	202	49.99	
4085 Krahlov, Vasilij/RUS	11.22+0.3	738-0.8	1495	193	49.49		
4053 Barras, Romain/FRA	11.14-0.4	704+0.1	1478	199	49.66		
4001 Cleve, Moritz/GER	11.06-0.3	727-0.3	1412	187	49.17		
3996 Nikitin, Yevhen/UKR	11.04-0.4	692+0.6	1469	193	49.50		
3978 Martineau, Eugene/NED	11.18-0.3	741+0.8	1266	199	50.26		
3962 El Fassi, Nadir/FRA	11.12+0.3	726+0.2	1362	199	51.35		
3960 Arnold, Jake/USA	11.01-0.4	673+2.0	1397	196	49.07		
3947 Vaisjuns, Atis/LAT	11.27+0.3	694	0.0	1407	199	49.88	
3939 Walter, Simon/SUI	11.05	0.0	721+0.9	1280	193	49.67	
3916 Felix, Agustin/ESP	11.32-0.3	719-0.5	1323	208	52.41		
3888 Ikeda, Daisuke/JPN	11.16-0.3	709+0.8	1343	187	49.28		
3870 Szabo, Attila/HUN	11.15-0.4	709+1.0	1392	184	49.79		
3860 Arro, Mikk-Mihkel/EST	11.11	0.0	694+0.4	1442	190	51.28	
3849 Sossah, Mateo/FRA	11.57+0.3	704-0.4	1197	205	49.60		
2357 Sintnicolaas, Eelco/NED	11.05	0.0	716-0.7	1280	181	withdrew	
dnf Pahapill, Mikk/EST	11.01-0.4	nm	1438	withdrew			
dnf Schwarzl, Roland/AUT	11.69+0.3	nm	withdrew				
dnf Smith, Maurice/JAM	29.42+0.2	withdrew					