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## DAY ONE at GÖTZIS

### Hardee in the Mix, Nixon Injured

**Hello Again....** A 24 man field for the 40th Hypo Bank meeting was greeted by bluebird weather on Saturday morning. The previous day featured periods of steady rain and rather chilly conditions (high 50s). But Saturday was sunny and comfortable, mid 70s with winds mostly light winds from the northeast. When the day ended the weather

Within those six hours the fortunes of 3 of the major players reversed due to injuries. Former winner Andrei Krauchanka /BLR (hamstring) and 2013 2nd and 3rd place finishers Carlos Chinin/BRA (leg) and Gunnar Nixon/USA (groin) all retired with injuries. This left the field wide open and Kai Kazmirek/GER, 23, with a PR high jump, grabbed the lead from 2011 winner Trey Hardee, leading the veteran 4478 to 4361\_\_\_\_\_ points.

Here is the story of day one:

#### 40th Hypo-Bank Meeting

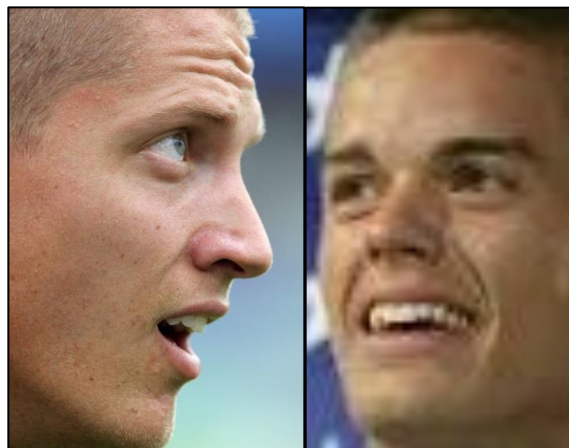


**Mosle Stadium**  
**May 31, 2014**  
**Day One**

**100 Meters:** [11:42 – 11:57 am]

MR- 10.35 Bryan Clay/USA 2010

A crowd of nearly 4000 were in place by 11:40 am, a fabulous total. The decathletes took notice of the slight tail breezes and fast Clockings during the women's hurdles 40 minutes earlier. Temps were in the high 60s.



USA teammates Trey Hardee's (left) performances were looking up while Gunnar Nixon (right) withdrew after 3

The first race found Olympic medalist ('08 Beijing) Andrei Krauchanka whose century PR of 10.86 came in 2007. But he came apart at 60 meters and by 70m he was limping. He fell across the line in 11.79. The winner was popular Dominik Siedlaczek/ AUT in a PR 11.03. Belgian's Thomas Van der Plaetsen also PR'd getting a 11.04 clocking. Wind +0.6.

I was particularly interested in Matthias Prey/GER, a former Thorpe Cup winner who drew lane 3 in the second race. Ex-Florida Stater Pelle Rietveld/NED was in lane 5 and won comfortably in 10.93 as Prey faded to 5th in 11.19. Wind -0.2.

Nixon drew lane 5 in the 3rd section with former Texas-Arlington's Romain Martin/FRA on his right. Speedy John Lane/GBR won with Kai Kazmirek/GER right behind, 10.71 and 10.76. Nixon's solid 10.92 was good for 3rd. Last year's runner-

up, Carlos Chinin/BRA, ran a disappointing 11.14 seconds.

Section # 3

pl	name/nation	time	reaction	points
1.	Lane, John/GBR	4 10.71	0.157	926
2.	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	2 10.76	0.171	915
3.	Nixon, Gunnar/USA	5 10.92	0.156	878
4.	Martin, Romain/FRA	6 11.07	0.174	845
5.	Chinin, Carlos/BRA	3 11.14	0.140	830
6.	Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER	1 11.22	0.145	812

[wind: 0.0 "set-to-gun", hereafter "stg" : 1.15 Sec]

Hardee drew lane #4 in the final/seeded race with Cuba's speedy Yordani Garcia, (the world leader at 8367) on his left and Germany's Rico Freimuth on his right. He was clear of the field by 30 meters and drew away from all but Freimuth whose mad rush in the last 20 meters nearly caught Trey. 10.50 to 10.52, excellent for Hardee and a PR for the tall German. The wind reversed and the sprinters faced a slight headwind, -0.2mps. Only Brazilian Felipe Dos Santos (10.63 in 3rd) PR'd.



**Trey Hardee won the first battle in Gotzis 40th War.**

Section # 4

pl	name/nation	ln	time	reaction	points
1.	Hardee, Trey/USA	4	10.50	0.152	975
2.	Freimuth, Rico/GER	5	10.52	0.134	970
3.	Dos Santos, Felipe/BRA	2	10.63	0.162	945
4.	Garcia, Yordani/CUB	3	10.69	0.154	931
5.	Distelberger, Dominik/AUT1	10.73	0.157	922	
6.	Dudas, Mihail/SRB	6	1 0.98	0.161	865

[wind: -0.2, stg: 1.18 sec]

After One:Hard 975, Frei 970, DosS 945, Garc 931, .....Nixo 878 (8th)

**Long Jump:** [12:45- 13:45]

MR- 8.11m/26-7¼ Roman Sebrle/CZE 2001

Both Andrei Krauchanka/BLR and Carlos Chinin/BRA withdrew. Felipe Dos Santos/BRA led off the jumping in Pit A (infield) with an aborted effort. Hardee's first effort measured 7.40m/24-3½. Nixon fouled

at the toeboard and Thomas Van Der Plaetsen led after round #1 at 7.68m/25-2½.

As the event progressed w/o a big jump the crowd's attention refocused on the accompanying women's high jump.

In round #2 Hardee went 7.30m/23-11 1/2, Van Der Plaetsen did not improve bringing up Gunnar. He slipped on the plasticene and cartwheeled into the pit. Foul. Now a tough situation.

In the final round Hardee charged the



Hardee's 7.49m/24-7 stretched his overall lead. board on his final 4 steps and covered 7.49m/24-7 of Voralberg real estate, and excellent effort. All eyes were on Nixon with a pair of fouls. Running with a bit less speed after having moved his starting mark back he actually stretched to reach the toeboard but managed 7.12m/23-4½, a lot better than zero.

Meanwhile in Pit B (in front of Tribune) local Dominik Siedlaczek opened the competition at 7.68m/25-2½ and no one topped it. Many of the athletes walked away from this event wishing they had one more attempt. Given the conditions there was much more potential.

After Two:Hard 1907, Dust 1874, DosS 1872, Kazm 1837, .....Nixo 1720 (12).

**Shot Put:** [14:20- 14:58]

MR- 17.45m/57-3 Mike Smith/CAN 1997

Both Hardee and Nixon drew Group A in the shot (better throwers) located at the 100m start. Nixon, appearing a bit awkward from a recent groin injury, led off with a @14.00m foul. Hardee's first toss traveled 14.52m/47-7½ while Behrenbruch led the round with a 15.38m/50-5½ toss. Nixon's 2nd effort measured 14.21m/46-7½ and Hardee

improved to 15.15m/49-8½ while exhorting the crowd to get into the event. Point of fact,



The women's heptathlon high jump stole some of the decathlon thunder (and many of its fans). Brianne Theissen-Eaton PR'd at 1.87m/6-1½.

The majority of the spectators were at the women's heptathlon high jump where there were plenty of PRs, a winning bar of 1.93m/6-4 and where Brianne Theissen-Eaton PR'd at 1.87m/6-1½. Nixon fouled on his 3rd try, Hardee did not improve and Behrenbruch's 16.04m/52-7½ ended the event.

In Group B Romain Martin/FRA was the winner with a 14.08m/46-2½ toss. At this Point Nixon withdrew with a groin injury, commenting "it's the first injury of my career." (Ed...lets hope there are not many others).

*After Three: Hard 2706, DesS 2600, Frei 2590, Kazm2578, .....Nixo 2461 (13th).*

**High Jump:** [15:40 – 17:05]

MR- 2.23m/7-3¼ Christian Schenk /GER 1990

Because of his inactive high jump season Hardee was relegated to Group B (lower seeded jumpers on east side) but appealed and was placed in Group A. He worked his way up the increments, starting at 1.91m/6-3¼ and topping out at 1.97m/6-5½ before missing thrice at 2.00m/6-6¾. Kai Kazmirek dominated the event scraping over a PR 2.15m/7-½ moving him into the overall lead.

In Group B (east pit) young Austrian Dominik Siedlaczek won at 2.03m/6-8.

*After Four:Kazm 3522, Hard 3482, DosS 3376, VanD 3370.*



German Kai Kazmirek won the final 2 first day events to take the overall lead.

**400 Meters:** [17:45 – 18:01]

MR- 46.53 Erki Nool/EST 1997

Most of the large crowd had remained for the 400m (and were treated minutes earlier to a spectacular hept 200m...22.33 by Daphne Schippers/NED) but was subdued. The initial 400m section (it was breezy) was captured easily by Bastien Auziel/FRA in 50 seconds dead.

In the second race Yordani Garcia put his foot on the accelerator at 250m and ran away from a trio of orange Nike orange jerseys to win in a PR 48.18.

Trey Hardee found himself in lane 3 of the 3rd section with speedy Dominik Distelberger in lane 5. He drew even with Distelberger at 280m, and they ran side by side on the nturn. The Austrian pulled away slightly on the final straight and held off Felipe Dos Santos/BRA to clock 48.63, one tenth of a second back of the Austrian.

Section # 3

pl	name/nation	ln	time	points
1.	Distelberger, Dom./AUT	5	48.53	884
2.	Hardee, Trey/USA	3	48.63	879
3.	Dos Santos, Felipe/BRA	2	48.67	877
4.	Fringeli, Jonas/SUI	6	50.22	804
5.	Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER	4	50.77	779

StG 0.81

Kazmirek had an opportunity to substantially improve on his 40 point overall margin. Running in lane 3 (PR 46.75) he ran down a flying Rico Freimuth after 200m and ran strongly in the stretch to clock 47.04 seconds and a 4478 1st day total. Britain's John Lane was 2nd in 48.19 and Freimuth

48.42 for 3rd. Kazmirek had stretched his lead to 117 over Hardee with Garcia another 101 back.

After Five: Kazm 4478, hard 4361, Garc 4260, DosS 4253.



**Results:**

**5/31-6/1 40th Hvp0-Bank Meeting, Mosle Stadium,**

**Götzis, AUT**

4478	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	10.76 0.0 745+0.1 1420 212 47.04
4361	Hardee, Trey/USA-Nike	10.50-0.2 749+2.2 1515 197 48.63
4260	Garcia, Yordani/CUB	10.69-0.2 691+2.2 1527 203 48.18
4253	Dos Santos, Felipe/BRA	10.63-0.2 747+1.1 1400 197 48.67
4229	Distelberger, Dominik/AUT	10.72-0.2 757 0.0 1302 200 48.53
4228	Freimuth, Rico/GER	10.52-0.2 719+0.6 1454 195 48.42
4224	Van Der Paetsen, T/BEL	11.04+0.6 768+0.7 1365 203 49.16
4144	Lane, John/GBR	10.71 0.0 734+0.2 1396 188 48.19
4125	Helcelet, Adam Seb'tian/CZE	11.06-0.2 722 0.0 1482 200 49.67
4105	Martin, Romain/FRA	11.07 0.0 717+2.3 1408 203 49.40
4102	Braun, Peter/NED	11.20+0.6 722-0.5 1379 203 48.76
4101	Bryant, Ashley/GBR	11.09-0.2 752+0.7 1377 194 49.10
4058	Rietveld, Pelle/NED	10.93-0.2 715-0.4 1392 191 48.47
4035	Prey, Mathias/GER	11.19-0.2 737+0.6 1544 188 50.32
4022	Auzeitl, Bastien/FRA	11.22+0.6 714+1.9 1515 194 50.00
4001	Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER	11.22 0.0 697+1.1 1604 194 50.77
3871	Siedlaczek, Dominik/AUT	11.03+0.6 683+2.1 1183 203 50.11
3786	Newdick, Brent/NZL	11.17-0.2 712+1.3 1291 191 51.75
3624	Walter, Simon/SUI	11.40+0.6 673 0.0 1269 194 52.49
3595	Fringeli, Jonas/SUI	11.56-0.2 638+0.4 1372 185 50.22
dnf	Nixon, Gunnar/USA	10.82 0.0 712+1.8 1421 inj
dnf	Dudas, Mihail/SRB	10.98-0.2 705-0.5 1351
dnf	Krauchanka, Andrei/BLR	11.79+0.6 withdrew
dnf	Chinin, Carlos/BRA	11.14 0.0 withdrew

24s,20f.

**The Look.....**

Trey Hardee (left) had moved from mop to buzz cut while Gunnar Nixon went in the opposite direction.

