

38th DECASTAR RINGS OUT SEASON Pahapill is Victor, Bray 12th

Hello Again.....The curtain for the 2014 decathlon campaign rang down today in the southwestern region of France with the 38th edition of DecaStar in Talence. W/o the incentive of an Olympic Games or World Championship, the season went out quietly.

Estonian Mikk Pahapill took the lead during the javelin and then hung on in the final event to eclipse 1st day leader Oleksiy Kasyanov, 8077 to 8062. The latter, who covered 1500m in 4:31, could not quite make up the differential on Pahapill (4:35), and that was that! It appeared that Cuban Yordani Garcia was on his way to a comfortable victory but a weak discus (35.00m) ruined his chances. He placed 3rd at 7945.

Romain Martin/FRA, Texas-Arlington '13 grad was 4th. Former NCAA champ Kurt Felix/GRN-Boise St was a no show.

American vet Wes Bray, 26, Houston, TX, in his first international season, was 12th overall. He completed his best season which included a runner-up spot at the USA nationals and a come-from-behind victory at the Thorpe Cup in Marburg, Germany.



The start of the annual DecaStar affair in Talence.



Estonian Mikk Pahapill won the season ending DecaStar affair in Talence, France with a 8077 total.

RESULTS:

9/20-21 DecaStar, Talence, FRA

8077	Pahapill, Mikk/EST	11.34-1.6 696 0.0
	1480 211 51.56 14.68+1.5 4844 490 6064 4:35.91	
8062	Kasayanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.89-1.0 740+2.3
	1441 199 49.30 14.35+1.3 4658 470 5016 4:31.88	
7945	Garcia, Yordani/CUB	10.91-1.0 686+1.1
	1421 202 48.71 14.33+1.3 3500 460 6720 4:34.97	
7861	Martin, Romain/FRAex-UT/A11.20-1.0 705+0.6	
	1381 202 49.61 14.56+1.3 3403 450 5940 4:33.82	
7843	Auzeil, Bastien/FRA	11.40-1.6 687+0.5
	1508 196 49.18 14.49+1.3 4271 500 5755 4:48.46	
7830	Sintnicolaas, Eelco/NED	11.21-1.0 715+1.2
	1344 190 49.82 14.57+1.3 4034 520 5682 4:36.90	
7641	Mikhan, Eduard/BLR	11.05-0.1 718+1.5
	1377 193 50.29 14.91+1.5 4493 460 4794 4:36.01	
7547	Lelievre, Jeremy/FRA	11.15-1.0 695-0.1
	1385 190 49.19 15.12+1.5 4272 440 5014 4:28.25	
7498	Van Alphen, Hans/BEL	11.41-1.6 679-0.4
	1466 187 50.86 15.06+1.5 3919 460 6216 4:39.77	
7475	Gregory, Ben/GBR	11.42-1.6 718+0.7
	1265 184 50.35 14.67+1.5 3685 500 5385 4:37.47	
7452	Rietveld, Pelle/NED-exFla St	11.18-0.1 668+0.6
	1323 184 49.80 14.46+1.3 3978 480 6402 5:10.26	
7365	Bray, Wes/USA-unat	11.10-0.1 728+0.6
	1281 187 50.54 15.21+1.5 3803 450 5148 4:37.97	
dnf	Querin, Gael/FRA	11.22-0.1 745+1.0
	1391 199 49.64 14.29+1.3 4009 480 withdrew	
dnf	Braun, Pieter/NED	11.40-1.6 723+1.0
	1265 199 withdrew	

dnf Mayer, Kevin/FRA
 1327 withdrew
 15s,12f.

11.34-0.1 717 0.0



Wes Bray (right) was 12th at the annual DecaStar match.

Video


<http://www.iaaf.org/competitions/iaaf-combined-events-challenge>

Talence Had its Fits and Starts

2014 saw a complete makeover of IAAF CE Challenge participants and money winners. Only a single decathlete who received a check for the 2013 campaign found himself with a paycheck this year, Eduard Mikhan/BLR. The other 2013 prize winners conducted limited or no seasons.....

Krauchanka, Warner, Behrenbruch, Coertzen, Nixon, Sviridov, Calvi.

There appeared to be little shakeup in the standings, going in. Kasyanov ultimately fell 47 points short of 3rd place and the suffered the opportunity cost of an additional \$5,000. The scores were well down in 2014, it being considerably easier to earn a paycheck this season. Only local favorite Kevin Mayer/FRA, had an opportunity to displace the entire field. His two previous scores averaged 8372 points, superior to Freimuth's winning average. He withdrew after 3 events ultimately needing an 8237 effort to win the IAAF CE Challenge (and its \$40,000 reward), 8051 for 2nd and just 7679 for 3rd.

Final IAAF CE Challenge Standings 2014			
			
3 scores:			
24,981	Rico Freimuth	GER	
	8317, 8356, 8308		u = 8327
24,795	Eelco Sintnicolaas	NED	
	8161, 8156, 8478		u = 8265
24,423	Yordani Garcia	CUB	
	8299, 8179, 7945		u = 8258
24,376	Oleksiy Kasyanov	UKR	
	8083, 8231, 8062		u = 8125+
24,052	Ashley Bryant	GBR	
	7802, 8141, 8109		u = 8017+
23,945	Adam S Helcelet	CZE	
	8001, 7989, 7955		u = 7981+
23,632	Eduard Mikhan	BLR	
	7987, 8004, 7641		u = 7877
23,516	Lars Vikan Rise	NOR	
	7918, 7759, 7839		u = 7838+
<i>Prize Money:</i> \$30,000; \$20,000; \$15,000; \$10,000,; \$8,000; \$7000; \$6000; \$5000 for place 1 thru 8.			

