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WARNER REIGNS(RAINS) at GÖTZIS Nixon 3rd on First day



Hello Again....With the withdrawal of Olympic champ Ashton Eaton the 39th annual Hypo-Bank meeting took on a much different flavor. Yes, there were some significant standbys here: Dutchman Elco Sintincolaas, German Pascal Behrenbruch, et.al. But, absent too were Trey Hardee, Leonel Suarez and '12 winner Hans van Alphen, all victims of injuries of varying degree. So this meet became an opportunity to see the new talents who likely will be the face of the decathlon in the 2nd half of this decade: Canadian Damian Warner, 23, Windsor; Frenchman Kevin Mayer, 21, the 2010 IAAF junior world champ; Russian Sergey Sviridov, 22, 8th in London; and American Gunnar Nixon, 20, Edmond, OK. Here's the first day account:



The weather drew more attention than the athletes in Götzis as temps were 8°C (46 °F), the coldest in 30 years for similar weekends.

The weather, even without Eaton, was spring



Canadian Damain Warner left his mark on the first day proceedings at Götzis with a 10.36 century and PR 2.09m high jump

Oregonesque: raw, chilly and drizzling. At race time the temps were 51° with a slight mist. Yikes.



**39th Annual Hypo-Bank Meeting
Mosle Stadium
Götzis, Austria
May 25-26, 2013**

100 Meters: [11:40 am-12:13 pm]

The initial race featured Mayer but countryman Florian Geffrouais led from start to finish in 11.16. Mayer was 2nd in 11.26. Wind -0.1. And it was COLD!

The 2nd race had ex Florida State star Pelle Reitveld in lane four but Willelm Coertzen/RSA false started (a difficult trip at Götzis) so the field tried again with the entire field charged. Coertzen and Reitveld ran side

by side with the former leaning hard at the finish but the latter was faster, 11.08 to 11.11.

There was a distinct American flavor in the 3rd race. Former Thorpe Cup winners Norman Müller and Kasi Kazmirek of Germany joined ex-U of Toronto student Massimo Bertocchi, a former Big Green in the *Desert* winner, former Texas Longhorn Petter Olson/Sweden and Gunnar Nixon.

Nixon reacted well and led at 20 meters and was never headed, running away in the final 30 meters. His 10.92 clocking (w +0.2) was significant given the conditions.

Meet favorite Berhenbruch was in lane 6 of the 4th affair, sporting, as usual, sponsors logos on his shoulders. Yet he was never a factor as Brazilian Carlos Chinin ran a nifty final 50 meters and got 10.81. Behrenbruch's 11.14 was 5th!

The seeded 5th race belonged to Warner as he just ran away from a fine field. Drifting to the left of his lane for the first 50 meters, he then drifted back to the middle, likely running 101 meters. His time of 10.36 just missed Bryan Clay's MR of 10.35. Only Friemuth was reasonably close. Wind +1.1.

Result of 5th Section:

		<u>Time</u>	<u>reaction</u>	<u>points</u>
1..Damian Warner	Can	10.36	0.167	1008
2..Rico Freimuth	GER	10.54	0.143	966
3..Eduard Mikhan	BLR	10.72	0.162	924
4..Dom Disterberger	AUT	10.73	0.141	922
5..Eelco Sintnicolaas	NED	10.74	0.178	919
6..Michele Calvi	ITA	10.89	0.154	885

Whew! Warner commanded a 42 point lead with nine events and more raw weather to come.

[NB: set to gun times were consistent – 1.08, 1.10, 0.53, 0.76, 0.79, 0.81. Average 0.845]

After One: Warn 1008, Frei 966, Mikh 924, Dist 922.

Long Jump: [12:40- 1:38 pm]

To add insult to injury, it began to rain at the start of the long jump. In Group A Kai Kazmirek, last year's Thorpe Cup find, PR'd at 7.51m/24-7¾. Warner's first attempt traveled 7.00m/22-11½. At the end of round #

one Kazmirek still led as 6 of 16 had efforts *under* 7 meters (the seeded section). Just 3 improved in the second round. Warner fouled by 3 inches at toe-board.

In round #3, the rain became but a mist. Sintnicolaas opened the round with a 7.35m/24-1½ improvement. Notable fouls



Warner maintained his overall lead with a nice 7.40m/24-3 ½ effort at Mosler Stadium.

were recorded by Mayer and Sviridov. Warner brought it and managed 7.40m/24-3½ to maintain his overall lead. But the event ended with a wimper. Several had already packed it it.

Group B, jumping closer to the Tribune, had a bit more rain protection. Nixon, jumping at the end of the order, got his prediction, a 7.70m leap. Only problem... a marginal foul (1 inch) at the toe-board so the effort went for naught. His 2nd jump was farther, but so was foul foul (4 inches). He moved his step back dramatically and leaped 7.23m/23-8¾ in round three. Better than zero. Wind -0.6. German Peter Braun won the pit at 7.38m/24-2½.

The conditions put a damper on attitudes, motivation, mojo.

After Two: Warn 1918, Sint 1817, Frei 1816, Duist 1808...Nixo 1747(7th).

Shot Put: [2:25-3:10 pm]



With a pair of wet circles it may have been expecting too much for top efforts. No PRs in Group A won by Pascal Behrenbruch in the first round at 15.99m/52-5½. Massimo bertocchi got back on track here getting 15.37m/50-5. German Jan Felix Knobel did not start.

In Group B Nixon managed a solid 13.26m/43-6 opener then slipped badly on his 2nd try, fouling. He was overly cautious in the final round managing 13.10m/43-0. A trio PR's in this section: Chinin (14.61m/47-1¼), Kazmirek (13.65m/44-9½), and Britain's Ashley Bryant (13.64m/44-9) whose reverse foot fault went unobserved.

The drizzle stopped in the 3rd round, perhaps a good high jump omen.

After Three: Warn 2619, Frei 25776, Chin 2543, helc 2528.....Nixo 2430(13th).

High Jump: [4:05-5:38 pm]

The rain returned during high jump warmups. In Group A Nixon easily opened at 1.97m/6-5½, passed 2.00m/6-6¾ and had no problem with 2.03m/6-8. By this time (5:00 pm) only 6 remained yet only three, Nixon, Warner and Czech Adam Helcelet were successful. The rain had stopped. The Czech was soon dropped and Nixon and Warner made 2.06m/6-9 and 2.09m/6-10¼ in quick succession, both bars PRs for the Canadian. Gunnar then SKIED 2.12m/6-11½! His first try at 2.15m/7-½ was in the rain. He squeezed over the bar on a 2nd try to the delight of the 2000 soaked spectators who remained surrounding the high jump apron.

His attempts at 2.18m/7-1¾ (a PR bar) were ever so close. Gunnar became a crowd favorite with his circular running routine and bar approach that had the crowd rolling. The final clearance at 2.15m sent him to the runner-up spot behind the high flying Warner

In Group B Rico Freimuth, an early favorite, withdrew and Kevin Mayer retired after two furtive attempts at an opening bar. Here the pit was captured by BelaRussian Eduard Mikhan at 1.97m.6-5½ .

After Four: Warner 3506, Nixo 3374, Helc 3359, Kazm 3305.

400 meters: [6:10-6:34 pm]



The first 400m race Italian Dominic Alberto ran away in 49.39 seconds.

The second race was won by Frenchman Florian Geffrouasis in 48.53.

Gunnar Nixon won the 3rd 400m race in 48.94

Gunnar Nixon found himself in lane 3 of the 3rd section. He ran under control, made up the stagger on everyone at 250m and drove home in 48.94 seconds.

Damian Warner (PR 48.20) never able to make up much ground in the 4th race and clocked 49.58, behind Brit Ashlery Bryant (48.17) and Petter Olson (49.12).

The final seeded section was dominated by speedy Kai Kazmirek/GER who made the event 'nolo contendere.' He won by 15 meters in 47.39. It pushed him past Nixon into 2nd place after day one. Ironically Canadians Warner and Brianne Theissen (2x NCAA champ while at Oregon) were the respective 1st day leaders in the dec and hept. Oh Canada!

After Five: warn 43409, Kazm 4244, Nixo 4239, Chin 4173.



Much attention in Gotzis was focused on the youngsters: (from left)- Warner, 23; Sviridov 22; Mayer 21; Nixon 20.



1st Day Results:

5/25-26 Hypo Bank Meeting, Götzis, Austria

4340	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.36+1.1	740+0.9	1355	209	49.58
4244	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	11.01+0.2	751-0.3	1365	200	47.39
4239	Nixon, Gunnar/USA-unat	10.92+0.2	723-0.6	1326	215	48.94
4173	Chinin, Carlos/BRA	10.81+0.6	725+0.5	1461	194	48.58
4157	Helcelet, Adam/CZE	11.05+0.6	732-0.2	1496	203	50.36
4130	Mikhan, Eduard/BLR	11.72+1.1	701-0.7	1441	197	49.05
4110	Müller, Norman/GER	11.07+0.2	731+0.3	1419	200	49.59
4046	Sintnicolaas, Eelco/NED	10.74+1.1	735-0.5	1300	197	50.63
4015	Bertocchi, Massimo/CAN	11.07+0.2	686-0.8	1537	200	50.89
4014	Distelberger, Dominik/AUT	10.73+1.1	730-0.2	1236	191	49.14
3985	Bryant, Ashley/GBR	11.23-0.9	735 0.0	1364	185	48.17
3970	Coertzen, William/RSA	11.11-0.9	710 0.0	1342	197	49.73
3966	Behrenbruch,Pascal/GER	11.14+0.6	685+0.2	1599	191	50.68
3951	Sviridov, Sergey/RUS	10.91+0.6	715+0.3	1414	194	51.79
3893	Braun, Pieter/NED	11.41-0.1	738+0.2	1322	191	50.03

3879	Querin, Gael/FRA	11.29-0.1	729 0.0	1278	191	49.83
3872	Shubianko, Mikahail/BLS	11.48-0.1	682 0.0	1498	200	51.37
3842	Geffroqais, Florian/FRA	11.16-0.1	659+0.5	1470	182	48.53
3822	Olson, Petter/SWE	11.15+0.2	690+0.6	1319	185	49.12
3781	Calvi, Michele/ITA	10.89+1.1	645-0.6	1441	188	51.17
3758	Reitveld, Pelle/NED	11.08-0.9	686-0.4	1319	182	50.07
3729	Alberto, Dominik/SUI	11.06+0.6	674 0.0	1215	185	49.39
3633	Walter, Simon/SUI	11.43-0.9	693+0.4	1249	188	51.71
dnf	Mayer, Kevin/FRA	11.26-0.1	700+0.8	1324	nh	withdrew
dnf	Freimuth, Rico/GER	10.54+1.1	715-0.2	1454		withdrew
dnf	Knobel, Jan Felix/GER	11.30-0.9	686+0.4			withdrew
26s,23f						

5/23-24 International, Ulm, GER

8427	Michael Schrader	TSV Bayer Leverkusen	10.52+1.7	782+0.7	1474	190	49.84	14.02+1.6	4562
480	6299	4:29.50							
7831	Matthias Prey	SC Rönau	10.95+1.7	764+0.5	1597	181	50.22	14.60+1.6	4679
420	5523	4:43.64							