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OH CANADA at GÖTZIS Nixon 3rd 8136



Hello Again....Gunnar Nixon posted an impressive 8136 score, his first career 8, at the 39th Hypo-Bank Meeting by winning the final event in dramatic fashion. Meet winner Damian Warner, Windsor, ONT made it two for two for Canada as heptathlete Brianne Theissen captured her event two hours earlier. Weatherwise Sunday morning was hopeful. By 9 am the air temperature was 45° F and Mosle Stadium was drying out from overnight showers. '

12 Euro champ Pascal Behrenbruch withdrew overnight paring the field leaving just two of the initial five German in the field.

As for Nixon, he was one Oklahoma Tornado here winning a pair of individual events, setting several PRs and becoming the 70th American ever over 8000. And what a place to do it. Here's what happened.



Gunnar Nixon's 1 8136 gave him 3rd at Götzis. vacant lanes. Thank goodness for some normalcy. Winds were negligible.

Dutchman Peter Braun captured the initial race in 14.70 following a false start by Norman Müller/GER. Gunnar Nixon led from start to finish in the 2nd race, winning in a smooth 14.55 even though most of the field had faster career bests.

Brazilian Carlos Chinin won the very competitive 3rd race in a blanket finish, in 14.23 seconds.

The fastest seeded section featured Damian Warner who had run 13.71 in this meet a year ago in the controversial false start race. This year he was not pushed and his winning 13.92 was well ahead of Massimo Bertocchi/CAN and South African William Coertzen who split 14.24/14.25.

Overall Nixon moved to second, Chinin to 3rd as Warner improved his leading margin to 181 points.

After Six: Warn 5325, Nix 5144, Chin 5118, Kazm 5118.



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

110m Hurdles: [10:05 -10:22 am]

With 5 dropouts, the races were rearranged to accommodate the remaining 21 runners: races of 5, 6, 4, and 6. All were seeded lending much to their competitiveness. And it is such a pleasure to watch a CE hurdle race where runners are not separated by

110m Hurdles Splits:				
	Warner		Nixon	
	Hurdle touchdown split		Hurdle touchdown split	
1 st	2.26		2.16	
2 nd	3.35	1.09	3.30	1.14
3 rd	4.41	1.06	4.42	1.12
4 th	5.50	1.09	5.61	1.19
5 th	6.53	1.00	6.67	1.06
6 th	7.59	1.06	7.78	1.11
7 th	8.69	1.10	8.94	1.16
8 th	9.67	.98	10.15	1.21
9 th	10.77	1.10	11.22	1.07
10 th	12.00	1.23	12.41	1.19
Finish	13.93	1.91	14.54	2.13

Discus: [11:05 - 11:29 B; 11:05-11:53 A]

The skies clouded over at the start of the 7th event and temps fell a bit. Nixon was switched to Group A (seeded section) for the 7th event and thus there was no need to head for the discus ring behind the west Tribune.

The wind changed direction, now blowing consistently from the east (requiring that the women's long jump be turned around- and modestly helping lift the disc. In Group A Nixon opened the competition with a nice PR 39.13m/128-4 spin. Minutes later Warner tossed a cm shy of 43 meters (141-0) and his position on top of the leader board appeared robust.

Sergey Sviridov and Bertocchi had identical marks of 48.07m/157-8.

Nixon improved his career best in round #2 with 41.70m/136-9 and now had a shot at an 8k total. Halfway thru round #2 the competition ended out side the stadium for Group B where stocky Italian Michele Calvi won with 45.80m/150-2.

The sun peeked out at 11:30 (hooray!) Bertocchi took the lead as the final thrower in the round hitting the 50 meter line (actual measurement: 49.98m/164-0).

At the top of round #3 order, Nixon had nothing to loose on final effort lost control of the platter and it fluttered. He took a deliberate foul. He ended the event in 4th overall, passed by Chinin and BelaRussian Eduard Mikhan, Kazmirek, an overnight contender managed only 38.22m/125-5 and a

pair of fouls. Sintinicolaas also struggled here getting but 39.72m/130-3 accompanied by a pair of fouls. As a matter of fact the first 5 competitors in round #3 fouled.

All eyes were on Warner whose 45.90m was in jeopardy. He fouled in the circle. Bertocchi's 49.96 toss won the event. And the sun appeared in earnest!! Go figure. *After Seven: Warn 6051, Chin 5896, Mikh 5855, Nixo 5843.*

Pole Vault: [1:10 - pm]

Again, groups were seeded and Nixon correctly drew Group B (lower seeded vaulters).

In Group A Warner opened at 4.46m/14-7½ but need a heart pounding and Massimo Bertocchi's 49.98m164-0 won the Götzis discus.



Massimo Bertocchi's 49.98m164-0 won the Götzis discus. clutch 3rd try to clear. He topped out at 4.56m/14-11½. The weather turned chilly once again (50°F) at 2 pm.

Everything in this group was a prelude to Eelco Sintivicolaas who entered successfully at 4.86m/15-11¼ where only Chinin remained. He was soon gone and Sintinicolaas had center stage for the better part of 40 minutes, getting 5.06m/16-7¼, but 5.26m/17-3 was too difficult.

In Group B Nixon opened at 4.36m/14-3 ½ but carried no speed into the box. No problem on his second try nor the next bar, 4.46m/14-7½ more on the 2nd try at the next bar, 4.56m/14-11½. But he needed bigger poles.

4.66m/15-3 ½ proved no problem for Nixon on a bigger stick. But 4.76m/15-7¼ was problematic. At this bar ex Texas star Petter



Olson/SWE
Dutchman Eelco Smit, 2010 Euro silver medalist, won the vault in Gotzis at 5.06m.

cleared on his 2nd try bringing up Nixon for a 3rd attempt. Anxious, he didn't wait for the pole, knocked the bar off on the rise, but had plenty of hip height over the now plummeting bar.

Olson won the pit at 4.86m/15-11¼. At this stage Nixon needed a combo of 1350 points (eg, 56m jav, 4:41 1½ k) out of the final pair of events to become the 70th American over 8000 points. *After Eight:* Warn 6829, Chin 6764, Bert 6666, Nix 6650.

Javelin: [3:45 and 4:45-5:28 pm]



Nixon's PR javelin put him into 3rd place contention.

Group B, those eliminated early from the vault, began at 3:45 pm. Former Florida Stater Pelle Reitveld/NED won from a group of 6 athletes with a nice 65.66m/215-5.

Group A started at 4:45 pm. Nixon opened at 55.18m/181-0 and did not improve in round #2 (54.78m/179-9). The temps fell below 50° and the rain returned. In

round 2 Warner speared a new career best, 62.84m/206-2 and his lead was an insurmountable 163 points over Chinin. Only two surpassed 60 meters.

What a scene...in the greying darkenss with 1800 spectators remaining to watch the action and with Damian Warner leading the rhythmic clapping on the infield with music blaring Nixon stepped up to the plate...and gunned (no pun intended) a PR 60.12m/197-3 to give him a shot at 2nd overall. Wow! Askley Bryant/GBR won the section on the very last toss, 64.93m/213-0.

After Nine: Warn 7610, Chin 7447, Helc 7408, Nix 7390

1500 meters: [6:00 – 6:05 pm]

Staying within distance of Helcelet Nixon ran a controlled race 71.1 at 400m) < 3:25 with a lap remaining, and moved up and caught the entire field with 200 meters remaining. He sprinted home in 4:29.75 to assure 3rd place overall behind Damian Warner and Carlos Chinin. Final tally...8136! At age 20!! Enough said. Well done Gunnar.



Final Results:

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

8307	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.36+1.1
	740+0.9 1355 209 49.58 13.92-0.4 4299 456 6284	4:37.37
8182	Chinin, Carlos/BRA	10.81+0.6
	725+0.5 1461 194 48.58 14.23-0.5 4556 486 5633	4:31.54
8136	Nixon, Gunnar/USA-unat	10.92+0.2
	723-0.6 1326 215 48.94 14.55-0.1 4170 466 6012	4:29.75
8075	Helcelet, Adam/CZE	11.05+0.6
	732-0.2 1496 203 50.36 14.35-0.5 4095 476 6411	4:42.13
7980	Müller, Norman/GER	11.07+0.2
	731+0.3 1419 200 49.59 14.85 0.0 4392 476 5521	4:31.59



7975	Mikhan, Eduard/BLR	11.72+1.1
701-0.7	1441 197 49.05 14.57-0.4 4771 456 5240 4:34.08	
7878	Bertocchi, Massimo/CAN	11.07+0.2
686-0.8	1537 200 50.89 14.24-0.4 4996 476 5576 5:03.74	
7837	Bryant, Ashley/GBR	11.23-0.9
735 0.0	1364 185 48.17 14.67-0.1 4228 446 6493 4:36.65	
7794	Distelberger, Dominik/AUT	10.73+1.1
730-0.2	1236 191 49.14 14.63-0.5 4016 476 5609 4:36.73	
7639	Sviridov, Sergey/RUS	10.91+0.6
715+0.3	1414 194 51.79 15.23 0.0 4873 436 5823 4:54.50	
7629	Reitveld, Pelle/NED	11.08-0.9
686-0.4	1319 182 50.07 14.38-0.4 3835 476 6566 4:44.21	
7562	Olson, Petter/SWE	11.15+0.2
690+0.6	1319 185 49.12 14.76-0.1 3931 486 5157 4:31.62	
7431	Calvi, Michele/ITA	10.89+1.1
645-0.6	1441 188 51.17 14.28-0.5 4580 406 5821 4:55.96	
7430	Braun, Pieter/NED	11.41-0.1
738+0.2	1322 191 50.03 14.70 0.0 4070 416 4837 4:29.99	
7142	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	11.01+0.2
751-0.3	1365 200 47.39 14.80-0.1 3822 nh 5843 4:39.69	
dnf	Alberto, Dominik/SUI	11.06+0.6
674 0.0	1215 185 49.39 15.11-0.1 3573 476 4443	
dnf	Coertzen, William/RSA	11.11-0.9
710 0.0	1342 197 49.73 14.25-0.4 4298 nh 6357	
dnf	Sintnicolaas, Eelco/NED	10.74+1.1
735-0.5	1300 197 50.63 14.41-0.4 3972506 5429	
dnf	Shubianko, Mikahail/BLS	11.48-0.1
682 0.0	1498 200 51.37 15.05-0.1 4408 436 withdrew	
dnf	Walter, Simon/SUI	11.43-0.9
693+0.4	1249 188 51.71 15.76 0.0 3973 withdrew	
dnf	Geffroqais, Florian/FRA	11.16-0.1
659+0.5	1470 182 48.53 15.02 0.0 nm	
dnf	Behrenbruch,Pascal/GER	11.14+0.6
685+0.2	1599 191 50.68 withdrew	
dnf	Querin, Gael/FRA	11.29-0.1
729 0.0	1278 191 49.83 withdrew	
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,15f		