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## AMERICAN FLAG OVER MOSCOW Eaton Wins World Title

### Hello Again.....

25 year old and newly married Ashton Eaton kept the USA decathlon streak alive by returning the 3rd consecutive world championship medal to the US. His gaudy 8809 point victory represents the 5th gold in the last 6 worlds for his nation and the 8th in the last 12! Adding his name to those of former world champs Dan O'Brien, Tom Pappas, Bryan Clay and Trey Hardee, Eaton has beefed up his resume with his 4th consecutive win and 8th in his last 9 decathlons and 14th victory in 21 career meets. His last loss came at the same meet two years past in Daegu, KOR when he placed 2nd to teammate Trey Hardee. Hardee was injured here and withdrew after the high jump.

Also marking a breakthrough was the performance by 20 year old Gunnar Nixon. Edmond, OK, who was in the medal hunt until late and whose 8312 final 13th place score was a 114point PR.

His victory celebration will have to wait for two more days as his bride, Oregon and Canadian heptathlete Brienne Theissen spends her two days in the Moscow sun beginning tomorrow morning.

For Ashton here's 'Here's what happened on the evening of day two in Moscow.

**Javelin:** [5:15- 5:52 pm & 6:30 ]

The day remained muggy, what we used to call 'close.' And that's exactly how 25 year old



Ashton Eaton became the IAAF World Decathlon champ with outstanding 2nd day performances in Moscow.

the final two events at the IAAF world champ stacked up after the gold and silver medals which, at this point, had been conceded to Ashton Eaton and Michael Schrader/GER. Athletes in the 9th event, the javelin, were grouped according to how they were eliminated in the pole vault, early elimantees throwing in the first (Group A).

Schrader was here as was early medal contenders Pascal Behrenbruch and Gunnar Nixon.

Sector lines were placed 50m and 60m and Will Coertzen/RSA delighted the crowd (now about 5000) with a PR to open Group A, 69.35m/227-9. Distance lines placed at 55m and 60m help the spectators. Schrader (65.67m/215-5, Sviridov (69.38m/227-8) and Uibo (59.63m/195-8) recorded 3 consecutive PRs. Then Madagascar's African champ, Ali Kame, PR'd at 65.76m/215-8. Gunnar

Nixon's initial offering of 54.12m/177-6, got lost in the buzz.

Round #2 was anti-climatic with Behrenbruch improving to 65.59m/215-1 and Schrader calling it a day. Nixon improved to 57.97m/190-2. In round #3 Behrenbruch lifted his spear to 67.07m/220-0.

Group B (later vaulters) started at 6:30 pm while a noisy Russian crowd applauded their 20km race walk victor. And between groups former world record holder Roman Sebrle/CZE stopped by the desk to chat. Few ever brought a crowd to its feet like Roman.

Thomas Vander Plaetsen/BEL, this year's WUG champ, started off with a PR 65.31m/214-3. Warner then PR'd at 63.76m/209-2 and the battle for 3rd was really on! After Ashton's 57.44m/188-6 opener Carlos Chinin, another medal contender, also PR'd at 59.98m/196-9. Sinti speared 55.17m/181-0 and he was in trouble.

Mayer followed a minute later with a nice 61.14m/200-7 toss. Rico Freimuth, the only other medal contender, with a wrapped right elbow, only managed 56.21m/184-5. It was looking like this would be Warner's day and he immediately put more distance between himself and the field with another PR of 64.67m/212-1. His margin over Freimuth was now 66 points.

Eaton speared a dec PR 64.83m/212-8 to dispell any notion of an upset as his margin over Schrader was now an insurmountable 168 point margin, nearly 30 seconds in the next event. For Ashton the only issue not taken care of would be the final tally as he needed a 4:32.21 for 8800 points. Golly, recall how we all felt yesterday after the high jump.

In round #3 Kevin Mayer brought the crowd to its feet with a 4 meter(!) PR and now he would be Warner's only serious medal challenger since he has terrific 1500m skills. As the athletes headed to the 1500m Warner, who has clocked 4:18, would need a margin of 16 seconds for the medal. Conversely,

Warner, in the driver's seat needed only to stay within 16 seconds. Whew!

*After nine: Eaton 8063, Schr 7895, Warn 7767, Frie 7688, Chin 7682, Schk 7670, Mayer 7669.*

**1500 meters:** [8:36 and 8:48 pm]

Unlike last evening, a much larger crowd was on hand for Sunday's finals including the dec 1500 meters. It was run in two sections, The first race (for places 14 thru 26 after 9 events), was won by Gael Quirin/FRA in 4:18.58. He let Sweden/UCLA junior Martin Nilsson lead thru splits of 50.5, 68.2, 2:02.8, 2:20.8 and 3:14 before jumping Nilsson at 1200m and holding him off on the straight.

The big dog race (places 1 thru 13) found the field watching one another. We kept our eye on the gap between Mayer I (a 4:18 performer) and Warner (a 4:29 PR) as the Frenchman needed to make up 16 seconds. Would this be another Eaton/Suarez dual ala Daegu? No...as predicted Mayer went for the medal., led thru splits of 48.0, 65.7, 1:59.0, 2:17.2, 3:12.3, 3:30.1 before Suarez ran him down to win in 4:23.87. The differential b/w Mayer and Warner was approximately 4 seconds at the finish. Eaton himself clocked a comfortable 4:29.80 to post a 8809 winning total. Schrader clocked 4:25.387 and his 8670 2nd place effort was a 148 point PR. Warner's bronze medal took an 8512 score.

*After ten: Eaton 8809, Schr 8670, Warn 8512, Mayer 8446*

### **Results:**

#### **8/10-11 14th IAAF World Championships, Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow, RUS**

8809	Eaton, Ashton/USA	10.35-0.5	773+0.3	1439	193	46.02	13.72+0.4	4500	520	6483	4:29.80
8670	Schrader, Michael/GER	10.73-0.5	785+0.21456	199		47.66	14.29+0.4	4644	500	6567	4:25.38 PR
8512	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.43-0.5	739+0.3	1423	205	48.41	13.96+0.4	4413	480	6467	4:29.97 PR
8446	Mayer, Kevin/FRA	11.23-0.1	750+0.1	1376	205	49.53	14.21-0.2	4537	520	6609	4:25.04 PR
8391	Sintnicolaas, Eelco/NED	10.85-0.5	768+0.8	1408	202	48.25	14.18+0.4	3921	530	5675	4:24.64
8388	Chinin, Carlos/BRA	10.78-0.1	754+1.0	1449	196	48.80	14.05+0.4	4584	510	5998	4:36.01 PR
8382	Freimuth, Rico/GER	10.60-0.5	722+1.3	1480	196	48.05	13.90+0.4	4874	490	5621	4:37.83 PR

8370 Shkurenev, Ilya/RUS 10.97-0.1 735+0.1 1388 205  
48.39 14.34-0.1 4406 540 5946 4:35.95 PR

8343 Coertzen, Willem/RSA 10.95+0.1 744+1.8 1388 205  
48.32 14.30-0.1 4325 450 6935 4:24.60 PR/Afr R

8317 Suarez, Leonel/CUB 11.07+0.5 733+0.3 1420 190  
4821 14.62-0.2 4641 490 6861 4:23.87

8316 Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER 10.95+0.1 719+0.6 1586  
199 48.40 14.46 -0.1 4526 470 6707 4:37.21

8314 Krauchanka, Andrei/BLR 11.19+0.1 739-0.2 1484 211  
49.65 14.44+0.4 4612 510 5998 4:39.63

8312 Nixon, Gunnar/USA 10.84-0.5 780+0.4 1468 214  
48.56 14.57-0.1 4238 460 5797 4:35.82 PR

8275 Dudas, Mihail/SRB 10.67-0.5 751+0.7 1345 196  
47.73 14.59-0.2 4404 490 5966 4:26.62

8255 Van der Plaetsen, Tom/BEL 11.09+0.1 764+0.4 1357  
205 49.00 14.66 0.0 4117 510 6347 4:37.93 PR

8177 Lukyanenko, Artem/RUS 11.11-0.1 709+0.6 1443 199  
49.01 14.21+0.4 4406 500 6183 4:32.97 PR

8170 Pahapill, Mikk/EST 11.33-0.5 712+0.7 1438 199  
49.84 14.54-0.1 4757 500 6289 4:33.16

7968 Mikhan, Eduard/BLR 10.97-0.5 742+0.1 1415 196  
48.80 14.82 0.0 4800 460 5074 4:33.71

7850 Uiibo, Maicel/EST 11.21-0.1 726 0.0 1368 211  
50.60 15.29 0.0 4184 490 5963 4:48.29

7843 Sviridov, Sergey/RUS 10.98-0.1 730+1.2 1420 190  
51.13 15.23-0.2 4526 450 6938 4:46.43

7840 Reitveld, Pelle/NED 11.15-0.1 668+0.5 1321 190  
48.67 14.37-0.1 3806 510 6438 4:35.94

7751 Ushiro, Keisuke/JAP 10.73-0.5 684+0.7 1317 196  
51.20 15.32 0.0 4531 490 6765 4:38.91

7744 Newdick, Brent/NZL 11.14-0.5 728+0.2 1384 202  
50.25 15.19-0.2 4249 450 5730 4:38.53

7540 Nilsson, Marcus/SWE 11.42+0.1 662 0.0 1481 187  
50.56 15.04 0.0 4249 450 5486 4:20.11

6846 Querin, Gael/FRA 11.19+0.1 718+0.5 1303 190  
48.78 14.87-0.1 3834 nh 5066 4:18.58

dnf[5612] Vos, Ingmar/NED 10.98+0.1 745+0.7  
1381 205 51.02 dq'd 4277 nh 6210

dnf[6569] Kame, Ali/MAD 11.48-0.5 672+0.7 1273 190  
50.87 15.20 0.0 3686 420 6576 withdrew

dnf[4012] Kasyanov, Olexiy/UKR 10.99-0.5 728+0.8 1405  
190 49.75 dnf nm

dnf [3807] Gastaldi, Román/ARG 11.20-0.5 689+0.9  
1396 187 dq withdrew

dnf [3272] Felix, Kurt/GRN 11.20-0.5 742 0.0  
1295 208 withdrew

dnf [2634] Hardee, Trey/USA 10.52-0.5 735+0.7  
1461 nh withdrew

dnf [2479] Taiwo, Jeremy/USA 10.96-0.1 753+0.6  
1299

dnf [2312] Karpov, Dmitri/KAZ 11.37-0.1 659+0.5  
1539

33s,25f.



#### The Highest totals by place at the IAAF World Champs:

- 1 8902 Tomas Dvorak CZE Edmonton 2001
- 2 8815 Erki Nool Edmonton, 2001
- 8730 Eduard Hamalainen Athens 1997
- 3 8652 Frank Busemann GER Athina 1997
- 4 8524 Sebastien Levicq FRA Sevilla 1999
- 5 8454 Aleksey Sysoyev RUS Berlin 2009
- 6 8439 Pascal Behrenbruch GER Berlin 2009
- 7 8406 Nicklas Wiberg SWE Berlin 2009
- 8 8387 Yordani Garcia CUB Berlin 2009