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## EATON in DECASTAR FIELD IAAF CE Challenge Standings

**Hello Again.....**The final two events of the 16th annual and 2013 IAAF Combined Events Challenge are held this weekend in France. The quadreinnial Francophone Games are being contested in Nice and the 37th version of DecaStar is once again part of the Bordeaux landscape in Talence.

The Talence field contains world champ Ashton Eaton and most of the contenders for the \$101,000 prize money awarded to decathletes for their total of 3 scores in designated meetings.

Going into the Talence meeting that IAAF CE standings look like this:

### 3 scores:

25,084	Andrei Krauchanka	BLR	8380, 8390, 8314	u = 8361+
24,646	Gunnar Nixon	USA	8312, 8136, 8198	u = 8215+
24,068	Eduard Mikhan	BLR	8125, 7975, 7968	u = 8022+
23,421	Sergey Sviridov	RUS	7939, 7843, 7639	u = 7807

### 2 scores:

17,100	Ashton Eaton	USA	8809, 8291	u = 8550
16,836	Pascal Behrenbruch	GER	8514, 8316	u = 8418
16,826	Kevin Mayer	FRA	8446, 8390	u = 8413
16,819	Damian Warner	CAN	8512, 8307	u = 8404+
16,570	Carlos Chinin	BRA	8388, 8182	u = 8285
16,558	Will Coertzen	RSA	8343, 8215	u = 8279
16,419	T Van der Plaetsen	BEL	8255, 8164	u = 8209+



16,269	Mikk Pahapill	EST	8099, 8170	u = 8134+
16,041	Norman Müller	GER	8081, 7960	u = 8020+
16,015	Dmitriy Karpov	KAZ	8037, 7978	u = 8007+

Assuming no improvement on his 3rd best score this year for leader and 2008 champ Krauchanka (as is often the case at Talence b/c its late in season) Ashton Eaton would need only a score of 7985 to take over the men's lead and the \$30,000 first place payday. So, if you are wondering why the world-record holder is in Talence this weekend: that's why. He came out of his World Champs win in Moscow healthy

The interesting issue is where Gunnar Nixon will end up since he currently stands 2nd overall but his total will be at the mercy of Pascal Behrenbruch/GER, Kevin Mayer/

FRA and Damian Warner/CAN, all of whom will be competitive since but 17 points separate them presently. Also in the payday hunt will be Carlos Chinin/BRA and Will Coertzen/RSA but both are Southern Hemisphere residents and for them it's been a very long season. Nixon, who ended his season in Moscow, will watch and wait.

**Prize Money for IAAF CE Challenge.**

1st place	\$ 30,000	5th place	\$8,000
2nd place	20,000	6th place	7,000
3rd place	15,000	7th place	6,000
4th place	10,000	8th place	5,000



2012 Olympic vault champ Renaud Lavillenie is in the DecaStar field, specifically to reclaim the decathlon vault record for the French.

**The DecaStar Start List**



Eaton, Ashton	USA	8809
Behrenbruch, Pascal	GER	8514
Warner, Damian	CAN	8512
Chinin, Carlos	BRA	8393
Sintinocolaas, Eelco	NED	8391
Krauchanka, Andrei	BLR	8390
Coertzen, Willem	RSA	8343
Dudas, Mihail	SRB	8275
Lukyanenko, Artem	RUS	8177
Kharlamov, Vasiliy	RUS	8098
Martin, Romain	FRA/UT-A	8013
Lelievre, Jeremy	FRA	7880
Ushiro, Kesuke	JAP	7824
Folacci, Alexandre	FRA	7729
Bourguignon, Rudy	FRA	7603
Gomez, David	ESP	7484
Marchand, Alexandre	FRA	7280
Lavillenie, Renaud	FRA	no score

[18, 6 French] 5 continents

There is no surprise that the start list and the CE Challenge standing lists are similar. The start list also includes Olympic vault king Renaud Lavillenie [indoor PR of 6.03m/19-9½] who is doing his initial ten-eventer to lay claim then decathlon vault record of 5.76m/18-10½ by German Tim Lobinger (he scored 7346) in Leverkusen in

1999. The Germans and French have traded the world deca vault record and the French obviously want it back. The previous record 5.75m/18-10¼ by French vault specialist Jean Galfione, also set in Talence in 1996. My guess is that the vault bar in Talence will be going thru 5.77m/18-11. The challenge for The 26 year old, Lavillenie will be to score over 7000 points to claim the record. He has career bests of: 11.04 for the century, 14.51 in the hurdles and 7.37m/24-2¼. Stay tuned.

DecaStar results can be found at:  
<http://www.iaaf.org/results/iaaf-world-combined-events-challenge/2013/decastar-5336>

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

or  
 available at the home site of the meet:  
 Remember that Bordeaux is 6 hours ahead on USA east coast and 9 hours ahead of USA west coast times.

