

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## BACK INJURY COSTLY TO EATON

### First Day of DecaStar

**Hello Again.....**Some days it doesn't pay to get out of bed. With a relatively easy task of scoring just about 8000 points to capture the 2013 IAAF CE Challenge (and the accompanying \$30,000 payoff) Ashton Eaton, a month removed from his world championship victory in Moscow, sprained his back during the long jump and had to withdraw from the 37th DecaStar meeting in Talence after only 3 events.

"It's nothing serious," says coach Harry Marra, "and, at this point in the season, disgression is the better part of valor." Ashton was bothered by the sore back during the shot put and found it difficult to high jump. He withdrew leaving a scramble for the win here and prize money which goes 8 deep.

DECA Newsletter #55 brings first day coverage of the 37th DecaStar competition in Talence, France. With \$101,000 in IAAF prize money on the line, most of the major contenders for the 8 monetary prizes were in France's wine country for the world's last CE Challenge meet. Notably absent were Challenge leader Andrei Krauchanka/BLR who chose to sit out this meeting, given that he already has 3 seasonal scores averaging 8361. At the end of day one it appears to be a judicious decision.

Also absent was local favorite Kevin Mayer,



South African Will Coertzen PR'd in the high jump and leads DecaStar #37 at the break.

22, who, after a pair of 8446 & 8390 scores, was positioned for a payday. He did not start.

The weather was overcast, 75 °F with some light, patchy drizzle during the afternoon..

### DecaStar

**Talence, France**  
**September 14-15, 2013**  
**Day One**



**100 meters:** [11:00 am]

A long season and headwinds curtailed speedy sprint results. The first race was won by Russian Artem Lukyanenko in 11.26. Will Coertzen/RSA won the 2nd race in 11.17 (-0.9mps). Eaton barely nipped Canadian Damian Warner, 10.60 to 10.61 (headwind -0.3mps) in the 3rd and featured

race. Overall times were .2 to .4 tenths slower than those in Moscow.

**Race 3 (wind:-0.3mps)**

Time	name	nation-pr	points
10.60	Ashton Eaton	USA-10.19 <sub>w</sub>	952
10.61	Damian Warner	CAN-10.34	949
10.92	Jeremy Lelievre	FRA	878
11.07	E. Sintnicolaas	NED-10.71	845
11.16	Carlos Chinin	BRA-10.78	825
11.36	Pascal Behrenbruch	GER-10.84	782

After one: Eato 952, Warn 949, Leli 878, Sint 894.

**Long Jump:** [Noon]

South African Will Coertzen administed Ashton a rare long jump defeat, 7.51m/24-7 ¾ to 7.50m/24-7 ¼ to move to 3rd overall. Ashton fouled on his first effot but landed hard in the pit spraining his back. Gritting, he was forced into a 2nd jump, which was one cm shy of the event win. But he added 100 points to his lead over Warner.

Much attention was focused on France’s vault champ Renaud Lavillenie who needed a 7000 score if his 2nd day attack on the deca vault standard was to hold up. He was 7th after 2 events (1635 points).

After two: Eato1887, Warn 1784, Coer1760, Sint 1692.

**Shot Put:** [1:45 pm]



Ashton Eaton pushed the 16lb shot 6cm shy of 14 meters.

Eaton, grimacing, managed but 13.94m/45-9 here as the event was predictably captured by German Pascal Behrenbruch (15.95m/52-4). Eaton margin over Warner was 114 points. Renaud Lavillenie sub par 9.30m/30-6¼ raised questions about his 7000 point ability.

After three: Eato 2612, Warn 2498, Coer 2457, Chin 2431.

**High Jump:** [3:30 pm]

Unable to warm up effectively, Eaton withdrew after considering a start at 1.81m/5-11½. Coertzen won the event with a nice 2.08m/6-9 ¾ clearance , a career best, to move to the overall lead. He then took up coaching duties for his new wife, Canadian Brianne Theissen-Eaton who finished the heptathlon day one in 2nd place.

After four: Coer 3345, Warn 3265, Chin 3198, Behr 3171.

**400m:** [6:15 pm]

Spain’s David Gomez won the initial 400m race in 50.16 as vaulter Lavillenie faded to 53.84 seconds. Given his first day total of 3412 points he’ll need more than a big vault clearance to manage a 7k score. Lukyanwnko won the 2nd race in 49.61 seconds. Texas-Arlington senior Romain Martin/FRA, looking a bit rusty (afterall, it’s been 3 months since he was 6th at the NCAAs) was 5th in 51.17.

In the 3rd section Warner edged Coertzen, 48.96 to 48.99, making up a single point. TheCanadian wporld bronze medalist trails by 69 points after day one.

After five: Coer 4197, Warn 4128, Sint 3997, Chin 3992.

**RESULTS:**

**9/14-15 37th DecaStar, Talance, FRA**

4197	Coertzen, Willem/RSA	11.17-0.9 751+0.6
	1348 208 48.99	
4128	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.61-0.3 709+0.1
	1377 196 48.98	
3997	Sintinocolaas, Eelco/NED	11.07-0.3 714-0.2
	1333 196 49.21	
3992	Chinin, Carlos/BRA	11.16-0.3 720+0.4
	1425 196 50.44	
3985	Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER	11.36-0.3 683+1.2
	1595 196 50.01	
3925	Kharlamov, Vasilii/RUS	11.49-0.9 711+0.8
	1553 193 51.02	
3915	Lelievre, Jeremy/FRA	10.92-0.3 689+0.8
	1296 193 49.38	
3828	Lukyanenko, Artem/RUS	11.26-0.3 666+0.8
	1381 193 49.81	
3817	Martin, Romain/FRA/UT-A	11.50-0.9 684-0.2
	1362 202 51.17	
3760	Ushiro, Kesuke/JPN	11.68-0.3 681+1.1
	1370 199 50.94	
3635	Bourguignon, Rudy/FRA	11.57-0.3 671+0.5

	1407 181 50.71	
3590	Gomez, David/ESP	11.78-0.3 650+0.9
	1403 184 50.16	
3573	Folacci, Alexandre FRA	11.43-0.9 663+1.2
	1159 193 51.28	
3522	Pittomvils, Niels/BEL	11.50-0.3 568+0.7
	1345 196 50.59	
3504	Marchand, Alexandre/FRA	11.52-0.9 713+0.7
	1160 181 52.74	
3412	Lavillenie, Renaud/FRA	11.38-0.9 718+0.6
	930 187 53.84	

dnf: Eaton, Ashton/USA [10.60-0.3 750-0.3 1394  
 nh withdrew], dns: Krauchanka, Andrei/BLR, Dudas,  
 Mihail/SRB, 17s, 16f

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 On Thursday-Friday France's Bastien Auzeil  
 won the Francophone Games in Nice with a  
 nifty 7789 score.  
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