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## EATON LEAPS to LEAD

### World Best 26-9½ Propels IAAF Charge



**Hello Again.....** This will be the first of three (hopefully) world championship posts. The 9 hour time differential (b/w Istanbul and Boise, ID) will allow me, while announcing he NCAA D I meet, to pay attention to the world championship meet as well. Ashton Eaton is the lone American entrant in Istanbul, and, as the event's world record holder, enters as the favorite.

At 2:35 am (USA Mountain time) I found myself watching the Universal Sports streaming of the indoor worlds from Istanbul. Eaton's record long jump was the story.



The defining moment of the IAAF world indoor champs heptathlon was Ashton Eaton's WR 8.16m/26-9½ long jump. Hello!



**IAAF World Indoor T&F  
Championships  
Men's Heptathlon  
Istanbul, Turkey  
March 9-10, 2012**

### Day One- Friday

**60 meters:** [11:35 am local time, 2:35 am USA Mountain time]

Ashton Eaton drew lane 4 in a one race event with 8 athletes. Yet the race started 8 minutes late and the internet provided experienced streaming problems and most viewers missed the actual race and saw only snippets of a re-run.

Ashton appeared tight, but, with the exception of Oleksiy Kasyanov/UKR, so did

the entire field. Eaton was away sluggishly (reaction time just 0.277- and only two were slower) but quickly eased away from the field

on the blue and grey infield and clocked a nifty 6.79 seconds (originally announced at 6.78), .08 ahead of Kasyanov who was just .04 seconds shy of his own career best.



Results:		lane	time	pts	reaction
1. ..Ashton Eaton	USA	4	6.79	958	0.277
2. Oleksiy Kasyanov	UKR	6	6.87	927	0.162
3. Yordani Garcia	CUB	3	7.02	875	0.178
4. Artem Lukyanenko	RUS	2	7.07	858	0.318
5. Adam-S Helecet	CZE	8	7.19	816	0.156
6. Mikk Pahapill	EST	5	7.27	789	0.180
7. Ilya Shkurennev	RUS	1	7.39	749	0.187
8. Andrei Krauchanka	BLR	7	7.46	726	0.357

For most (except for Ashton and Kasyanov) the results had to be disappointing. *After One: Eato 958, Kasy 929, Garc 875, Luky 858.*



**Istanbul mascots Tick and Tock celebrate Ashton Eaton's heptathlon long jump record with his coach, Harry Marra.**

**Long Jump:** [10:53-11:25 am]

The event started a few minutes late and was ignored by the streaming coverage which was showing qualifying heats of the men's 400m! Nevertheless they missed Eaton (jumping at the top of the order), a record and electrifying leap of 8.16m/26-9½ ! 26-9½ A world indoor best for CE and an effort that left the remaining field stunned and bewildered. 26-9½!!!

The rest of round #1 was anticlimactic with 3 fouls and only Kasyanov getting a remotely adequate effort (7.62m/25-0).

In round #2 Eaton, as focused as he has ever been, went for broke, had a marginal toe-board foul and landed (I kept checking the sketchy video...) what appeared to past his first jump, in the neighborhood of 8.20-8.25m----27 foot range). But a foul. Eaton would not be employing the old Dan O'Brien technique here... 'one jump and out.'

Young Ilya Skhurenev equaled his PR in round #1 with a 7.50/24-7¼ leap. Krauchanka got 7.36m/24-1 3/4. In round#3 Ashton passed and only Kasyanov improved, to 7.68m/25-2½. With the exception of Eaton's bomb at the very beginning, this event was flat.

Ashton found himself with a 5 hour break and 51 points up on his own world record pace.

*After Two: Eato 2060, Kasy 1908, Luky 1763, Helc 1687.*

***Morning results:***

**3/9-10 IAAF World Champs, Istanbul, TUR**

2060	Eaton, Ashton/USA-Ore e TC	6.79 816
1542	Pahapill, Mikk/EST	7.27 674
1604	Garcia, Yordanis/CUB	7.02 664
1908	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	6.87 768
1626	Andrei Krauchanka , Andrei/BLR	7.46 736
1763	Lukyanenko, Artem/RUS	7.07 738
1684	Shkurenev, Ilya/RUS	7.39 750
1687	Helcelet, Adam Sebastien/CZE	7.19 724