

USA INTERNATIONAL TEAMS SET Clay Joins Thorpe Cup Roster

Hello Again... This newsletter, filed after the US Olympic Trials, covers a wide range of decathlon related topics. We present: a review of the Bryan Clay decision ot to pursue a last minute London qualifying score; the 2012 USA international team members; a short review of both the European Championships from Helsinki and the Canadian Olympic Team Trials from Calgary. The results of the International Hexham Meeting is offered and, in lieu of the Olympic Trials women's 100m tie, a paradox imbedded in the IAAF rules on how to break decathlon ties.

Bryan Clay

In ther aftermath of Bryan Clay's failure to make a 3rd Olympic team in Eugene, there was much speculation that he would lobby the USOC to pursue another meet in order to secure the Olympic 'A' qualifying score (8200 points). No other American had achieved that standard within the qualifying window. But 3 days after he placed 12th in Eugene the 2008 Olympic champ announced that he does not intend to lobby for a chance to chase the 'A' standard. Two days later (June 28) he committed to help the USA's Thorpe Cup team to return the prestigious trophy back to America. After all that he went thru (re: a fall in the hurdles, subsequent dq, no mark in discus and tardy subsequent reinstatement) Clay's decision to continue his career and lend support to the challenge of returning the Thorpe Cup to the US in the 100th anniversary of Thorpe's 2012 Olympic win, can only be seen as unselfish, even heroic. Personally, I'll



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never be able to know what it is like to be a defending Olympic champion and then being unable to return to the Games. That emotional roller-coaster belongs to an elite few. But Clay's decision to join Team USA in Marburg on July 21-22 is heartwarming for the USA decathlon nation and provides the American team, coached by veteran Princeton coach Fred Samara, gives the red, white and blue a much needed shot in the arm. The Cup was turned over the Germany's Team Zehnkampf last season in Chula Vista, CA at the 18th annual meeting between the two global deca powers.

On June 26 Clay issued a statement through USATF that he was 'torn' by the discussion over whether USATF should allow him or another athlete to attempt to attain the 'A' standard before the July 8 IAAF deadline. Only Ashotn Eaton (his WR 9039) and Trey Hardee had acheieve the standard.

"Why am I torn? He answered the *Eugene Register Guard*, "On one hand my

love of the sport compels me to defend my title. I would give almost anything to compete at the Olympics in London. I love the sport. I love the competitors.. I love the competition. Further, I am grateful and humbled by the support of my family, friends, fans and sponsors, and for their sake, as well as mine, I'd like to have one mo go at it."

But, he added, he would not pursue the issue based on principle. "On the other hand my love of the sport compels me to preserve its integrity. For this reason, asn though it pains me, I believe that the USATF Committee decision to take only two decathletes to London is the right one. Ultimately it is in the best interest of the sport to keep the integrity of the rules in place."

He also added, "Let me assure you that I intend to be the loudest and most fervant supporter of Ashton Eaton and Trey Hardee." In the meantime he'll spike up on July 21-22 in Marburg as a member of his 13th USA international team.

2012 USA International Line-up
(all listed alphabetically)

Olympic Games
August 8-9 (Wed-Thur), London, UK



Eaton
Ashton Eaton
Trey Hardee



Oregon elite TC/Nike
Nike



Hardee
Eugene, OR
Austin, TX

IAAF World Junior Champs
July 10-11 (Tues-Wed), Barcelona, ESP



Nixon
Gunnar Nixon
Garrett Scantling



U of Arkansas
U of Georgia



Edmond, OK
Jacksonville, FL

NACAC u23 Champs
July 6-7 (Fri-Sat), Guanajuato, MEX



Szmanda



Vogel

Jack Szmanda U of Minnesota Wausau, WI
Brent Vogel C Missouri Jefferson City, MO

Thorpe Cup (USA vs Germany)
July 21-22 (Sat-Sun), Marburg, GER



Arnold



Clark



Clay



Detmer



Harlan



Horn



Murphy

Jake Arnold Asics Azusa, CA
Mat Clark unat Des Moines, IA
Bryan Clay Asics Glendale, CA
Joe Detmer unat Lodi, WI
Ryan Harlan unat Houston, TX
Gray Horn U of Florida Wapakoneta, OH
Isaac Murphy U of Texas Fort Hood, TX

International Decathlons
European Champs...

Germany's Pascal Behrenbruch captured the 21st European Championships in Helsinki over Oleksiy Kasyanov/UKR, 8558 to 8321. A trio of Swedish USA college students, Petter Olson/Texas, Bjorn Barrefors/ Nebraska and Marcus Nilsson/UCLA, were 10th, 16th and 18th. 10th, 16th and 18th.

6/27-28 21st European Champs, Helsinki, FIN

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197 48.54 14.16+0.2 4824 500 6745 4:34.02
8321 Kasyanov, Okelsiy/UKR 10.57+0.9 749+1.9 1438



200 48.07 14.23+0.2 4775 480 5237 4:32.66
 8219 Shkurenev, Ilya/RUS 10.98+0.8 732+0.7 1316
 206 49.92 14.24+0.2 4482 520 5670 4:30.31
 8151 Dudas, Mihail/SRB 10.81+0.8 736-1.3 1364
 197 48.02 14.78-0.5 4355 480 5998 4:27.54
 8098 Querin, Gael/FRA 11.17+0.7 756+0.4 1305
 197 48.20 14.37-0.5 4032 500 5360 4:17.29
 8052 Sebrle, Roman/CZE 11.19+0.7 743-0.2 1465
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 8003 Müller, Norman/GER 11.08-0.3 7 24+0.3 1488
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 7998 Helcelet, Adam-Seb'ian/CZE 10.96-0.3 730-0.3 1399
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 188 48.52 14.61-0.5 3829 470 5572 4:37.05
 7537 Barrefors, Björn/SWE-Nebr 11.02+0.7 717+0.6 1306
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 7551 Itani, Sam/FIN 11.19+0.7 684+0.2 1407
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 7164 Nilsson, Marcus/SWE-UCLA 11.53+0.8 660-0.1 1363
 188 49.94 16.95-0.5 4093 440 5414 4:23.79
 Dnf Nolf, Cedric/BEL 10.93+0.8 713+0.3 1307
 188 49.74 14.79-0.5 3790 460
 dnf Brugger, Mathias/GER 11.04-0.3 681-1.8 1395
 197 48.84 15.07-0.5 4199
 dnf Lukyanenko, Artrem/RUS 11.17-0.3 716+0.4 1418
 197 49.42 14.66+0.2 3849
 dnf Kharlamov, Vasilij/RUS 11.27+0.8 722+1.3 1455
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 dnf Sarcevic, Igor/SRB 11.15+0.8 654+0.7 1486
 dnf Geffrouais, Florian/FRA 11.19+0.8 nm 1431
 dnf Mayer, Kevin/FRA 11.10+0.7 nm 1225
 dnf Rietveld, Pelle/NED 10.85-0.3 702-0.8
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 Ottawa Lions(ex UBC)[11.46+2.5 687+1.6 1281 191 5181
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 ASEA, 6392 Barber, Michael/Excel Ath, 11s,10f

Hexham Decathlon
6/30-7/1 Hexham Meeting 2012, UK



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 4110 472 6012 4:34.45
 7484w Brockman, Martin/GBR 11.25+1.4 718+1.3 1353
 199 50.63 15.89+4.1 3999 472 5183 4:38.49
 6250 Bowler, Michael/GBR, 6159w Ashby, Thomas/GBR,
dnf Bernard, Claston/JAM-ex LSU [11.17+4.2 nm],
 11s,7f,

Canada Olympic Trials....

London Western's Damian Warner added his name to the Canadian Olympic roster with a 8107 win in Calgary.



6/27-28 Canadian Olympic Team Trials, Calgary, ALB,

8107 Warner, Damian/London-Western 10.43+2.5
 643+5.2 1276 191 48.58 14.16-2.4 3842 480
 6156 4:31.77
 7472 Adjetney-Nelson, Jamie/UWindsor Alum 10.79+2.5
 741+7.7 1419 206 50.53 15.00-2.4 4767 470
 6406 dnf
 7088 Arbour, Patrick/Ottawa Lions 11.55+2.1

Identical Scores....

Who Wins the Decathlon ?

Given the unprecedented tie for 3rd place (and final Olympic team spot) in the women's 100 meters at the recent US Olympic Team Trials, I thought I'd propose a decathlon puzzle for the readers. There is an anomaly in the decathlon rules, so, try this situation. Two athletes (A&B) have identical scores after 10 events, and given their performances below, can you figure out who wins? I will explain in the next DECA Newsletter.

Identical scores of 7786 points.

	Decathlete A		Decathlete B	
100m:	10.96	870	10.90	883
LJ:	7.45m	922	7.44m	920
SP:	13.24m	682	13.25m	682
HJ:	1.90m	714	1.87m	687
400m	49.44	841	49.91	819
110mH:	14.45	917	14.38	926
Disc:	42.15m	708	42.11m	708
PV:	4.40m	731	4.50m	760
Jav:	55.57m	671	55.51m	671
1500m:	4:32.16	730	4:32.31	730
Score:		7786		7786