



## GOOD MORNING in LONDON Eaton and Hardee in Control

**Hello Again...** This newsletter is the first of four scheduled to cover the 23<sup>rd</sup> Olympic decathlon from London. It offers a review of what happened during the morning session (100m, lj, sp) where world record holder Ashton Eaton and world champion Trey Hardee held a tight grip on the top 2 spots. Here's what happened.



**Olympic Games Decathlon  
London, UK  
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### Day One:

At 10:10 am the Olympic Stadium was *packed* and one could not find an empty seat. The weather broke sunny with minimal wind.

### 100 meters: [10:10 – 10:29 am]

The sections were seeded with the fastest section scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately there was no live TV coverage of the races so one had to rely on the NBC Olympics which used the world feed with descriptions that were, at best, ingenuous and inexperienced. Too bad, for these four races told many good stories.

The first race went off almost on time. NCAA champ Kurt Felix/Grenada and Boise State, appeared stuck in his blocks, so poorly was he away at the gun. His reaction time was a sleepy 0.252, the Game's slowest. He raced well and caught most of the field but could not run down vet Dmitry Karpov who won in a



**Ashton Eaton won the first two events in London with a meet record in the 100m (10.35) and just missed another with an 8.03m/26-4¼ long jump.**

fine (and surprising) 10.91 seconds. Felix was 4<sup>th</sup> (11.12) and Florida State's former NCAA indoor champ Gonzalo Barroilhet/Chile was 6<sup>th</sup> (11.18). Irregardless, Felix scared his PR. Well off their bests were a pair of youngsters: world junior champ Kevin Mayer (7<sup>th</sup> in 11.32) and German Jan Felix Knobel (8<sup>th</sup> in 11.43).

Section 1: [10:12 am] [wind -0.2mps] [set-to-gun: 1.50]

pl	lane	sb	pr	reaction	time	pts
1	3	Karpov, Dimitriy/KAZ	[11.04 10.69]	0.128	10.91	881
2	4	Shkurenev, Ilya/RUS	[10.98 10.98]	0.166	11.01	858
3	5	Newdick, Brent/NZL	[11.02 10.86]	0.143	11.10	838
4	6	Felix, Kurt/GRN	[11.08 11.08]	0.252	11.12	834
5	7	Szabo, Attila/HUN	[11.09 11.03]	0.141	11.15	827
6	8	Barroilhet, Gonzalo/CHI	[10.99 10.99]	0.171	11.18	821
7	9	Mayer, Kevin/FRA	[11.10 11.10]	0.143	11.32	791
8	2	Knobel, Jan Felix/GER	[11.04 11.04]	0.172	11.42	769

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> race former NCAA runner-up Jangy Addy (ex Tennessee), now competing for Liberia, was an easy winner in 10.89 seconds over Latvian Edgar Erins, 10.99. Former Olympic champ Roman Sebrle and medal contender Leonel Suarez/CUB lined up side-by-side in lanes 5 and 6. Addy was away fastest (set-to-gun: 1.37) and cruised. Suarez started poorly but ran well after 40 meters and was 4<sup>th</sup> in.

Section 2: [10.21 am] [wind: +0.7mps] [set-to-gun: 1.37]

pl	lane	sb	pr	reaction	time	pts
1	7	[	10.61]	0.166	10.89	885
2	2	[	10.81]	0.163	10.99	863
3	3	[11.18	10.89]	0.179	11.09	831
4	6	[11.31	10.90]	0.182	11.27	801
5	8	[11.29	11.27]	0.183	11.32	791
6	4	[11.56	10.97]	0.172	11.37	780
7	5	[11.19	10.64]	0.160	11.54	744



The start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 section finds (l-r) Eelco Sintinicolaas/NED, Trey Hardee/USA (with fastest reaction time), Luiz Alberto de Araujo/BRA, Ashton Eaton/USA and Oleksiy Kasyanov/UKR.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> race went to the line just 2 minutes late as officials pushed the athletes to catch up. This was the seeded section and drew most of the attention.

Trey Hardee reacted well at the report and Ashton Eaton took over at 25 meters yet could not shake his teammate. They dominated this race of seeded sprinters and Ashton crossed the finish line in an excellent and Olympic record 10.35 seconds, (old mark was the venerable 10.41 run by Bill Toomey in Mexico City in 1968!), 7/100ths ahead of Hardee, a great start for both. Canadian Damian Warner was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contender Eelco Sintinicolaas/NED was caught napping at the start.

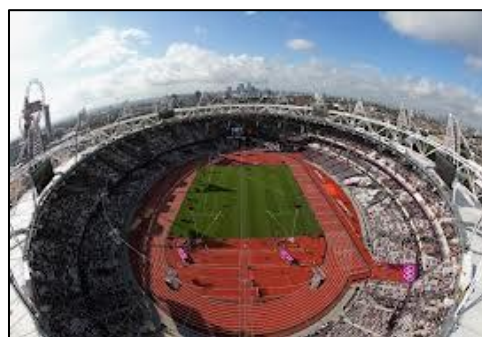
Section 3: [10.28 am] [wind: +0.4mps] [set-to-gun: 1.32]

pl	lane	sb	pr	reaction	time	pts
1	3	[10.21	10.19w]	0.170	10.35	1011
2	5	[10.50	10.28w]	0.153	10.42	994
3	8	[10.52	10.41]	0.135	10.48	980
4	2	[10.57	10.50]	0.152	10.56	961
5	7	[10.62	10.62]	0.163	10.65	940
6	4	[10.80	10.66]	0.206	10.70	929
7	9	[10.68	10.68]	0.150	10.74	919
8	6	[10.77	10.71]	0.237	10.84	894

The 4<sup>th</sup> race held a pair of contenders, Gotzis winner Hans van Alphen/BEL and recent European champ Pascal Behrenbruch/GER. Neither ran well placing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively. Crowd favorite Daniel Awde won in a big PR 10.71 but the real story was 21 year old Russian Sergey Sviridov who also PR'd in 10.78.

Section 4: [10.36 am] [wind: -0.7mps] [set-to-gun: 1.33]

pl	lane	sb	pr	reaction	time	pts
1	8	[10.87	10.85]	0.147	10.71	926
2	7	[10.83	10.83]	0.142	10.78	910
3	4	[10.89	10.60]	0.178	10.80	906
4	3	[10.81	10.71]	0.174	10.90	883
5	5	[10.98	10.71]	0.163	10.95	872
6	9	[10.92	10.75]	0.156	10.98	865
7	6	[10.96	10.86]	0.164	11.05	850
8	2	[10.93	10.83]	0.148	11.06	847



After one: Eato 1011, Hard 994, Warn 980, Kasy 961.

**Long Jump:** [11:10 am – 12:09 pm]

Roman Sebrle withdrew at this point ending one of the great Olympic careers. Damian Warner continued his hot pace a winning group B (outside pit, closest to track) with a nifty PR 7.54m/24-9. But it was Leonel Suarez who came up big (as he usually does in major meets) with his own lifetime best of 7.52m/24-8¼ in the first round. Behrenbruch recorded only one fair jump, 7.17m/23-6¼, a major disappointment. Of US interest, Jangy



Trey Hardee held a firm grip on 2<sup>nd</sup> place in London thru the morning session using 3 solid efforts.

Addy 6.90m/22-7¾ and Gonzalo Barroilhet 6.80m/22-3 ¾ were below expectations.

Yet most of the news was in pit A. There Ashton Eaton opened with a fine 7.87m/25-10, enough to win the competition. He fouled on his 2<sup>nd</sup> leap, then hit the toe-board perfectly (and I mean perfectly with not a millimeter to spare...it was sooo perfect, and then covered 8.03m/26-4 ¼ of Queen Mum's real estate. In a classy move he jogged back up the runway and vociferously thanked the spectators for their rhythmic clapping.

Trey Hardee struggled here, moving from 7.44m/24-5 to 7.42m/24-5 ¼ and then ultimately to 7.53m/24-8½ in round #3. It may have been below expectations but it was solid and that's all one wants at this level...to be solid.

The Gotzis 'tulip boys' had contrasting results here. Belgian's van Alphen got off a PR 7.64m/25-¾ in round #3, but Holland's Sintinicolaas posted a pair of 7.37m/24-2¼ marks. It was much too early to prognosticate, but the bronze medal battle was shaping up among the 'tulip boys' and Suarez. And the order of the top four did not change.

*After two: Eato 2079, Hard 1936, Warn 1925, Kasy 1908.*

**Shot Put:** [12:50 – 1:49 pm]

Britain's Awde withdrew at this point.

The sun (remember him?) made an appearance during the shot which started 21 minutes late, and confusion reigned during the first round. Ashton Eaton's initial toss of 14.55m/47-9 was displayed as 15.48m/50-9½ on the scoreboard, (don't we wish), a mark achieved by the previous thrower, Hans van Alphen. Eaton was followed by Karpov who then won the event at 16.47m/54-½.



Canada's Damian Warner (left) was one of the few who PR's in the long jump, here 7.54m/24-9. He ended the morning session in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

In round #2 Eaton improved to 14.66m/48-1¼ just 3 inches off his PR. Wow! Meanwhile Hardee was struggling a bit with flat tosses: 14.51m/47-7¼ and 14.79m/48-6¼ and it appeared that his right wrist was bothering him. But round #3 saw lots of improvements. Behrenbruch managed a 15.67m/51-5, but it was 4 feet under was was anticipated.

More than one half of the morning spectators did not stay for the deca shot and so few saw Hardee's big improvement to 15.28m/50-1¾ to hold on to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In Group B Jangy Addy, curiously placed with the weaker throwers (he's a 17m thrower for goodness sake- an obvious seeding mistake) and he won easily. Suarez continued his hot pace with a seasonal best 14.50m/47-7. He gets ready for the important meets. Sintinicolaas also put up a fine (for him) 14.18m/46-6½.

The pair of Americans held a firm grip on the top spots.

*After Three: Eato 2848, Hard 2743, Kasy 2664 vAlp 2639.*

**Results:****8/8-9 23<sup>rd</sup> Olympic Games Decathlon, London, GBR**31s,29f  
withdrew

2848	Eaton, Ashton/USA-OreTC 1466	10.35+0.4	803+0.8
2743	Hardee, Trey/USA-Nike 1528	10.42+0.4	753+1.1
2664	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR 1445	10.56+0.4	755-0.4
2639	Van Alphen, Hans/BEL 1548	11.05-0.7	764+1.5
2637	Warner, Damian/CAN 1373	10.48+0.4	754+0.9
2626	Karpov, Dmitriy/KAZ 1647	10.91-0.2	721-0.2
2586	Sviridoiv, Sergey/RUS 1442	10.78-0.7	745-2.1
2586	Freimuth, Rico/GER 1487	10.65+0.4	721-0.1
2539	Dudas, Mihail/SRB 1376	10.90-0.7	753+1.0
2536	Sintincolaas, Eelco/NED 1418	10.85+0.4	737+1.3
2533	Newdick, Brent/NZL 1509	11.10-0.2	736+1.1
2528	Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER 1567	11.06-0.7	715+0.4
2514	Draudvila, Darius/LTU 1517	10.95-0.7	712+1.3
2500	Suarez, Leonel/CUB 1450	11.27+0.7	752+0.5
2492	Mikhan, Eduatd/BLR 1475	10.74+0.4	694-0.1
2485	Felix, Kurt/GRN 1328	11.12-0.2	763+0.5
2480	de Araujo, Luiz Alberto/BRA 1352	10.70+0.4	716+1.2
2463	Addy, Jangy/LBR 1487	10.89-0.7	690+0.7
2457	Vos, Ingmar/NED 1357	10.98-0.7	727+0.5
2419	Garcia, Yordani/CUB 1448	10.80-0.7	675-0.2
2410	Coertzen, Willem/RSA 1379	11.09+0.7	717+0.7
2403	Knobel, Jan-Felix/GER 1529	11.42-0.2	705-0.5
2393	Shkurenev, Ilya/RUS 1289	11.01-0.2	725+1.1
2376	Mayer, Kevin/FRA 1405	11.32-0.2	717+1.5
2367	Erins, Edgar/LAT 1345	10.99-0.7	698+0.6
2355	Szabo, Attila/HUN 1393	11.15-0.2	696+0.9
2346	Barroilhet, Gonzalo/CHI 1449	11.18-0.2	680+0.3
2275	Ushiro, Keisuke/JPN 1359	11.32+0.7	686+1.1
2192	Artikov, Rifat/UZB 1411	11.37+0.7	641+1.6
dnf	Sebrle, Roman/CZE	11.54+0.7	withdrew
dnf	Awde, Daniel/GBR	10.71-0.7	683+1.1