



## EATON GOLD, HARDEE SILVER Americans Conquer London

**Hello Again...WOW.** For the 5<sup>th</sup> time in modern Olympic history Americans took the top two places in the Olympic decathlon. Twice Americans swept (1936, 1952) and on two other occasions Uncle Sam's charges took the top two spots (1924, 1956). Over the past two days Ashton Eaton and Trey Hardee, the world record holder and world champion respectively, completely dominated a 31 man field. This is the final newsletter covering the 23rd Olympic Games decathlon from London.



Trey Hardee (left) and Ashton Eaton (right) raced to the silver and gold medals in London.



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### Day Two:

To catch up here's a few items. Having had a chance to rewatch the video of Trey Hardee's outstanding hurdles race, here are his touchdown splits:

<u>hurdle</u>	<u>touchdown</u>	<u>split</u>
1	2.54	2.54
2	3.68	1.14
3	4.76	1.08
4	5.78	1.02
5	6.75	.97
6	7.85	1.10
7	8.87	1.02
8	9.94	1.07
9	10.97	1.03
10	12.03	1.06
Finish	13.54	run-in 1.51

After 8 events the top 8 standings found:

<u>score</u>	<u>back of leader/back of nearest</u>
7381 Eaton, Ashton/USA-OreTC	--- ---
7159 Hardee, Trey/USA-Nike	223 223

6927	Freimuth, Rico/GER	454	232
6916	Warner, Damian/CAN	465	11
6901	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	480	15
6889	Van Alphen, Hans/BEL	492	12
6871	Karpov, Dmitriy/KAZ	510	18
6783	Suarez, Leonel/CUB	598	88

### Javelin: [6:30 - 7:05 pm & 7:32 -8:07 pm]

The top throwers were placed in the first (A) group with 3 of the bronze medal contenders: van Alphen, Suarez and Warner. Suarez had a seasonal best toss just shy of 72.00 and a career mark of 77.47/254-2. Any chance to return to the Olympic podium would start here. In 3 previous world champs or Olympic Games he had never failed to medal.

Van Alphen opened with a non-threatening 61.37m/201-4 but Suarez erupted with a near PR 76.94m/252-5 dart to put him right into medal contention and cleanly into 3rd.

Facing a medal challenge and his moment of elbow truth in round # 1 Hardee

unleashed his first effort which landed 62.66m/205-7, a gutsy effort. At this point Hardee held a 156 point margin over Suarez (a margin of 26 seconds in the 1500m).

In round #2 Suarez lit it up again, but his spear landed 'only 73.87m/242-4 away. But Hardee responded in a championship way, with a 66.65m/218-8 spear and the silver was secure. He went bonkers and got a jubilant high from coach Mario Sategna in row 1, then packed it in. He may also have set some sort of javelin record-- the longest javelin toss ever just ten months after Tommy John surgery. Everything after that toss was anticlimactic in Group A as the medals were all but settled.

In Group B Ashton needed just 51.82m/170-0 to maintain his lead over Hardee. He was looking for something in the neighborhood of 61m to keep him on track for the OR. There were no other medal contenders in the group. His initial toss was a safe 55.33m/181-6. Back to the lead. In round # 2 he gunned a 61.29/201-0. Wow, he was becoming a better thrower by the minute. In round # 3 he unleashed a PR 61.96m/203-1 toss. An exclamation point!

Russian Sergey Sviridov got the win in Group B with 68.42m/224-5.

*After Nine: Eato 8148, Hard 7997, Suar 7779, Warn 7696*

**1500m** [9:20- 9:45 pm]

26 athletes remained and were grouped into sections of 13 each, with the lower scoring athletes running first. In the first of two races, and in front of a packed house, the prohibitive favorite was 21 year old Kevin Mayer/FRA who had clocked 4:18.04 earlier in the season and Latvia's Edgar Erins, a 4:14.25 runner.

Mayer sprinted at the report and led wire to wire clocking 67, 2:22 and 3:22 on the way. His final time of 4:22.03 was a winner by over 10 seconds. This was an enjoyable event (both races) to watch since they were streamed w/o commentary.

Ah, a dream situation: to have a 151 point lead in the Olympic decathlon after nine



Trey Hardee's big javelin in round #2 slammed the door on anyone else who may have had designs on the silver medal.

events and know that you are the best 1500m runner. Such was the position Ashton Eaton found himself in. Sintincolaas and van Alphen led with 3 laps remaining with Eaton running comfortably in the pack, 15m in arrears. There would be no need for a mad dash to the tape this time, no need to stay on 4:16 pace for a WR, no need to chase down Joe Detmer and Curtis Beach. This was one race that Ashton was going to enjoy. Van Alphen pushed the pace with 2, and then one lap to go and Trey Hardee kept a wary eye on Leonel Suarez.

Van Alphen won in 4:22.50 running hard and trying to make up places. He moved from 6<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> overall on the final straight. Suarez was caught in 4:30.08, content with yet another major medal. Hardee had kept him in sight the entire way and Trey raced to the finish in 4:40.94, one of just two who actually got a PR here (Damian Warner the other).

**1500m Splits:**

	Race 1	leader	Race 2	leader
300m	51.7	Mayer	52.4	Sintincolaas
400m	67.0	Mayer	69.9	Sintincolaas
700m	2:04.0	Mayer	2:02.6	van Alphen
800m	2:22	Mayer	2:20.5	van Alphen
1100m	3:15.9	Mayer	3:12.8	van Alphen
1200m	3:32	Mayer	3:32.84	van Alphen
Final	4:22.03	Mayer	4:22.50	van Alphen

After Ten: Eato 8869, Hard 8671, Suarez 8523, vAlp 8447.

## Results:

### 8/8-9 23<sup>rd</sup> Olympic Games Decathlon, London, GBR

8869	Eaton, Ashton/USA-OreTC	10.35+0.4
803+0.8	1466 205 46.90 13.56+0.1 4253 520 6196 4:33.59	
8671	Hardee, Trey/USA-Nike	10.42+0.4
753+1.1	1528 199 48.11 13.54+0.1 4826 480 6665 4:40.94	
8523	Suarez, Leonel/CUB	11.27+0.7
752+0.5	1450 211 49.04 14.45+1.0 4575 470 7694 4:30.08	
8447	Van Alphen, Hans/BEL	11.05-0.7
764+1.5	1548 205 49.18 14.89+1.0 4828 480 6137 4:22.50	
8442	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.48+0.4
754+0.9	1373 205 48.20 14.38+0.1 4590 470 6277 4:29.85	
8320	Freimuth, Rico/GER	10.65+0.4
721-0.1	1487 190 48.06 13.89+0.1 4911 490 5737 4:37.62	
8283	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.56+0.4
755-0.4	1445 199 48.44 14.09-0.4 4672 440 5487 4:33.68	
8219	Sviridoiv, Sergey/RUS	10.78-0.7
745-2.1	1442 199 48.91 15.42-0.9 4743 460 6842 4:36.63	
8173	Coertzen, Willem/RSA	11.09+0.7
717+0.7	1379 205 48.56 14.15+1.0 4358 450 6342 4:26.52	
8126	Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER	11.06-0.7
715+0.4	1567 196 50.04 14.33-0.4 4471 470 6447 4:37.46	
8034	Sintinicolaas, Eelco/NED	10.85+0.4
737+1.3	1418 193 48.85 14.43+0.1 3226 530 5882 4:31.17	
7988	Newdick, Brent/NZL	11.10-0.2
736+1.1	1509 196 50.22 15.02+1.0 4615 470 5982 4:38.20	
7972	Barroilhet, Gonzalo/CHI	11.18-0.2
680+0.3	1449 205 51.07 14.12+0.1 4127 540 5725 4:48.23	
7956	Garcia, Yordani/CUB	10.80-0.7
675-0.2	1448 199 48.76 14.24+1.0 4227 460 5985 4:38.57	
7952	Mayer, Kevin/FRA	11.32-0.2
717+1.5	1405 205 48.66 15.59-0.4 4120 470 6241 4:23.02	
7948	Shkurennev, Ilya/RUS	11.01-0.2
725+1.1	1289 202 49.81 14.39-0.4 4351 510 5381 4:42.80	
7928	Mikhan, Eduatd/BLR	10.74+0.4
694-0.1	1475 193 48.42 14.15-0.4 4442 440 5569 4:38.06	
7849	de Araujo, Luiz Alberto/BRA	10.70+0.4
716+1.2	1352 193 48.25 14.79-0.4 4476 460 5159 4:38.04	
7842	Ushiro, Keisuke/JPN	11.32+0.7
686+1.1	1359 199 50.78 15.47-0.9 4666 480 6638 4:39.33	
7805	Vos, Ingmar/NED	10.98-0.7
727+0.5	1357 196 49.62 14.61+1.0 4226 450 6160 4:50.01	
7649	Erins, Edgar/LAT	10.99-0.7
698+0.6	1345 193 50.62 15.22-0.9 4510 450 5735 4:35.88	
7586	Addy, Jangy/LBR	10.89-0.7
690+0.7	1487 193 48.64 14.23+0.1 4561 420 5036 5:08.14	
7581	Szabo, Attila/HUN	11.15-0.2
696+0.9	1393 190 50.83 14.92+1.0 4514 460 5884 4:53.81	
7557	Draudvila, Darius/LTU	10.95-0.7
712+1.3	1517 196 50.13 14.87+0.1 4643 420 5016 5:03.14	
7458	Karpov, Dmitriy/KAZ	10.91-0.2
721-0.2	1647 199 49.83 14.40-0.4 4493 510 4993 5:16.83	
7203	Artikov, Rifat/UZB	11.37+0.7
641+1.6	1411 193 51.91 14.75-0.9 4353 440 5662 5:09.52	
dnf	Knobel, Jan-Felix/GER	11.42-0.2
705-0.5	1529 190 49.87 15.03-0.9 4610 440 withdrew	
dnf	Felix, Kurt/GRN	11.12-0.2
763+0.5	1328 205 50.17 withdrew	
dnf	Dudas, Mihail/SRB	10.90-0.7

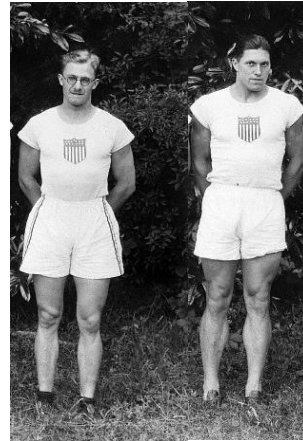
753+1.0 1376 196 withdrew  
dnf Sebrle, Roman/CZE 11.54+0.7 withdrew  
dnf Awde, Daniel/GBR 10.71-0.7 683+1.1 withdrew  
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## Some Olympic History:

On four other occasions American athletes went 1-2 in an Olympic decathlon.

### 1924 Paris



Harold Osborn (gold) and Emerson Norton (silver)

### 1936 Berlin



Bob Clark (silver) and Glenn Morris (gold)

### 1952 Helsinki



Bob Mathias (gold) and Milt Campbell (silver)

*1956 Melbourne:*



**Rafer Johnson (silver) and Milt Campbell (gold)**