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MEET TIGHTENS IN DAEGU Hardee-Eaton-Suarez in Medal Contention



Hello Again.....with little rest 27 of the original 30 decathletes began day 2 in Daegu in overcast, breezy conditions. After day one the medal opportunities shape up to include just 3...defending champ Trey Hardee, USA champ Ashton Eaton and Olympic bronze medalist Leonel Suarez/CUB. Although just 7th overall, the latter's javelin skills (PR 77m!) makes him a medal contender.

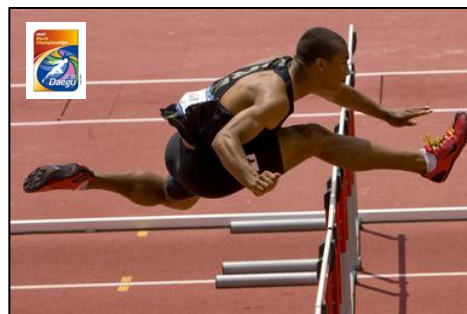
Eaton moved back to the overall lead with his win in the 400 last evening, a 46.99 clocking (running alone!) that was worth a second faster in any other decathlon in the world! But conditions and the time schedule are not decathlete friendly here. Ashton holds a 53 point lead over Hardee. They meet in the day's first hurdle race at 9:05 am. Here's what happened on day two:



**13th IAAF World T&F Champs
Daegu, Korea
Saturday-Sunday
August 27-28, 2011**

110m Hurdles: [9:05 – 9 am]

Only 6 athletes in the first race and, on a nine lane track, lanes 1 thru 6 were used. Go figure? I've never liked using lane one for hurdle races because of the chance of stepping on the medal curb and b/c of all the trash set just inside the curb and just inches from the athletes. In Daegu that litter included 14 flower boxes, 3 sponsor signs-one 15 meters long, 2 microphones, one wind gauge and two Timing signs. Rubbish.



Ashton Eaton opened Day 2 with a victory in his favorite event, the 110m hurdles, (13.85) pushing his leading margin to 69 points.

In the first race Hardee drew lane 2 with Eaton to his immediate right. Hardee had stepped on a curb and twisted his ankle coming out of the call room and he immediately thought of an earlier day at U of Texas when he broke an ankle at an NCAA indoor meet.

Ex Auburn star Maurice Smith reacted fastest but Eaton led at the first hurdle. He looked a bit ragged and managed to hit 6 of the 10 barriers. He eventually pulled away from Hardee after 7 hurdles but Trey hung in there and clocked 13.97 to Ashton's 13.85. This is one tough race after a very short overnight. Both looked stiff. Headwind, - 0.8mps.

In the 2nd race Brazilian de Araujo and Suarez ran in tandem with the former getting the nod in 14.25 to 14.29. More headwinds/

In the 3rd race Pascal Behrenbruch /GER never stopped from getting set to the gun and had a step on the field before

everyone was called back. The tall German then won the race comfortably in 14.33. Algerian Larbi Bouraada recorded a career best in third (14.56) and Ryan Harlan was 5th in 14.71. More headwinds (-0.5mps).

The final race, which started at 9:29 am(!) saw Roman Sebrle/CZE ease away from the field. Running on experience and 36 year old legs, the world record holder clocked 14.75. Headwind (-0.1mps).

Ashton Eaton's Hurdle Splits		
Hurdle	time	split
1 st	2.31	
2	3.42	1.11
3	4.47	1.05
4	5.58	1.11
5	6.64	1.06
6	7.68	1.04
7	8.72	1.04
8	9.83	1.11
9	10.85	1.02
10	12.08	1.23
Finish	13.85	1.77

Note: hand time at foot touchdown, final time automatic.

After Six: Eato 5440, Hard 5371, Kasy 5202, VanD 5155, Suar 5139

Discus: [10:00 – 10:45 am and 11:20 – 11:57 am]

Group A headed to the discus ring. With sunny conditions and a little headwind, Knobel opened the throwing with a PR 47.93m/157-3. But the the real action was later in the round. Hardee opened with a line drive down the right sector line and his plate was just fair, landing at 49.89m/163-8. Wow! Immediately after Eaton opened with a calm as you please 46.17m/151-6 toss. At this point Hardee had regained the lead by 8 points. What a battle. Hardee led after round #1.

At this point the Hardee/Eaton battle was reminiscent of the old Toomey/Hodge or, more recently, 'Dan and Dave' wars.

Trey's 2nd toss was a clone of the first, measuring 49.73m/163-1. Ashton reached over 47m but had a foot fault in the circle.

Suarez improved to 46.25m/151-9 to get 100 points back. Drozdov fouled a 2nd time and Iranian Hadi Sepehrzad took the event lead at 50.06m/164-3.

In the final round. Hardee went for broke, line drove it too low and took a deliberate foul. Eaton responded with another fine toss, 45.70m/150-0. He had dropped just 2 point to Suarez during the event.

Drozdov then coolly stepped to the circle and won the event lead with a 50.29 m/164-11 toss.



Trey Hardee pumped a decathlon PR 49.89m/163-8 to regain the overall lead from Ashton Eaton who also tossed a deca PR. 46.17m/151-6. Yow!

Group B. The sun peaked thru on occasion. Young Yordani Garcia/ CUB, withdrew. Canadian Damian Warner touched the top of the outside circle to open Group B, foul. Then Sintinicolaas dumped his effort into the cage. Also foul. Ryan Harlan led after the first round with a 43.52m/142-8 toss.

Brent Newdick/NZL took the lead in round #2 with a 45.65m/149-9 toss and it held up as the winning toss. Mihail Dudas PR'd with a 43.97m/144-3 effort. In round 3, after a pair of fouls into the cage Lithuania vet Darius Draudvila played it careful but his platter drifted down the right sector and hit the line, a 3rd foul and no mark.

After Seven:Hard 6239, Eato 6231, Kasy 5943, Suar 5932.

Pole Vault: [1:00 -

The morning events had ended and several thousand spectators stayed to watch the deca vault. Maurice Smith/JAM also called it a day.

Group B began with a no height at 4.00m/13-1 ½ by Iranian Hadi Sepehrzad. At the next bar, the crowd was virtually silent as South African Willem Coertzen followed Sepehrzad to the ‘nh’ showers.

Eight remained thru 4.80m/15-9, a height Romain Barras/FRA entered having waited almost 2 hours to vault. Behrenbruch, Dudas, Kim and Bouraada all PR’s at 4.90m/16-¾, as 5 went to 5.00m/16-4¾ as vaulting in Group A had finished. Barras won the group on his last attempt at 5.00m/16-4¾. 12 bars, 102 attempts in 3 hours and 08 minutes.

In Group A Ryan Harlan, suffering from a mild hamstring pull could not get off the ground at 4.60m/15-1. It was apparent that



Eelco Sintinicolaas/NED won Group A with a 5.20m/17-¾ effort to move to 5th overall.

his was in some pain.

Things progressed quietly until Hardee opened at 4.80m/15-9 with an aborted attempt. Hearts skipped beats. Eaton followed immediately with ragged miss. More skipped beats. On 2nd attempts Hardee went after it with gusto and jack-knifed over. But Ashton looked ragged again, problems with the plant. He aborted a 3rd attempt, and having passed the previous bar, got credit for just 4.60m/15-1. His chance for the gold appeared dim.

Seven remained at 5.00m/16-4¾. Hardee failed on his 1st try. When Suarez followed with a clearance, equaling his career best, the Cuban was back in the gold medal hunt. Trey missed his 2nd try and things got

really dicy. At 2.50 pm Trey, went for his 3rd attempt. No go!

At 5.10m/16-8¾ Suarez had a very close miss on his 2nd try. At 5.20m/17-¾ Sintinicolaas finally started, 125 minutes after the vault started.

A technical problem with the standards and crossbar stopped Group A for ten minutes !?! Sintinicolaas passed 5.30m/17-4½, and at 5.40m/17-8½. He missed twice and.... When he failed again Group A abruptly ended, after 2 hours and 42 minutes. 12 different bars, 26 clearances, 80 attempts.

After Eight: Hard 7088, eato 7021, Suar 6842, Droz 6834.

Notes: Overheard in coaches area....from Tomas Dvorak, former world record holder and current Czech coach....about Ashton Eaton....”he is still young...very young. I think, in two more years...well, he’ll be reallllly good. No predictions, but..... reallllly good.”



Results after 8 Events:

8/27-28 13th IAAF World Championships, Daegu, KOR

7088	Hardee, Trey/USA-Nike	10.55-0.5
	745+0.1 1509 202 48.37 13.97-0.8	4989 480
7021	Eaton, Ashton/USA-OreTC	10.46-0.5
	746 0.0 1444 202 46.99 13.85-0.8	4617 460
6842	Suarez, Leonel/CUB	11.07-0.2
	733nwi 1454 205 49.17 14.29-0.7	4625 500
6834	Drozov, Aleksey/RUS	11.34 0.0
	745+0.3 1617 214 51.35 15.49-0.1	5029 500
6769	Sintinicolaas, Eelco/NED	10.76+0.5
	729+0.3 1413 193 48.35 14.42-0.7	4223 520
6763	Dudas, Mihail/SRB	10.81-0.5
	741+0.5 1376 202 47.73 14.89-0.1	4397 490
6762	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.75-0.5
	759+0.6 1443 199 48.46 14.65-0.7	4374 470
6704	Van Der Plaetsen, Thomas/BEL	11.20 0.0
	779+0.9 1276 217 49.46 14.79-0.5	3720 510
6679	Raja, Andres/EST	10.85+0.5
	721+0.2 1461 199 49.47 14.04-0.8	4339 470
6674	Knoebel, Jan-Felix/GER	11.18 0.0
	730+0.4 1606 196 49.46 14.92-0.1	4793 470
6673	Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER	11.08-0.2
	680+0.5 1601 193 49.90 14.33-0.5	4856 490
6641	Sebrle, Roman/CZE	11.25 0.0
	730+0.4 1520 205 51.18 14.75-0.1	4693 480
6628	Barras, Romain/FRA	11.20-0.2
	706 0.0 1492 190 49.46 14.37-0.7	4165 500

6620	Pahapill, Mikk/EST	11.28-0.2
	712+0.3 1476 202 50.65 14.54-0.5 4716 490	
6613	de Araujo, Luiz Alberto/BRA	10.71-0.5
	674+0.3 1477 190 49.48 14.25-0.7 4696 470	
6589	Bouraada, Larbi/ALG	10.88 0.0
	742+0.2 1311 196 47.34 14.56-0.5 3784 490	
6582	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.56-0.5
	735+1.1 1326 202 50.12 14.19-0.8 4171 450	
6453	Newdick, Brent/NZL	11.00-0.2
	731+0.7 1375 196 49.95 14.86-0.5 4565 450	
6438	Karpov, Dmitriy/KAZ	11.24-0.2
	686+0.1 1569 193 52.01 14.64-0.5 4710 480	
6380	Kim Kun-Woo/KOR	11.11-0.2
	724+0.2 1296 196 49.24 14.95-0.1 3953 490	
6128	Ushiro, Keisuke/JPN	11.42 0.0
	696+0.2 1288 202 50.89 15.20-0.1 4384 440	
5740	Coertzen, Willem/RSA	11.16-0.2
	737+0.2 1348 202 49.20 14.48-0.7 4313 nh	
5605	Harlan, Ryan/USA-unat	11.29 0.0
	668+0.3 1649 202 51.57 14.71-0.5 4352 nh	
5596	Sepehrzad, Hadi/IRI	11.19 0.0
	665+0.3 1565 190 50.92 14.95-0.1 5006 nh	
dnf	Draudvila, Darius/LTU	10.90+0.5
	719+0.7 1481 196 50.55 14.93-0.7 nm withdrew	
dnf	Smith, Maurice/JAM	10.98+0.5
	706+0.5 1515 193 50.27 14.68-0.8 4563	
dnf	Garcia, Yordani/CUB	10.85+0.5
	656+0.3 1493 202 49.64 14.70-0.8 withdrew	
dnf	Vos, Ingmar/NED	10.82+0.5
	741+0.4 1386 withdrew	
dnf	Adjetey-Nelson, Jamie/CAN	10.97+0.5
	721+0.2 withdrew	
dnf	Freimuth, Rico/GER	10.83-0.5
	3f withdrew	

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