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HARDEE SPEARS WORLD TITLE....AGAIN

Eaton Sprints to Silver in 1-2 USA Sweep

Hello Again..... [our 4th Newsletter and report from Daegu, Korea]. The Scoreboard read:

gold	Trey Hardee	USA	8607
silver	Ashton Eaton	USA	8505
bronze	Leonel Suarez	CUB	8501

Hardee, 27, becomes just the 3rd to repeat as world champ. Dan O'Brien and Tomas Dvorak, both former world record holders, were the others. And, for the first time in meet history, no European decathlete medaled. For Trey Hardee, the moment in time, 4:39 pm, will live in his memory. For it was then that his first spear landed 68.99m away in the javelin throw's opening round and essentially guaranteed him a successful defense of the IAAF world decathlon title he captured in Berlin two years back. He GUNNED IT! Cuba's Leonel Suarez, who has legendary jav skills (PR of 77.49m/254-2) simply could not respond to Hardee's pressure and was relegated to fight for the silver with Ashton Eaton. Suarez held a 32 point lead (worth about 5 seconds in the 1500m) over Eaton before the final event. And then it was Eaton's moment to display his legendary leg speed. Here's how it all happened.



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



Trey Hardee was the toast of Daegu, Korea as he repeated as world champ scoring 8607 points.

Javelin: [4:30-5:12 and 4:50-6:16 pm]

The major medal contenders all drew the first group. Distance lines were placed cleverly at 55m/180-6 and 65m/213-3. Temps were in the low 80s. Eaton opened with a 46.94m/154-0 toss, missing the point. All eyes were on Trey Hardee, throwing in the middle of the order. Competing with supreme confidence, he NAILED his first toss which covered 68.99m/226-4 of Daegu city real estate. A big PR! Yow! The crowd of 18,000, in their seats early for the evening session, roared its approval.

Suarez, who has terrific javelin skills drew the last lot in the throwing order. Hardee had put the pressure clearly on the Cuban's shoulders. His anticipated spear landed at 69.12m/226-9. He would need a lot more.

In round #2 Eaton, needing something in the neighborhood 55m (staying within 14

meters of the Cuban) and he got almost exactly that, 55.07m/180-8. O my!

Hardee managed a nifty 66.40m/217-10. Suarez took his time in round #2 and, for the first time in 2 day, removed his sunglasses. No help, s his spear landed only 67.01m/219-10 away. Now the pressure would build for his 3rd throw and he needed a 76 meter toss.

Eaton improved marginally to 55.17m/180-9 picking up just one more point, but who knows, one point may be crucial. Hardee grimaced and held his elbow after a 3rd toss which landed 64.03m/210-0 away. Suarez had his work cut out for him and his last toss was not enough, 69.08m/226-7. After having a relatively weak meet, with down results in the long jump and pole vault and after injuring an ankle at the beginning of the



day, Hardee had turned the tables and now looked to repeat as World Champ! He's one tough competitor.

In group B Pascal Behrenbruch/GER opened with a 62.14m/203-10 spear but the entire section would have no impact on the medals. Roman Sebrle's 67.28m/220-9 2nd round effort stood up. He still has the arm! *After Nine: Har 7962, Suar 7718, Eato 7686, Droz 7645.*

1500 Meters: [8:15 - 8:26 pm]

Athletes had anywhere from 2½ to 3 ½ hours to prepare for the 1500m???? Don't ask who did the scheduling. For Trey Hardee, he needed only to stay within 40 seconds of Leonel Suarez and 45 of teammate Ashton

Eaton to win the overall crown. For Eaton to grab the silver medal he needed a 5 second margin over Suarez. The silver came down to a simple footrace.

Only Eelco Sintnicolaas/NED (PR 4:22), had reason and experience in the 2nd race to run a hard 1500 meters and the question was whether he would help set up a quick pace for Eaton and Suarez.

The remaining 22 decathletes were placed into 2 races according to scores after nine. 30 year old veteran Ryan Harlan, with his left hamstring wrapped, just wanted to finish the meet.

In the **first race**. . . Algerian Larbi Bouraada outspinted Kim Kun-Woo on the final straight to win in an exciting 4:14.97 to 4:15.63. Harlan limped home to finish in 5:21.63.

In the **second race**, with the top 11 after nine events, the athletes exchanged slaps and hugs before the start. . . commrades in battle.

In one of the most dramatic finished in meet history, Ashton Eaton ran himself into silver medal position by outspinting Leonel Suarez by 5.2 seconds (he need 5) to make believers of 40,000 spectators. Trey Hardee had the luxury of coasting in the decathlon, getting 4:45.68 and the overall win with 8577 points. But the feature of this event was Eaton who ran Suarez (who had a 4 second PR margin---4:16 to 4:20) off his feat. Man, it



Ashton Eaton's (left) PR 1500m led to the silver medal over Cuban Leonel Suarez, by a scant 4 points.

doesn't get any better.

Knowing what he needed and given the charge of beating a 4:16 runner by 5 seconds, Eaton's coach Harry Marra remarked, "Ash'll run, and I mean run. He's a Duck." And run he did stretching his lead over Suarez from 2 seconds at the bell to 3 at 1300m, to 4 at the head of the straight and ultimately, used his legendary leg speed to make it 5+ at the tape, clocking a PR 4:18.94! (see pace box). The crowd roared its approval and Ashton saw the scores come up on the main scoreboard almost immediately.

Yanks have now won 4 of the last 5 world titles and 7 of the last 11. What a finish!

Eaton > Suarez in Heavyweight Sprint

Splits:	Eaton	Suarez	differential
3 laps to go	53	54	+ 1.0 seconds
400 m	72	73	+ 1.0
2 laps to go	2:06	2:08	+2.0
800 m	2:24	2:26	+2.0
1 lap to go	3:17	3:19.5	+2.5
1200 m	3:35	3:37	+2.0
Finish	4:18.94	4:24.16	+5.2

After Ten: Hard 8607, Eato 8505, Suar 8501, Droz 8313.



Final Results:

8607	Hardee, Trey/USA-Nike	10.55-0.5
	745+0.1 1509 202 48.37 13.97-0.8 4989 480 6899 4:45.68	
8505	Eaton, Ashton/USA-OreTC	10.46-0.5
	746 0.0 1444 202 46.99 13.85-0.8 4617 460 5517 4:18.94	
8501	Suarez, Leonel/CUB	11.07-0.2
	733nwi 1454 205 49.17 14.29-0.7 4625 500 6912 4:24.16	
8313	Drozov, Aleksey/RUS	11.34 0.0
	745+0.3 1617 214 51.35 15.49-0.1 5029 500 6480 4:41.73	
8298	Sintinicolaas, Eelco/NED	10.76+0.5
	729+0.3 1413 193 48.35 14.42-0.7 4223 520 61074:25.40:	
8256	Dudas, Mihail/SRB	10.81-0.5
	741+0.5 1376 202 47.73 14.89-0.1 4397 490 6107 4:26.06	
8211	Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER	11.08-0.2
	680+0.5 1601 193 49.90 14.33-0.5 4856 490 6550 4:36.64	
8200	Knoebel, Jan-Felix/GER	11.18 0.0
	730+0.4 1606 196 49.46 14.92-0.1 4793 470 6842 4:43.12	
8164	Pahapill, Mikk/EST	11.28-0.2
	712+0.3 1476 202 50.65 14.54-0.5 4716 490 6640 4:35.41	
8158	Bouraada, Larbi/ALG	10.88 0.0
	742+0.2 1311 196 47.34 14.56-0.5 3784 490 5900 4:14.97	
8134	Barras, Romain/FRA	11.20-0.2

	706 0.0 1492 190 49.46 14.37-0.7 4165 500 6325 4:29.19	
8132	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.75-0.5
	759+0.6 1443 199 48.46 14.65-0.7 4374 470 5216 4:29.35	
8069	Sebrle, Roman/CZE	11.25 0.0
	730+0.4 1520 205 51.18 14.75-0.1 4693 480 6728 4:56.60	
8069	Van der Plaetsen, Thomas/BEL	11.20 0.0
	779+0.9 1276 217 49.46 14.79-0.5 3720 510 5891 4:45.86	
7982	Raja, Andres/EST	10.85+0.5
	721+0.2 1461 199 49.47 14.04-0.8 4339 470 5735 4:52.28	
7902	de Araujo, Luiz Alberto/BRA	10.71-0.5
	674+0.3 1477 190 49.48 14.25-0.7 4696 470 5438 4:47.29	
7860	Kim Kun-Woo/KOR	11.11-0.2
	724+0.2 1296 196 49.24 14.95-0.1 3953 490 5333 4:15.63	
7832	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.56-0.5
	735+1.1 1326 202 50.12 14.19-0.8 4171 450 5461 4:54.37	
7761	Newdick, Brent/NZL	11.00-0.2
	731+0.7 1375 196 49.95 14.86-0.5 4565 450 5569 4:47.30	
7639	Ushiro, Keisuke/JPN	11.42 0.0
	696+0.2 1288 202 50.89 15.20-0.1 4384 440 6773 4:43.87	
7550	Karpov, Dmitriy/KAZ	11.24-0.2
	686+0.1 1569 193 52.01 14.64-0.5 4710 480 4691 4:58.41	
6761	Harlan, Ryan/USA-unat	11.29 0.0
	668+0.3 1649 202 51.57 14.71-0.5 4352 nh 5843 5:21.63	
dnf	Coertzen, Willem/RSA	11.16-0.2
	737+0.2 1348 202 49.20 14.48-0.7 4313 nh withdrew	
dnf	Sepehrzad, Hadi/IRI	11.19 0.0
	665+0.3 1565 190 50.92 14.95-0.1 5006 nh withdrew	
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 withdrew	
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	
	30s,22f	