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CLAY & TREY, 2-4 at GÖTZIS

Oleksiy Kasyanov/UKR Leads by 13

Hello Again....The newest version of the 'Clay and Trey' show opened to a large audience and rave reviews at the 35th annual Hypo-Bank Meeting in Götzis, Austria under sunny skies on May 29, 2010. After two days of rain, the dark clouds over the Austrian Alps simply floated away on the morning of Day One and a large (34 decathletes) went to the starting line. The field included five Olympic medalists and 3 world champions and was so deep that the 7th seeded athlete (although now 35) was the world record holder. Meet Director extradoinaire Konrad Lerch had collected 26(!) athletes with over 8000 points on their resume. 22 had competed at the '09 IAAF World championships in Berlin, and given that 2010 offered no world or Olympic meets, Götzis became the seasonal *de facto* world championship. 2009 winner Michael Schrader/GER, was on the sidelines having suffered *two* broken legs in separate incidents in the past 12 months. Here's the first day action:



35th Hypo Bank Meeting
IAAF CE Challenge
Götzis, Austria
May 29-30, 2010

100 Meters: [11:40 am]

The large field necessitated six races as the weather was excellent—74 degrees and sunny at 11:30 am with slight headwinds as evidenced by the previously run heptathlon hurdles. Comebacking Attila Zsivoczky/



Oleksiy Kasyanov/UKR holds a slim lead over Bryan Clay at the break in Götzis.

HUN, an NCAA scorer a decade ago while at Kansas State, found himself in the first race which was won by Hans van Alpen/BEL in 11.12. The Omega camera caught Zsiv in 11.66. Section two was won by Mihail Dudas in 10.81 over Mikk Pahapill/EST, a former Euro indoor winner.

The 3rd section found recent MultiStars winner Jake Arnold in lane 6, and the world record holder Roman Sebrle in 4. Jake ran 2nd to winner Brent Newdick/NZL, the winner in 10.86 (+0.8) for most of the race and faded in the last 5 meters to 3rd, caught in a fine 11.04 seconds. Sebrle was 4th in 11.08.

Race 4 featured a trio of Olympic medalists: Dmitriy Karpov/KAZ ('04 bronze); Leonel Suarez/CUB ('08 bronze); and Andrei Krauchanka/BLR ('08 silver), the latter wearing his distinctive lime BelaRussian top. But all were upstaged by Dutchman Ingmar Vos who clocked a PR 10.75 from lane 1. Suarez out-leaned Karpov 10.96 to 10.97 for 2nd.

The penultimate race had University of Toronto speedster Massimo Bertocchi in lane 5 and a trio of "Rookies" (1st time in Götzis). The win by young (19) Dom Distelberger (10.63!) was popular with the crowd of @3000. The Canadian clocked 10.89 for 3rd (wind +0.4).

The 'Clay and Trey' show got under way in the final section which, oddly, contained only one European. It was 12:03 pm when PA announcer Wolfgang Berchtold introduced them:

Lane 1	Yunior Diaz	Cuba
Lane 2	Oleksiy Kasyanov	Ukraine
Lane 3	Bryan Clay	USA
Lane 4	Trey Hardee	USA
Lane 5	Yordani Garcia	Cuba
Lane 6	Maurice Smith	Jamaica

The event's only false start was charged to Maurice Smith (reaction time 0.023seconds). Clay reacted fastest to the gun (set to gun 0.88 seconds-hand time while reaction times were Clay 0.127, Hardee 0.146) but Hardee led 20 meters. Clay closed and then it was Trey and Clay at 40, Trey and Clay at 60, no difference at 65, at which time Clay edged ahead and it was Clay and Trey as they outlegged a great field. I mean a GREAT field. What a spectacular start, Bryan getting a PR 10.35 and Trey 10.39outstanding times and a meet record. Unfortunately Diaz, at 80m, pulled up with a injury to the right hamstring. *After One: Clay 1011, Hard 1011, Garc 949, Kasy 945, Dist 945 ...Arno 18th 852.*

Long Jump: [12:40 pm]

18 were seeded into group A (infield pit) and another 16 into Group B (in front of tribune pit). In the latter, 19 year old Swede Petter Olson got things rolling and many

recorded big marks. For example Dudas led round one at 7.63m/25-½ (and this was the lower seeded group!).

The Dudas mark held up as a winner. Arnold managed 6.96m/22-10 in round #1 and fouled on his two subsequent attempts.

In Group A Karpov led off with 6.75m/22-1 ¾ and Sebrle led round #1 at 7.65m/25-1¼. Conditions were excellent, comfortable temps and @+2.0 tailwinds. Clay (6.55m/21-6) and Hardee (7.37m/24-2¼) had problems at the toe-board (Bryan 3 feet back!, Trey 12 inches). There were few raindrops in round #1 and a few more in the next go-around.

In round #2 Clay stutter-stepped to 7.13m/23-4¾, not a disaster but well below capability. Minutes later Hardee did not improve (7.31m/23-11¾).

Interestingly, halfway through the jump young Dom Distelberger (with a pair of huge PRs) became a contender.



Kasyanov's long jump approach was as eye-opeing as the mark he left in the sand, at 7.97m/26-1¾

Karpov opened round #3 with an aborted attempt and he just was not the Dimitriy Karpov of 2004. There was some drama in round #3 as Krauchanka also aborted. Clay had the crowd on its feet for his third attempt, stuttered only slightly and popped 7.51m/24-7¾. A minute later and needing a 7.56m leap to take over the lead, Hardee covered 7.62m/25-0 of Vorslbeg reral estate and now led by his Nike counterpart by 17 points.

The final jump belonged to Oleksiy Kasyanov whose approach belies descriptionfast, slow, very slow, then very fast final 6 steps. It netted a win here at.... Can you believe, 7.97m/26-1¾ PR. And it pushed him into the lead and Hardee and Clay to 2-3 at this point.

The final round rescued this event, normally an exciting one in Gotzis, from becoming was a snorer.

After Two: Kasy 1998, Hard 1965, Clay 1948 Bour 1880...Arno 29th 1656.

Shot Put: [2:20 pm]

The action shifted to the north end of Mösle Stadium and the crowd had grown to over 3500. There were occasional sprinkles but generally good conditions. The crowd reacted only when a big mark was posted, usually when the 16lb



Maurice Smith,(left), the former Auburn U star from Jamaica, won the shot at 16.86m/55-4.

ball flew past the last line at 16 meters. That happened once in round # 1 for Maurice Smith, at 16.08m/52-9. Clay fouled at the toe-board after a 15m + toss. In round #2 Frenchman Romain Barras nailed a big PR, 16.19m/53-1½ and Clay line-driven 15.38m/50-5½. Smith brought the crowd alive with a nifty 16.86m/55-4 effort

Round #3 started with 4 fouls then bests by Suarez (14.44m/47-4½) and Arnold (15.17m/49-9½). Kasyanov, who was struggling up to this point, managed a 15.01m/49-3 toss to remain the clubhouse leader. Clay did not improve and Hardee also clearly struggled here managing just 13.46m/44-2. But the tall Bertocchi was hot and posted a 3rd lifetime best nailing 15.54m/51-0.

The concurrent group B featured a 15.12m/49-7¼ effort from former World Junior winner Jan-Felix Knoebel/GER. *After Three: Kasy 2788, Clay 2761, Hard 2661, Raja 2596.....Arno 29th 2456.*

USA Bests in Götzis

The marks posted by American decathletes, especially in the past decade, have been outstanding. Here are the "American Records" for Voralberg, all posted at the last 8 meets.

100m	10.38 +1.3	Bryan Clay (7704)	'06
LJ	7.80m/25-7¼ +3.7	Bryan Clay (8493)	'07
SP	16.48m/54-1	Tom Pappas (8585)	'03
HJ	2.18m/7-1¾	Tom Pappas (8583)	'02
400m	47.18	Stephen Moore(7967)	'03
110mH	13.74 +1.3	Bryan Clay (8677)	'06
Disc	52.21m/171-3	Bryan Clay (8677)	'06
PV	5.40m/17-8½	Paul Terek (8161)	'04
Jav	69.09m/226-8	Bryan Clay (8493)	'07
1500m	4:27.22	Stephen Harris (7410)	'04
1 st day	4593	Bryan Clay (8493)	'07
2 nd day	4233	Tom Pappas (8732)	'04
Score	8677	Bryan Clay	'06
	[10.42-0.4 767-1.0 1556 206 48.87		
	13.74+1.3 5221 500 6647 5:13.47]		

High Jump:[3:45 pm]

Warm, sunny weather marked the opening of the high jump, and at the seeded group (A) there were still 13 jumpers left at 2.03m/6-8. Early casualties were Hardee (best of 1.97m/6-5½) and Arnold (2.00m/6-6¾). Nine handled 2.03m/6-8 including Bryan Clay who cleared on his 2nd effort. At 2.06m/6-9 it began to drizzle, perhaps Bryan's favorite weather, because he popped over on his first try. It took Russian Aleksey Drozdov and Cuban Leonel Suarez 3 attempts and the trio headed to 2.09m/6-10¼, Bryan's lifetime best. All 3 missed thrice, thanked the umbrella crowd and headed inside to wait for the 400m. Clay had regained the lead making 3 bars higher than Kasyanov.

Even more significant here: Clay **WON** the event (on fewer misses) over six 7 footers!

In Group B six (Bertocchi/Can, Walter/SUI, Dudas/SRB, Barras/FRA, Büker/GER and Olsen/SWE) tied at 2.00m6-6¾

The event was completed at 5:20 pm, 95 minutes, 2 pits, 286 jumps, 127 clearances at 12 different bars....a jump, on average... every 19 seconds. This event zipped along. *After Four: Clay 3620, Kasy 3564, Hard 3437,*

Bert 3437(4th on 2nd tie-breaking rule).....
Arno 23rd 3259.

400 Meters: [5:55 pm]

The sun returned 15 minutes before the final event. Olson built up a 9 meter lead by 300 meters in section #1 then held off Austria's Roland Schwartzl, clocking 50.11. In the 2nd race Dom Distelberger brought the Austrian crown to delirium by decimating the field in a PR 47.25, winning by 15 meters!. It was impressive. And he would eventually win the event. A strong stretch drive by France's Romain Barras turned by Jan-Felix Knoebel,



Bryan Clays's 49.56 400m was good enough to place him 2nd overall after day one.



48.61 to 48.91.

The sections were seeded according to personal bests within the last two seasons. Bryan Clay drew lane 2 and Jake Arnold lane 4 in the 4th race. The slight wind was on the backstretch. Maurice Smith/JAM won comfortably in 48.50 with Jake in 3rd (49.29) and Bryan 4th (49.56, 22.5 at 200m).

Running in lane 2 of the 5th race, Trey Hardee split 23.1 at 200 then saw young Algerian Labri Bouraad race away to win in 47.29. Trey was 3rd in 48.88.

Serbian Mihail Dudas (hereafter named "Zippity") led for 300 meters but Kasyanov (48.21) ran him down and Bertocchi (23.3 200m) ran strongly in the stretch. The day ended with great conditions and Kasyanov holding a 13 point lead on Clay. Bertocchi raced to 3rd at 4317, Hardee stood 4th at 4304 and the new African record Larbi Bouraada/ALG was 4th at 4303.

After Five: Kasy 4463; Clay 4450, Bert 4317, Hard 4304.....Arno 21st 4107.

RESULTS:

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4463	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.63+0.2	797-0.6	1501197	48.21
4450	Clay, Bryan/USA-Nike	10.35+0.2	751+0.4	1538 206	49.66
4317	Bertocchi, Massimo/CAN	10.79+0.4	737+1.1	1554 200	48.60
4304	Hardee, Trey/USA-Nike	10.39+0.2	762-0.9	1346 197	48.88
4303	Bouraada, Larbi/ALG	10.67+0.4	754+1.3	1234 203	47.27
4268	Suarez, Leonel/CUB	10.96+1.3	735+1.2	1444 206	48.47
4266	Smith, Maurice/JAM	10.81+0.2	715+1.8	1686 191	48.49
4263	Garcia, Yordani/CUB	10.61+0.2	695+1.9	1548 203	48.98
4248	Barras, Romain/FRA	11.02+0.8	713+0.8	1619 200	48.59
4241	Raja, Andres /EST	10.83+0.4	745+0.6	1476 203	50.02
4225	Sebrle, Roman/CZE	11.08+0.8	765+0.9	1488 203	50.38
4219	Dudas, Mihail/SRB	10.81 0.0	763+1.5	1308 200	48.73
4200	Krauchanka, Andrie/BLR	11.14+1.3	753+1.3	1444 203	49.42
4170	Sintnicolass, Elco/NED	10.79+0.4	740+0.9	1307 197	48.10
4166	Papahill, Mikk/EST	11.05-0.6	747-0.1	1510 200	50.65
4160	Karpov, Dmitry/KAZ	10.97+1.3	706+0.6	1623 203	51.00
4155	Büker, Nils/GER	10.81+0.4	738+1.6	1320 200	49.48
4143	Drozdov, Aleksey/RUS	11.16+0.8	723-0.2	1594 206	51.60
4110	Knoebel, Jan-Felix/GER	11.15 0.0	732+2.5	1521 191	48.91
4109	Vos, Ingmar/NED	10.75+1.3	723-1.1	1412 200	50.67
4107	Arnold, Jake/USA-asics	11.04+0.8	696+1.8	1517 200	49.29
4105	Disterberger, Dom/AUT	10.63+0.4	750+1.6	1162 188	47.25
4097	Newdick, Brent/NZL	10.86+0.8	739+1.7	1359 194	49.77
4093	Behrenbruch, Pascal/GER	11.09+1.3	727+2.9	1606 197	51.58
4086	Schwartzl, Roland/AUT	11.23 0.0	761+1.0	1454 194	50.24
4052	Van Alpen, Hans/BEL	11.12 0.0	724+0.9	1504 194	50.18
4023	Walter, Simon/SUI	11.15-0.6	718+1.7	1355 200	49.57
3998	Kharmalov, Vasilij/RUS	11.28 0.0	735-0.2	1411 197	50.53

3984 Almgren, Daniel/SWE
11.08+0.8 726+2.3 1310 194 49.44
3866 Olson, Petter/SWE
11.35-0.6 697+0.9 1291 200 50.11
3836 Szabo, Attila/HUN
11.18-0.6 706+1.7 1362 188 50.66
3767 El-Fassi, Nadirr/FRA
11.33+1.3 721+0.5 1221 191 50.93
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11.66 0.0 661+0.8 1471 191 withdrew
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