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World Junior Title to France's Mayer Wise 7132, Lazas 7028

Hello Again.... That 17 year old Kevin Mayer of France won the 13th IAAF World Junior decathlon came as no surprise. After all, he put up big numbers a month ago in St. Etienne (7821). That his major challengers were not German, was. When the dust cleared after two days in Moncton, New Brunswick, Germans Kai Kazimirek (SL at 7829) and Martin Brugger (7795) were nowhere near the podium. Mayer's 7928 score was nearly 100 up on the silver medalist, Ilya Shkurenov of Russia and the bronze went to fast improving Marcus Nilsson of Sweden (7751) who added 524 points to his PR.

Americans Neamen Wise, South Florida, and Kevin Lazas, Brentwood, TN, finished with 7132 and 7028 points respectively, out of the top ten.

13th IAAF World Junior Champs Moncton, New Brunswick Canada July 20-21, 2010



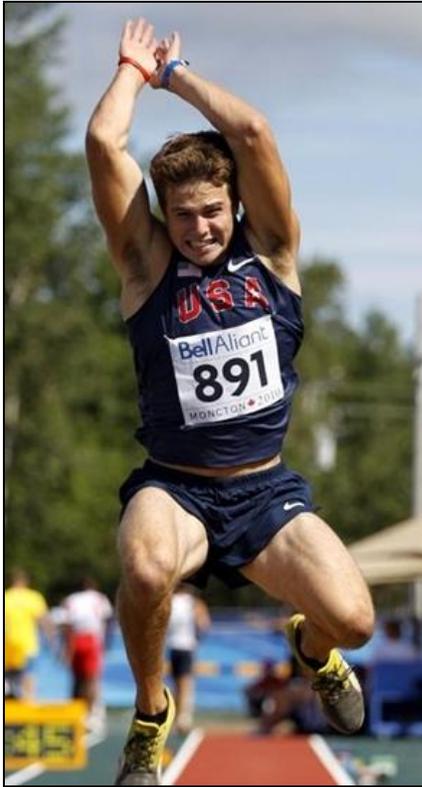
The 13th IAAF World Junior Champs got underway in Moncton, New Brunswick on Tuesday, July 20 with a field of 26. American Junior champ Neamen Wise won the first event (section #3) comfortably in 10.84, a 1/100th PR. USA Junior runner-up Kevin



17 year old Kevin Mayer/FRA won the 13th IAAF World Junior decathlon title with 7928 points in Moncton, NB

Lazas, Brentwood, TN, was 4th in the first race in 11.26 (4/100th from his lifetime best). Following the decathlon's progress on the IAAF website was hazardous....frequently technical difficulties precluded results from being posted for hours at a time. By the end of day 2 summaries after each event were still unavailable. Alternative sites had to be consulted. Virtually *all of the PRs* reported on the IAAF website were incorrect. And Wise's first name is spelled with a pair of "e's"...Neamen, frequently misspelled.

Neamen, a frosh at the University of South Florida who was w/o a spring



Arkansas bound Kevin Lazas. Brentwood, TN, managed 6.88m/22-7 in the long jump.

deathlon, equaled his PR in the long jump (7.29m/23-11), but relinquished the lead to Britain's David Guest (1783-1780). It was his only fair attempt. Lazas got off a 6.88m/22-7 leap and fell to 17th overall.

Cuba's Jose Angel Mendieta used a fine 15.20m/49-10½ in the shot (6kg) to move to the overall lead (2550). Wise's 12.11m/39-8¾ was nowhere near his "reported" PR and he fell to 8th (2393) France's Kevin Mayer moved to 2nd (.2426). Lazas's 14.07m/46-2 was a 6kg lifetime best yet he remained in 17th (2322). Nikita Semenenko/RUS won the event at 15.52m/50-11.

Mayer won the high jump at 2.04m/6-8¼ to take an 8 point lead over Mendieta. (3316-3308). Wise's 1.92m/6-3½ kept him in 9th (3124) while the 1.89m/6-2¼ by Lazas moved him to 14th (3027). Neither were remotely close to PRs but both were reported as such.

German Kai Kazmirek ran a superb 47.63 400 and was subsequently carried off on a stretcher. Wise's 50.33 equalled a lifetime best, while Lazas clocked just 52.46 seconds, a full second behind his PR, yet, again, it was dutifully recorded as PR. Reading the IAAF result sheets one could not



Steady Ilya Shkurenov/RUS leaped 2.01m/6-7 to put himself into contention.

help but conclude that virtually every effort was a PR!!!!. Mayer moved back to the lead at the break with 4159 points, 81 up on Mendieta. Wise stood 11th (3923), and Lazas 14th (3732).

Wise was forecasted to make up much of his deficit in the hurdles (his PR is 13.99), but he faltered here, managing but 14.97 seconds (recorded, you guessed it, as a PR!) and any hope for a medal was gone. Mayer won the event in 14.21 to hold his lead. Wise was 11th at this point (4776) and the 15.86 for Lazas gave him 15th (4481).

Swede Marcus Nilsson won the discus in 45.18m/148-3 while Mayer continued to hold the lead over Guest and Mendieta (5722-5687-5628). Wise's 39.78m/130-6 and Lazas's 34.45m/ 113-0 relegated them to 11th and 16th respectively.

The vault was a disappointment for Sweden's steady Petter Olson a 5.15m/16-10¾ vaulter as he managed only 4.60m/15-1 here. Russian Ilya Shkurenov won the event at 5.00m/16-4¾ and moved to 2nd overall. Wise (3.80m/12-5½) and Lazas (4.40m/14-5¼)



Neaman Wise looked to move up the scoring ladder using his favorite event (PR is 13.99 for 39' hurdles) but he only clocked 14.97 seconds

were well off form. Mayer added another 29 points to his lead over Shkurenev, 6541-6498). Britain's Ashley Bryant captured the javelin in 65.00m/213-2 but he was not a medal contender. Mendieta's excellent 63.20m/207-4 spear cut out all but 88 points of the Mayer's advantage (7116-7028) while Guest flagged to 6986 points, Wise managed a 49.24m/161-7 while Lazas got a 53.37m/175-1 effort leaving them with 6575 and 6404 totals.

At this point the 17 year old Mayer

World Junior Decathlon Champs

1986	7623	Petri Kesitalo/FIN	Athens
1988	7729	Michael Kohnle/GER	Sudbury
1990	7762	Eric Kaiser/GER	Plovdiv
1992	7403	Raul Duany/CUB	Seoul
1994	7676	Ben Jensen/NOR	Lisbon
1996	7582	Attila Zsivoczky/HUN	Sydney
1998	7476	Aki Heikkinen/FIN	Annecy
2000	7897	Dennis Leyckes/GER	Santiago
2002	7693	Leonid Andreev/UZB	Kingston
2004	8126	Andrei Krauchanka/BLR	Grosseto
2006	8059	Arkadiy Vasilyev/RUS	Beijing *
2008	7896	Jan Felix Knoebel/GER	Bydgoszcz
2010	7928	Kevin Mayer/FRA	Moncton

*first year for 39' hurdles NB: WR with '39 hurdles is 8131 by Arkady Vasilyev/RUS, Sochi, 2006. Yet there are higher scores with same weights and '42 hurdles, and even higher score using all senior international implements.

had a lock on the gold medal since he has significant 1500m skills (4:19+ and almost 30 seconds better than Mendieta) and even his early season 7821 PR was in jeopardy. The Russian stood 2nd and Kazmirek was 3rd. Only Akardiy Vasilyev/RUS 's meet record of 8059 (2006) was not at risk.

The 1500m was no contest. Mayer led throughout and clocked a fine 4:21.35 for a 7928 score, a PR by 107. Shkurenev 4:42.92 registered a 7830 total, the year's 2nd best effort by a single digit. And no surprise to insiders that Swede Martin Nilsson ran himself onto the podium with a 4:25.31 effort and a 7751 effort.

Mayer would say later of his 1500m effort "I started slowly. I didn't know that I would do so well. I finished beautifully. I'm so happy to finish as the world champion."

RESULTS



7/20-21 IAAF World Junior Champs, Moncton, New Brunswick, CAN

7928	Mayer, Kevin/FRA	11.12+1.3
741+0.2 1401 204 49.39 14.21+0.9 3757 470 4976		4:21.35
7830	Shkurenev, Ilya/RUS	11.25+1.3
726+0.2 1348 201 50.46 14.81+0.2 4315 500 5549		4:42.92
7751	Nilsson, Marcus/SWE	11.30+0/5
793+0.7 1455 192 49.54 14.75+0.2 4518 460 5164		4:25.31
7691	Guest, David/GBR	10.90+0.3
736+1.2 1314 195 49.11 14.25+0.9 4036 460 4462		4:36.13

We regret we are unable to provide all decathlon results from Moncton. The IAAF site experienced an embarrassing meltdown, and 24 hours after the event the results still had not been posted. The above results were pieced together. ED