

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## MAYER is DECA's STAR

### 9126 Score in Talence is New World Record

**Hello Again.....**By exactly 100 points more than the first 9000 score 17 years ago (Roman Sebrle/CZE-Götzis, 2001) 26 year old Kevin Mayer of France delighted a packed house of local fans in Bordeaux's wine country the become the first of his nation to set a decathlon world record.

For Mayer, the IAAF world champ the 9k performance was not exactly a surprise given his recent improvements and marks in open events. His goal was to go after the record at August's European Championships in Berlin but after a sprint PR he fouled on three consecutive long jump attempts and resigned. Ala Dan O'Brien in 1992 who nh'd at the US Olympic Trials and then went to DecaStar in Talence taking the global standard away from Daley Thompson, Mayer made the IAAF CE Challenge meet in Talence the focus of his season. He came to DecaStar looking for the record. Until then O'Brien's 8893 was still the stadium record in Talence.

A 16 man field started on Saturday, Sept 15, and from the start it was all about the record! A huge PR 10.55 100m, set him up and, at the end of the first day he piled up 4563 points, 140 down on Ashton Eaton's record pace. But Mayer has enormous 2<sup>nd</sup> day skills and he came away with an unusual negative split (more 2<sup>nd</sup> day points than first) and a 4573 second day score.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> round 71.90m/235-11 javelin sealed the deal allowing him to cruise a modest 4:36.11 for the record.



France's Kevin Mayer came away with a new decathlon world record at DecaStar in Talence, 9126 points.

On a day when the world marathon record was lowered to 2:01.39, this will go down as one of T&F's finest moments.

One American started, Steven Bastien who nh'd in the vault while standing in 6<sup>th</sup> place overall.

#### A comparison of the World records:

	Mayer 2018		Talence	
<b>9126</b>	10.55+0.3	780+1.2	1600 205 48.42	4563
	13.75-1.1	5054 545	7190 4:36.11	4573
	Eaton 2015		Beijing	
<b>9045</b>	10.23-0.4	788 0.0	1452 201 45.00	4703
	13.69-0.2	4334 520	6363 4:17.52	4342



