

WARNER is DECA STAR IAAF CE Challenge Season Closes in Talence

Hello Again: Canadian vet Damian Warner experienced a rare sprint defeat at DecaStar in Talence yet maintained a comfortable first day lead over a quality field and walked away with the victory and the runner-up share of the IAAF CE Challenge winnings.

Warner, who led at the break (4369 pts and a 159 pt lead) put the meet away with a fine 13.81 hurdles and was never seriously threatened afterwards. His winning 8252 effort gave him a 232 point victory over German Kai Kazmirek with Ukrainian vet Oleksiy Kasyanov just 4 points back in third place. It also brought his 3 score IAAF CE Challenge score to over 25,000 points and an average of 8384 points.

German Rico Freimuth, who did not compete in Talence, was the '17 Challenge winner with a trio of previous scores which averaged 8530. His total of 25,592 points was the best since Roman Sebrle's 25,952 combined score in 2004. Tomas Dvorak's 26,496 combined effort in 1999 is still the standard. Tom Pappas' 26,119 in 1993 is 2nd best and the USA standard.

World champ Kevin Mayer was on hand but did not compete. The lone American, Zach Ziemek, withdrew after three events.



Canadian Damian Warner won the DecaStar meeting in talence with a 8252 score.

Combined scores were unusually good this season. A year ago only 3 athletes averaged over 8000 points. This year six did so. We reiterate that 2017 was an unusual season since. The USA national champs (June 22-23 in Sacramento), normally a CE Challenge meet, was not designated so this year as a result of a snafu in paperwork. So no USA CE athlete (either decathletes or heptathletes) could be found in the 2017 standings. One can only hope this will not be repeated in 2018. Is anyone listening?

2017 IAAF CE Challenge

Final Standings

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Award</i>
1...Rico Freimuth/GER	25,592 [8530+]		\$ 30,000
2. Damian Warner/CAN	25,152 [8384]		20,000
3. Kai Kazmirek/GER	24,986 [8328+]		15,000
4. Janek Ōiglane/EST	24,578 [8192+]		10,000
5. Oleksiy Kasyanov/UKR	24,531 [8177]		8,000
6. Adam-S Helcelet/CZE	24,506 [8168+]		7,000
7. Martin Roe/NOR	23,945 [7981+]		6,000
8. Pieter Braun/NED	23,876 [7958+]		5,000

Results:



9/16-17 DecaStar, Talence, FRA

8252 Warner, Damian/CAN 10.52 760 1407 202
48.53 13.81-0.5 4270 465 5645 4:40.87
8020 Kazmirek, Kai/GER 10.96 715 1389 202
48.34 14.39-0.5 4255 475 5836 4:41.01
8016 Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR 10.76 742 1459 199
49.87 14.21-0.5 4699 455 5040 4:40.12
7949 Helecet, Adam-Seb'tien/CZE 11.18 684 1467 199
49.41 14.51-0.5 4404 465 6562 4:42.84
7942 Nowak, Tim/GER 11.24 725 1398 196
49.91 14.69+0.2 4300 475 6139 4:30.50
7878 Sintnicolaas, Eelco/NED 11.11 706 1386 193
50.04 14.66-0.5 4116 535 5531 4:40.93
7825 Eitel, Manuel/GER 10.51 714 1318 199
49.62 14.85+0.2 4001 465 5725 4:42.13
7799 Nilsson, Marcus/SWE-ex UCLA 11.34 677 1464
190 51.17 14.90+0.2 4565 485 6181 4:31.05
7667 Gregory, Ben/GBR 11.21 704 1243 190
50.23 14.66-0.5 3823 495 5807 4:28.35
7652 Braun, Pieter/NED 11.41 725 1414 193
49.63 14.67-0.5 4020 465 5453 4:40.14
7635 Bryant, Ashley/GBR 11.37 726 1341 196
50.43 14.70-0.5 4234 415 6355 4:40.56
7598 Auzeil, Bastien/FRA 11.29 680 1507 193
50.37 14.70-0.5 4440 435 5674 4:43.67
7430 Martin, Axel/FRA 11.34 707 1386 199
51.10 15.09+0.2 3489 495 5325 4:42.59
7370 Nakamura, Akihiro/JPN 11.99 711 1192 193
50.00 14.56-0.5 3527 455 4768 4:34.45
7316 Lelievre, Jeremy/FRA 11.14 697 1401 184
50.25 15.17+0.2 3831 435 4741 4:27.48
dnf: Felix, Kurt/GRN-ex Boise St 11.29 712 1373 199
51.43 dnf 4413 withdrew
dnf: Ziemek, Zach/USA 10.99 711 1322 withdrew
dnf: Dudas, Mihail/SRB 11.13 withdrew
dns: Mayer, Kevin/FRA 18s,15f.
