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WARNER LEADS MAYER



Canadian holds 30 point lead at Worlds in Doha.

Hello Again.....The weather at the IAAF World Championships was both predictable and consistent.....hot. Even with a mid-morning start, temps pushed past 77 degrees in the air controlled stadium. For those with CE background.... outside the stadium... well...think Austin or Sacramento. The starting times were placed well back in the day to beat the appeal to USA television and the decathlon was slotted for a 4:35 pm (local Doha time) start on October 2nd. The final event of day two is actually scheduled for the early morning of day 3(!), making this meet the first major international actually scheduled over a three day calendar period since the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm.

The US was without Olympians Zach Ziemek and and Jeremy Taiwo. The former was injured in des Moines, the latter denied entry.

Although defending champ Kevin Mayer stood third behind vet Damian Warner, after five events, he was still the favorite given 2nd day skills...think vault and javelin. Yet this was not the Kevin Mayer we saw a year ago in Talence when he ran up a WR 9126 score. He'll have his work cut out for him during day two. Those who noticed a limp during the high jump were sharp-eyed.

A trio of Americans had solid first days and all boast second day talent. Solomon Simmons, a week past his 26th birthday, stood 8th, USA champion Devon Williams 13th and late add Harrison Williams, the NCAA indoor winner, was 15th, all creditable positions.



At the break in Doha Canadian Damian Warner (above) held a slim lead over teammate Pierce LePage, defending champ Kevin Mayer and Lindon Victor of the Santa Barbara Track Club.

IAAF World Champs
Doha, Qatar
October 2-3, 2019



Day 1, Wednesday

100 Meters: [4:35 pm local time]

The first section was captured by Estonian Janek Oiglane in a PR 10.94 while ex NCAA champ Maicel Uibo was 4th in a SB 11.10 seconds. Aiding wind +0.3mps and air temps approached 80°F. Poland's Pawel Wiesiolek won the second race in 10.76 seconds....wind just +0.4 mps. American Devon Williams was 3rd in 10.84.

The seeded section featured the overall favorite Kevin Mayer/FRA and the sprint record holder Damian Warner/CAN while Kentucky's '18 NCAA Champ Tim Duckworth was a no show. Warner won

comfortably in 10.35 seconds(wind +0.8mps) just edging teammate Pierce LePage. But the real story was the fitness of Mayer whose 10.50 PR was good for 3rd. With the possible exception of Warner whose 10.12 WR was nowhere to be seen here, all the sprint performances were outstanding....Lyndon Victor/SBTC 10.66, Solomon Simmons/USA 10.70, and Stanford's Harrison Williams 10.76 inclusive. For the American trio this was a good start.

Section #3:

pl	name	nation	lane	time	reaction	points
1.	Warner	CAN	2	10.35	0.180	1011
2.	LePage	CAN	6	10.36	0.188	1008
3.	Mayer	FRA	8	10.50	0.142	975
4.	Victor	GRN	3	10.66	0.113	938
5.	Simmons	USA	7	10.70	0.159	929
6.	Dubler	AUS	5	10.74	0.154	917
7.	Williams,H	USA	9	10.76	0.176	915
8.	Duckworth	GBR	4	did not start		

Wind: +0.8 mps

After One: Warn 1011, LePa 1008, Maye 975, Vict 938, Simm 929.....7th WilH 917.....10th WilD 897.



Long Jump: [5:30 pm local time]



Canadian Pierce LePage (left) and defending champ Kevin Mayer/FRA (right) were big news in the long jump.

Lyndon Victor led off in Group B with a nice 7.41m/24-3½ and never looked back. He improved in round #2 to 7.44m/24-4¾ and eventually to a PR 7.51m/24-7½ to win the group and solidify his 4th place position behind the high-flying Canadians and Kevin Mayer. Simmons's lone fair jump, in round #2, (7.37m/24-2) kept him in 5th overall. Harrison Williams opened at 7.14m/23-5 and could not better that mark.

Most of the meet's focus was on Group A where Mayer grabbed the overall lead in round one (7.43m/24-4½) yet LePage and Warner responded to return to 1-2 overall in the second round. Eventually LePage won the event at a nifty 7.75m/25-5 leap while Warner got 7.67m/25-2 in the final round, as both moved ahead of Mayer. The Frenchman's 7.56m/24-9½ was well off his 7.80m/25-7 career best. Devon Williams managed a 7.36m/24-1¾ effort and moved from 10th to 8th.

After Two: LePa 2015, Warn 1988, Maye 1925, Vict 1875, Simm 1832.....8th WilD 1797...13th WilH 1762.

Shot Put: [6:50 pm local time]

The shot put was a game changer. Mayer's early season 17m+ toss was no fluke and he moved ahead of Lyndon Victor, 16.82m/55-2¼ to 16.24m/53-3¼ as the pair dominated Group A and leaped ahead of the Canadians. The mark by Mayer was not a lifetime best as was reported by the IAAF. Simmons was close to a career best with a 2nd round 15.33m/50-3½ toss.

Warner struggled with a weak first round toss and followed with a foul. His clutch 3rd round 14.97m/49-1¼ kept him in the running and pushed him back to 2nd place, 51 points behind Mayer.



Lyndon Victor (left) took a back seat to Kevin Mayer in the shot, as both surpassed 16 meters.

In Group B LePage could only manage a 13.21m/43-4 toss. Uibo was 2nd in Group B at a PR 15.12m/49-7¼. Harrison Williams

improved in the final round to 13.78m/45-2½, about one inch up on Devon, 13.76m/45-1¾. *After Three: Maye 2827, Warn 2776, Vict 2741, LePa 2695, Simm 2642.....14th WilD 2511, 15th WilH 2477.*

High Jump: [8:40 pm local time]

This event was poorly seeded with some of the best jumpers seeded in each pit. In Group A Maicel Uibo won at 2.17m/7-1½

and, now 5th overall, began to look like a podium contender. Neutral athlete Ilya Shkureniov got 2.11m/6-11. In Group A Harrison Williams was hoping for more than 1.93m/6-4.

In Group B both Lindon Victor and Kai Kazmirek/GER cleared 2.05m/6-8³/₄, better than 6 of 10 in the higher seeded pit. Go figure! Warner managed 2.02m/6-7¹/₂ while Mayer looked ragged and held onto his right knee (who knows the meaning?) on his final attempt at 2.02m/6-7¹/₂. His clearance of 1.99m/6-6¹/₄ was well under his 2.09m/6-10¹/₄ best and the 2.05m/6-8³/₄ he managed in his record meet a year ago, Although he held an eleven point lead over Warner, there would be no world records in Doha.

Solomon Simmons cleared 1.96m/6-5 and Devon Williams managed 1.93m/6-4 although he took a total of 15 jumps, clearing 4 bars (including his opener) on third attempts.

After Four: Maye 3621, Warn 3610, Vict 3591, LePa 3545, Uibo 3523...7th Simm 3409....14th WilD 3251....19th WilH 3217.

400 Meters: [11:15 pm local time]

Janek Oglane opened day one as he began it, with a PR as he won the first of three sections of the 400m, 49.14. Uibo faded early And made a strong run in the stretch but was 5th in 50.44.

In the 2nd race was instructive as Victor and German Niklas Kaul, two medal contenders battled down the stretch, catching Georni Jaramillo with ten meters remaining and clocking 48.55 and 48.48 respectively, both seasonal bests. Given their 2nd day skills, they will battle for a podium position tomorrow. Simmons was 54th in 49.41.

The final race drew the two leaders, Mayer (lane 8) and Warner (lane 5). But Mayer got out poorly And faded...and faded. Kazmirek and LePage dead-heated in 47.35, fine efforts for both and Harrison Williams ran a gutty race for 3rd, 47.93.

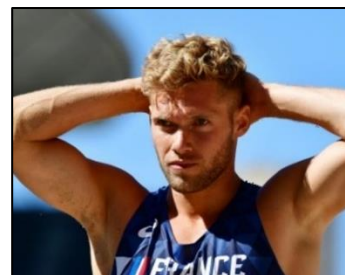
Of the leaders, Warner was 5th in 48.12 while Mayer was last in 48.99, a time

that relegated him to 3rd at the break. Warner took over the lead at 4513 with LePage 27 back. Mayer and Victor were another 3 and 9 points in arrears.

Of the Americans, Simmons finished day one with a solid 4256 score for 8th. Devon Williams was 13th and Harrison's strong quarter moved him to 15th.

After Five: Warn 4513, LePa 4486, Maye 4483, Vict 4474, Shku 4434.....8th Simm 4256....13th WilD 4142 ...15th WilH 4130.

Kevin Mayer fans looked worried as the WR holder found himself in an unfamiliar place after five events, 3rd overall.



Results:

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4513	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.35+0.8	767+0.1	1497	202	48.12
4486	LePage, Pierce/CAN	10.36+0.8	779+0.2	1321	205	47.35
4483	Mayer, Kevin/FRA	10.50+0.8	756-0.1	1682	199	48.99
4474	Victor, Lindon/GRN	10.66+0.8	751+0.2	1624	205	48.55
4340	Shkureniov, Iilya/ANA	11.02+0.3	761+0.5	1471	211	49.36
4317	Uibo, Maicel/EST	11.10+0.3	746+0.2	1512	217	50.44
4315	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	10.82+0.4	726+0.5	1430	205	47.35
4256	Simmons, Solomon/USA	10.70+0.8	737+0.3	1533	196	49.31
4251	Braun, Pieter/NED	11.16+0.3	747+0.5	1526	202	48.79
4189	Oiglane, Janek/EST	10.94+0.3	732+0.5	1520	196	49.14
4164	Kaul, Niklas/GER	11.27+0.3	719+0.6	1510	202	48.48
4150	Wiesiolek, Pawel/POL	10.76+0.4	702 0.0	1526	196	49.37
4142	Williams, Devon/USA	10.84+0.4	736 0.0	1376	193	48.37
4135	Dubler, Cedric/AUS	10.74+0.8	725-0.2	1243	202	48.41
4130	Williams, Harrison/USA	10.76+0.8	714+0.6	1378	193	47.93
4090	Nowak, Tim/GER	11.12+0.3	707+0.3	1469	202	49.60
4069	Zhuk, Vitaliy/BLR					

		10.95+0.4	663+0.1	1513	196	48.08
4032	Samuelsson, Frederik/SWE					
		11.13+0.4	711+0.8	1397	202	50.08
4007	Van Der Plaetsen, T/BEL					
		11.38+0.3	724+0.4	1378	208	50.89
3766	Ushiro, Keisuke/JPN					
		11.44+0.3	690+0.4	1431	190	51.42
3508	Jaramillo, Georni/VEN					
		10.88+0.4	747+0.7	1542	nh	48.66
3237	Roe, Martin/NOR					
		10.94+0.4	728+0.1	1508	187	dsq
dnf	Rolnin, Basile/FRA	11.42+0.4				withdrew
dns	Duckworth, Tim/GBR					dns
24s,22f..						

