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PAN AM NETS 8659 NR for WARNER

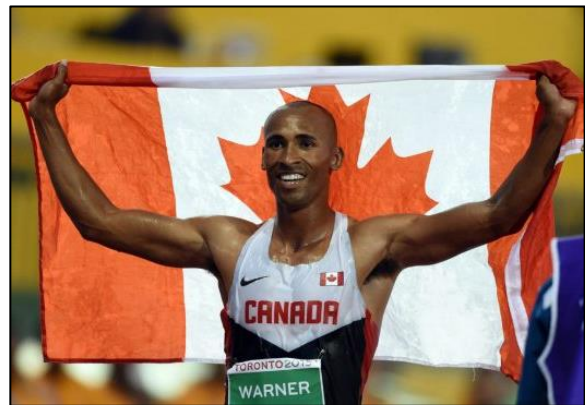
Bahner, Masterson 8th, 9th

Hello Again.....Congratulations to Damian Warner, 25, London, ONT as he set a meet and national record in the decathlon on Thursday at the Pan American Games breaking Michael Smith's 19-year-old Canadian record.

Warner scored 8,659 points [Smith's mark was 8,626]. He needed to run four minutes 29 seconds in the decathlon's final event, the 1,500 meters, to break the record, and ran [alone!] 4:24.73. See splits in box below.

"When I made my decision to come here to compete in front of the home crowd I didn't expect it to be this good," said Warner. "I certainly had a great time and I just want to thank the fans that came out for all their support over the last two days.

After the first several events two things were obvious...first, warner was hot (he tied his career best in the 100m and surpassed I in the long jump), and second, the three medals were virtually predictable...with ex NCAA champ Kurt Felix/Grenada and Brazilian Luiz Albert de Araujo netting the silver (8269) and bronze (8179). Cubans Yordani Garcia and come-backing Leonel Suarez were well below form early, and Brazilian Felip dos Santos had well known 2nd day woes. So the medals were locked in. Americans Austin Bahner (7451) and Derek Masterson (7436) were solid in 8th and 9th while Texas A&M recruit---a transfer from NAIA's Benedictine College--- Lindon Victor (often referred to as Victor Lindon!) was 7th with 7453 points. The Grenadian is a current



Canadian Damian Warner, 25, London, won the Pan-American Games title with a PR, MR and NR 8659 score.



A&M sophomore and he'll be an NCAA factor next year.

"It's been amazing. I'm glad I got to experience this. It will give me a great boost going into Beijing (upcoming World Championships)," the winner remarked.

Warner's PR effort was highlighted by a world decathlon best in the 110m hurdles of 13.44 seconds (wind: +2.0mps) erasing Fran Busemann's neame from the record books. Busemann/GER mark was made at the '96 OG in Atlanta. Warner followed with PRs in the discus and 1500m. He should now be regarded as a Beijing medal contender since he has more points to offer in the vault and javelin.

1500m Splits for Warner

| <i>distance</i> | <i>split</i> | <i>lap splits</i> | <i>final 800</i> |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 3 to go(300m) | .55 | | |
| 400m | .73 | 73 | |
| 2 to go(700m) | 2:07 | 72 | |
| 800m | 2:25 | 72 | |
| 1 to go(1100m) | 3:19 | 72 | |
| 1200m | 3:35.9 | 70 | |
| Final | 4:24.73 | 65.7 | 2:17.7 |



Warner clipped five hurdles but it didn't slow him much as he recorded a deca WR 13.44 clocking.



Results:

7/22-23 Pan American Games, Toronto, CAN

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|------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 8659 | Warner, Damian/CAN | 10.28+1.4 | 768+2.4 |
| | 1436 197 47.66 | <u>13.44+2.0 WR</u> | 4756 460 6153 4:24.73 |
| | | 4460/4199 | |
| 8269 | Felix, Kurt/GRN-exBoiseSt | 10.91+1.4 | 754+3.8 |
| | 1523 209 49.67 | 14.71+2.4 | 4454 460 6410 4:38.39 |
| 8179 | De Araujo, Luiz Alberto/BRA | 10.81+1.4 | 753+2.8 |
| | 1516 200 49.91 | 14.29+2.0 | 4616 470 5636 4:39.77 |
| 8019 | dos Santos, Felipe/BRA | 10.37+1.4 | 752+2.1 |
| | 1422 203 48.65 | 14.10+2.0 | 4238 450 4788 4:48.14 |
| 7919 | Garcia, Yordani/CUB | 10.80+1.4 | 689+4.1 |
| | 1491 185 49.60 | 14.06+2.0 | 4187 470 6173 4:39.30 |
| 7502 | Arbour, Patrick/CAN | 11.53+1.4 | 715+2.8 |
| | 1456 194 53.69 | 15.15+2.4 | 4880 430 6503 5:01.70 |
| 7453 | Victor, Lindon/GRN-Tex A&M*17 | 10.99+1.4 | |
| | 691+3.2 | 1475 194 52.18 | 15.85+2.4 4980 400 6697 5:14.03 |
| 7451 | Bahner, Austin/USA-ShockerTC | 10.87+1.4 | |
| | 727+1.4 | 1247 185 50.36 | 15.74+2.4 4235 460 5467 4:43.53 |
| 7436 | Masterson, Derek/USA-unat | 11.43+1.4 | 649+3.2 |
| | 1458 188 52.32 | 15.20+2.4 | 4750 480 5530 4:45.81 |
| 7419 | Garibay, Roman/MEX | 11.12+1.4 | 682+2.0 |
| | 1423 185 52.06 | 15.41+2.4 | 4451 420 6578 4:49.12 |
| 6659 | Saragon, Rodrigo/MEX | 10.80+1.4 | 633+2.2 |
| | 1318 182 49.00 | 14.75+2.4 | nm 400 5677 4:33.00 |
| dnf: | Suarez, Leonel/CUB | 11.22+1.4 | 711+2.7 |
| | 1443 197 50.94 | 14.41+2.0 | 4502 nh withdrew |
| dns: | Barriollet, Gonzalo/CHI-exFlaSt, | | 12s,11f. |