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MAYER, LePAGE, 'DOUBLE Z' ON PODIUM

World Champs From Oregon



Hello Again... While the rest of the US baked in oven like heat, Eugene, Oregon basked in near perfect weather. Day two in Eugene proved that mastery of the technical events is necessary to achieve a reservation on the World Champs podium. And, even with the unfortunate disaster for Damian Warner, it was a trio of vets: world record holder Kevin Mayer of France, Warner's long-time teammate Pierce LePage, and the consistent 'Double Z,' Zach Ziemek, who walked away from Hayward Field with the medals at the 18th world meet. Average age of the medalists....just shy of 29.

Here is what happened.



World Athletics Champs
University of Oregon
Eugene, PR
July 23-24, 2022

110m Hurdles: 9:34 am- 9:50 am

The first of 3 races resembled and NCAA final with 4 (!) former NCAA champs at the starting line. Estonians Johannes Erm and Maicel Uibo (both ex Georgia) sandwiched Zach Ziemek (ex Wisconsin) at the finish, 14.38-14.47-14.49. Lindon Victor/GRN (ex Texas A&M) was 4th in 14.76 and Leo Neugebauer/GER (currently at Texas) 5th at 14.86. ZZ was ready....with the fastest reaction time: 0.116 seconds.



Above: Kevin Mayer/FRA (left) and Pierce LePage (right) Went 1-2 in Eugene. Below: Vet Zach Ziemek PR'd adding 103 points to his career best (8676) and moving to #10 on the all-time US list.



The 2nd race was captured by Ken Mullings/BAH in 14.02 as both Niklas Kaul and Ashley Moloney showed some life.

The 3rd race was arresting. Pierce LePage/CAN outleaned Ayden Owens-Delerme, getting a PR 13.78 to 13.88. Good marks. Ex UCSD/Duke star Dan Golubovic was 3rd in 13.92, the same time given to Kevin Mayer who continued to put up solid (but not WR pace marks). He was back in the

medal hunt moving to 4th. Kyle Garland's 14.18 for 5th was a bit slower than expected.

After Six: AOD 5596, LePa 5488, , ZZ 5384, Garl 5364, Maye 5357, Molo 5294....Bast 5092,

Discus: 10:30-11:02 am, & 11:40 am-12:08 pm

Jiri Sykora in group A (better vaulters) and Victor (in Group B) both won their respective sections in the final round, and with eye-popping throws. The former got a meet record 54.39m/178-5 (pressing Bryan Clay's WR of 55.89/183-4 '05) and the latter 53.92/176-11. Whew!

Among the contenders ZZ spun a nice 48.40m/158-9, a meter less than Mayer who moved to 4th in the standings. Garland had a single fair attempt (45.44m/ 149-1) while AOD lost his lead getting just 42.36m/139-0. Hot LePage tossed a PR 53.26/174-9 to move to the overall lead.

After Seven: LePa 6427, AOD 6309, ZZ 6221, Maye 6216, Vict 6157, Garl 6140.....Bast 5770.

Pole Vault: 12:15 – 1:57 pm, 1:15 – 3:11 pm

Mayer and Ziemek put on a vaulting clinic in Group A (with the temps heating up). Both clearing SBs of 5.40m/17-8½. ZZ may have saved a medal with a 3rd try clearance at this bar. Neither could manage 5.50m/18-½.

Garland's 4.60m/15-1 and AOD's 4.50m/14-9 in Group A relinquished plenty of points to the vets Mayer and Ziemek and they remained in 3rd and 2nd respectively, just 5 points apart.

Meanwhile LePage maintained his lead (now 81 points in front of ZZ) with a 5.00m/16-4 ¾ clearance. Oh boy, will this be close!?! Moloney, suffering from a sore knee, withdrew.

After Eight: LePa, 7337, ZZ 7256, Maye 7251, ... AOD 7069, Vict 7006.....Garl 6930.....Bast 6589.

Javelin: 5:05 - and 6:10 pm

When Mayer speared 70.31m/230-8 in the 2nd round of Group A he virtually assured himself the gold medal. Unfazed Ziemek fought back with a career best 62.19m/204-0 toss which assured him a medal. Both had to wait for LePage's efforts in Group B, held 30 minutes afterwards. The Canadian held a 81 points (@ 5½ meters in the javelin).

LePage opened Group B with a 49m toss then managed 57.52m/188-8 that placed him 11 points (about two 1.5k seconds) ahead of ZZ. He did not improve in round 3 and Group B was won by Niklas Kaul at 69.74m/228-10. But the Doha winner was to far in arrears to be a podium contender. Lindon Victor, fashioning a significant score. got 66.20/217-2 to move to 4th overall,

The youngsters had fallen off the pace and the decathlon and a trio of veterans-- Mayer 30, Ziemek 29, LePage 26—would battle for the color of their medals.

After Nine: Maye 8145, LePa, 8038, ZZ 8027, Vict 7838,....., Garl 7567.....Bast 7264,

1500 meters 7:19 -7:24 pm

The scene of Double Z totally spent after the 1500m won't long be forgotten. He gave 100% striving for the silver, yet earned the bronze medal with a PR 8676 score. It took the world record holder (Mayer first in 8816) and a PR by LePage (8701) to beat him. He was totally spent on the track for a few minutes. Way to go ZZ!!

AOD pushed the pace and eventually clocked a Janvrin-like 4:13 winner with Kaul closing fast (4:13.81) yet all eyes were on the potential medalist who stayed in the back of the pack watching one another. ZZ needed a 1.8 margin over LePage for the silver but the Canadian never let him get away and a last straight sprint by ZZ ran out of gas. Mayer cruised in his gold medal safe. And that was that. Double ZZ with a World Champs medal! Yikes.

After Ten: Maye 8816, LePa 8701, ZZ 8676, AOD 8432, Vict 8474, Kaul 8434..... Garl 8133..... Bast 7939.

Results:



7/23-24 World Athletics Championships, Hayward

<u>Field, Eugene, OR</u>	
8816	Mayer, Kevin/FRA 10.62+0.8 755+1.1 1498 205 49.40 13.92+1.1 4944 540 7031 4:41.44
8701	LePage, Pierce/CAN 10.39+0.8 754+0.8 1483 199 46.84 13.78+1.1 5326 500 5752 4:42.77
8678	Ziemek, Zach/USA 10.57+0.8 770+1.6 1537 208 49.56 14.47+1.5 4840 540 6218 4:44.97
8532	Owens-Delorme, Ayden/PUR10.52+0.8 764+0.9 1497 202 45.06 13.88+1.1 4236 450 5098 4:13.02

8474	Victor, Lindon/GRN	10.78+0.8	726+0.1
	1629 202 49.27	14.76+1.5	5392 480 6620 4:47.22
8434	Kaul, Niklas/GER	11.22-0.2	709+1,2
	1452 205 48.39	14.27+0.4	4462 480 6974 4:13.81
8425	Uibo, Maicel/EST	11.14-0.2	732+0.9
	1517 211 50.38	14.49+1.5	4652 530 6354 4:37.58
8246	Dubler, Cedric/AUS	10.93+1.1	756+0.6
	1287 208 47.71	14.28+1.1	4288 510 5476 4:37.26
8227	Erm, Johannes/EST	10.94+1.1	737+1.8
	1501 193 47.02	14.38+1.5	4418 470 5687 4:25.08
8182	Neugebauer, Leo/GER	11.07+1.1	748-0.6
	1583 199 48.34	14.86+1.5	5188 480 5280 4:48.41
8133	Garland, Kyle/USA	10.69+0.8	741+0.9
	1524 214 49.64	14.19+1.1	4544 460 5323 4:58.94
8113	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	11.19+1.1	749+2.6
	1429 202 49.33	14.43+0.4	4096 500 6252 4:43.51
8107	Sykora, Jiri/CZE	11.11+1.1	714+1.2
	1489 193 49.29	14.14+0.4	5439 460 6149 4:55.90
8071	Golubovic, Dan/AUS	10.99-0.2	696+1.1
	1500 196 49.44	13.92+1.1	4637 460 5675 4:29.67
8062	Skotheim, Sander/NOR	10.88-0.2	755+1.4
	1369 217 49.80	15.05+1.5	4289 470 5547 4:40.84
7939	Bastien, Steven/USA	10.93+1.1	741+2.1
	1336 202 47.95	14.75+0.4	4066 470 5580 4:40.92
7866	Mullings, Kevin/BAH	10.83+1.1	696-0.9
	1383 205 49.21	14.02+0.4	4270 450 5692 4:52.85
7008	Nowak, Tim/GER	11.43-0.2	713+4.9
	1444 205 50.94	14.91+1.5	4213 nh 5652 4:26.87
dnf	Oiglane, Janek/EST	11.12+1.1	726+0.4
	1483 205 49.16	14.69_0.4	3049 dns
dnf	Moloney, Ashley/AUS	10.49+0.8	746+0.1
	1428 196 46.88	14.46+0.4	4245 540
dnf	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.27+0.8	787+0.5
	1499 205	dnf	
dnf	Nilsson, Marcus/SWE	11.46-0.2	590+0.7
	dns		
dnf	Preciado, Andy/ECU	dnf	

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