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## WARNER .....8895 at GÖTZIS Score is 5<sup>th</sup> best ever, WL, CanR & 6<sup>th</sup> Win



**Hello Again....**31 year old Canadian Damian Warner has won here before. Five times in fact. But never like this. He had a great shot at the world's 5<sup>th</sup> 9000 decathlon score and came up a step short. But, oh what a performance... 8895 points. Not only did he become the first to win at Götzis six times, but set a Canadian record to boot. He'll be an Olympic co-favorite in Tokyo. Here is a short summary of the 4<sup>th</sup> Götzis meeting.

### 45<sup>th</sup> Hypo-Bank Meeting Mosle Stadium Götzis, AUT May 29-30, 2021

#### Saturday....

#### 100 meters [11:45]

Nothing in the earlier sections prepared onlookers for Damian Warner's nifty sprint in the fifth race. As for onlookers, there was only a handful in the grandstand. Running in lane 4, with modest wind (+0.7mps) Warner, who set the world best here in 2019 (10.12) ran erect and smoothly. He was clear of teammate Pierce LePage, who would finish 3 steps back.

1.	Warner	Can	10.14
2.	LePage	Can	10.30
3.	Gaio	Sui	10.64

*After One: Warn 1062, LePa 1023, Tamm 945. Gaio 942*

#### Long Jump [12:55]

This was likely the best long jump competition in Götzis history. No one jumped less than 7 meters and conditions were perfect. Jumping last in the order in Group A



Damian Warner set a pair of world individual decathlon bests including this 8.28m/27-2 at the annual Hypo-Bank meeting in Götzis, Austria.

Warner, on his first and lone attempt, left no room at the board, used a +1.2mps breeze and stretched to world best 8.28m/27-2. Yikes! The last time we saw a start like this was the 2012 US Trials in Eugene. Warner's leap erased Ashton Eaton's previous mark of 8.20m/27-0. Belgian's Thomas Van der Plaetsen was 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.90m/25-11.

*After Two: Warn 2195, LePa 1945, Gaio 1944, Vand 1849 Vand*

**Shot Put [14:35]** Huge Vitaliy Zhuk/BLR won the event handedly with an eye-opening 16.86m/55-4 toss and moved to 4<sup>th</sup> overall.. Warner saved his best effort for round #3, 14.31m/46-11½.

*After Three: Warn 2942, LePa 2692, Gaio 2671, Zhuk 2657.*

#### High Jump [16:00]

After clearing a lifetime best equaling 2.09m/6-10¼, Damian did not attempt 2.12m/6-11½. Thomas Van der Plaetsen did missing thrice but moved back into contention. Damian took a

total of ten attempts and needed three of them to get over 2.06m/6-9, a watershed moment.

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 Warner    o    o    o    xo    xxo    xo  
*After Four: Warn 3829, LePa 3495, Vand 3453, Zhuk 3453.*

**400 Meters** [18:00]

Although he made up the stagger on teammate Lepage he was not able to pull free. Coming down the final straight the 6-5½ LaPage eased between Warner (in lane 2) and German Kai Kazmirek in 4. The lanky Lepage got the marginal win in 47.65 with Warner a step back in 47.90. Kazmirek was caught in 48.19.

The first day score for Damian was the best non-windy score ever at the break.

*After Five: Warn 4743, LePa 4421, Zhuk 4279, Taam 4257.*

**Damian Warner Comments:**

"Everything went well," Warner said. "It's been a long time since I was out here, so to come out here and perform this well is awesome." So too is being on the cusp of cracking the 9,000-point plateau.

"It (9,000 points) is an incredible barrier," Warner said. "There's a reason why only three people have ever done it so I know if I ever

**Sunday----May 30, 2021**

**110m Hurdles** [10:05]

The first four races were anti-climatic As the few spectators waited for the final seeded race. Warner responded with an eye-opening world best 13.36 clocking (1059) and 9k look more than just possible. Surprising Swiss/American Finley Gaio also PR'd at 13.68.

	<i>Wind: +0.9 mps</i>		<i>time</i>	<i>points</i>
1....Warner	CAN	13.36	1059	
2. Gaio	SWI	13.68	1016	
3. LePage	CAN	14.05	968	
4. Brugger	GER	14.26	941	
5. Kazmirek	GER	14.56	903	
6. Samuelson	SWE	14.56	903	

*After Six: Warn 5802, LePa 5389, Haio 5229, Vand 5183*

**Discus** [11:10]

Warner did not let up...as a matter of fact the Canadian pair unexpectedly went 1-2 with Warner on top by half a foot...48.43m /158-10 and 48.25m/158-4. Damian's best effort came in round #2 after a mediocre 41+ toss in round #1. Damian's PR of 50.26m/164-10 was 5 years old. Gaio fell to 5<sup>th</sup> with a 40.27m/132-1 effort.

*After Seven: Warn 6640, LePa 6233, Vand 5984, Zhuk 5923.*

**Pole Vault** [13:00]

Jumping in Group 'B' Warner opened at 4.40m/14-5¼ and had but a single miss thru 4.80m/15-9. But 4.90m/16-¾ (his PR) proved too much a challenge. Yet, with two events remaining a 9k score still looked possible.

The vaulting was singularly impressive. B was won at 5.10m/16-8¾ by Dutchman Rik Taam.....a bar that used to win Group A.

In group A the bar went all the way to 5.50m /18-½.... unsuccessful but both Baptiste Thierry/FRA and Thomas Van der Plaetsen/BEL managed a bar lower, 5.40m/17-8½. Everyone scrambled to the scorebook to do the numbers.

*After Eight: Warn 7489, LePa 7184m Vand 7019, Zhuk 6803.*

**Javelin** [15:45]

Predictably world champion Niklaus Kaul/GER won here (71.49m/234-7) but was well below form for the entre meet. And it was here that Damian experienced his lone weak moment PR . He opened with a foul and then tossed 53.25m/174-9 before getting back on track with 59.46m/195-0.

*After Nine: Warn 8218, LePa 7958, Vand 7758, Zhuk 7619.*

**1500 Meters** [18:00]

Needing a marginal PR 4:24.59 (=781 pts) Warner gave it the 'college try.' One has to admire his effort but the challenge just fell short, missing by 6/10<sup>th</sup> of a second (a step!!). But he earned the respect of the crowd (such as it was) as well as the entire CE community.

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He'll never lose any sleep wondering what might have happened if he had not given it his best shot, but he was running in sand the last straight. It was oh so close. The final 8995 score goes into the books as the 6<sup>th</sup> best ever and made him the # 4 performer all-time.

*After Ten: Warn 8995, LePa 8534, Vand 8430, Zhuk 8331.*

**Results:**



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<b>8995</b>	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.14+0.7
828+1.2	1431 209 47.90 13.36+0.9 4843 480 5946 4:25.19	
<b>8534</b>	LePage, Pierce/CAN	10.30+0.7
745+1.0	1431 200 47.65 14.05+0.9 4825 510 5706 4:40.69	
<b>8430</b>	VanDer Plaetsen, Thomas/BEL	11.21+0.5
790+1.1	1381 209 50.29 14.36-0.3 4664 540 6005 4:41.39	
<b>8331</b>	Zhuk, Vitaliy/BLR	10.96-0.2
729+1.0	1686 197 49.33 14.77-0.3 4498 490 6516 4:35.05	
<b>8263</b>	Kaul, Niklas/GER	11.37+0.5
725+1.3	1454 203 48.61 14.61+1.8 4451 470 7149 4:28.86	
<b>8222</b>	Pittomvils, Neils/BEL	11.32+0.5
740+0.1	1489 200 49.94 14.35+1.8 4727 490 6277 4:34.73	
<b>8190</b>	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	10.92+1.9
741+1.8	1403 203 48.19 14.56+0.9 4222 500 6175 4:44.71	
<b>8161</b>	Wiesiolek, Pawel/POL	10.75+1.9
738+0.6	1446 197 49.47 14.84-0.3 4627 500 5658 4:35.70	
<b>8157</b>	Uibo, Maicr/EST	11.38+0.5
715+0.5	1483 206 51.05 14.64-0.3 4599 490 6580 4:31.00	
<b>8156</b>	Lillemets, Risto/EST	10.98-0.2
711+0.2	1455 200 49.66 14.33+1.8 4311 500 6055 4:30.72	
<b>8095</b>	Taam, Rik/NED	10.63+1.9
730+0.5	1431 197 48.13 14.51+1.8 3749 510 5299 4:30.66	
<b>8073</b>	Brugger, Mathias/GER	11.07+0.5
704+0.6	1459 197 48.60 14.26+0.9 4499 480 5467 4:26.30	
<b>8032</b>	Rosenberg, Kristjan/EST	10.85-0.2
733+1.1	1490 200 48.60 15.04+0.5 4346 470 5499 4:34.40	
<b>7925</b>	Samuelson, Fredrik/SWE	11.25-0.2
728+1.0	1439 200 51.12 14.56+0.9 4493 470 6500 4:49.90	

<b>7899</b>	Gaio, Finley/SUI	10.64+0.7
777+0.9	1398 182 48.24 13.64+0.9 4027 460 4995 4:49.18	
<b>7766</b>	Thiery, Baptiste/FRA	10.90-0.2
704+0.2	1174 191 48.78 15.15+0.5 4086 540 4966 4:30.71	
<b>7738</b>	Rooth, Markus/NOR	10.98+0.5
731+0.6	1431 197 50.77 14.80+0.5 4643 450 5737 4:57.69	
<b>7709</b>	Hutterer, Dennis/GER	10.96+0.5
714+1.4	1390 182 49.71 14.76+0.5 4769 480 4896 4:40.77	
<b>dnf</b>	Raap, Eafael/NED	10.86+1.9
723+0.5	1383 206 50.87 14.75+1.8 4405 nh dns	
<b>dnf</b>	Dolezal, Jan/CZE	10.94+0.5
715+1.9	1402 197 50.68 15.30-0.3 4818 dns	
<b>dnf</b>	Bechmann, Andreas/GER	10.97+0.7
728+0.7	1503 194 48.18 dns	
<b>dnf</b>	Hubert, Axel/FRA	11.20+1.9
700+0.7	1462 185 dns	
<b>dnf</b>	DeWolff, Rody/NED	11.12+0.5
738+1.6	1451 191	
<b>dnf</b>	Rolinin, Basilr/FRA	11.13+0.5
713+1.0	1366 dns	
<b>dnf</b>	Ehammer, Simon/SUI	10.77+0.7
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<i>All-Time Decathlon List</i>			
9126	Kevin Mayer	FRA	2018
9046	Ashton Eaton	USA	2015
9039	Eaton		2012
9029	Roman Sebrle	CZE	2001
<i>[3 performers, 4 performance &gt; 9000]</i>			
8995	Damian Warner	CAN	2021
8994	Thomas Dvorak	CZE	1999
8891	Dan O'Brien	USA	1992
8832	Bryan Clay	USA	2008
8815	Erki Nool	EST	2001
8811	Daley Thompson	GBR	1986
8790	Trey Hardee	USA	2009
8784	Tom Pappas	USA	2003
8735	Edward Hamalainen	BLR	1994

Warner, who won bronze at the 2016 Rio Olympics, became the first person to win six Hypo-Meeting titles. The Hypo-Meeting is considered an unofficial world championship for multi-event athletes.

Warner's results come after a roller-coaster year that saw him locked out of his training facility at the University of Western Ontario due to COVID-19 safety protocols. Warner couldn't travel to the U.S. to train in the winter so his team, with the help of numerous volunteers, built an indoor training facility in the 66-year-old, unheated Farquharson Arena.