

XXXII OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO

Warner Leads at Break



Hello Again... After an eye-opening first day 31 year old Canadian Damian Warner got five more high level performances and set an Olympic decathlon mark of 9018 points? Tokyo represented his second seasonal challenge to a 9k score. Only Roman Sebrle, Ashton Eaton and current record holder Kevin Mayer could claim '9k' on their resume.

After the pole vault, where Warner equaled a lifetime best, the medals had been determined and the focus here was on the final score. Needing 4:33.85 or better Warner gave it the 'college try' and, having missed by a scant 5 points in Götztisin May, sprinted to a 9018 score, an Olympic record and the 5th highest ever. *Well done Damian.*



Canadian Damian Warner ran up the highest decathlon score in Olympic history, 9018 points, in Tokyo.

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110 m Hurdles: [9:00 am]

A warm, calm day greeted the 21 remaining competitors. Mayer dominated the 1st race winning handily in 13.90 while Ziemek ran a season best of 14.71, a clocking far superior to his Trials mark.

Section #	wind	0.1	lane	PR	time	rect	pts
1...	Mayer	FRA	3	13.54	13.90	0.137	987
3	Erm	EST	4	14.19	14.55	0.155	905
4	Victor	GRN	5	14.45	14.83	0.174	870
2	Ziemek	USA	6	14.29	14.51	0.181	910
6	Tilga	EST	7	15.13	16.10	0.187	722
5	Roe	NOR	8	15.03	15.47	0.144	794

It was dead calm in the stadium. In the second race which Helecet won in 14.35, 0.17 off a PR.

Section #	1	wind	0.0	lane	PR	time	rect	pts
1	Helecet	CZE	4	14.18	14.35	0.140	930	
2...	Shkurenkov	ROC	2	13.95	14.43	0.174	920	
3	Skyora	CZE	8	14.12	14.48	0.160	913	
4	Kazmirek	GER	9	14.05	14.73	0.176	882	
5	Uibo	EST	5	14.43	14.83	0.262	870	
6	Wiesolek	POL	6	14.28	14.95	0.154	856	
7...	Zhuk	BLR	3	14.48	14.95	0.146	856	
dns	Kaul	GER	7	14.38	dns			

Warner was in complete control in the 3rd race and the gold was his to lose. He stretched his margin over Moloney to 162 points. Warner clocked an OR 13.46, shaving 0.01 seconds of Frank Buseman's 1996 Atlanta meet record. And the scoring tables came back out....could he press 9k? Scantling (14.03) was 0.15 off his Trials mark while Bastien (14.24) was 0.18 seconds from his best. Moloney PR's again and was looking like a podium visitor. The three Yanks remained in the top nine.

Section #	3	wind	-1.0	lane	PR	time	rect	pts
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1...Warner	CAN	7	13.27	13.46	0.148	1045	
2	Scantling	USA	6	13.88	14.03	0.162	971
3	Moloney	AUS	3	14.09	14.08	0.143	964
4	Urena	ESP	9	13.88	14.13	0.132	958
5	LePage	CAN	5	14.05	14.39	0.168	925
6...Bastien	USA	2	14.24	14.42	0.148	921	
7	dos Santos	BRA	8	13.74	14.58	0.172	901
9	Dubler	AUS	4	13.86	15.10	0.129	837

After Six: Warn 5767, Molo 5605, LePa 5454, Maye 5327, Scan 5309, Bastien 5290,9th ZZ 5232.



Warner's 14.36 shaved 0.01 seconds off the meet record

Discus: [9:50 am]

The first (lower seeded) group found ROC's Shkurenkov winning at 47.02m/154-3, one centimeter better than that of Zhuk/BLR. Ziemek was consistent in the 44 meter range (best of 44.87m/147-2) but was well of his 2019 form of 50 meters+.

In the second group Warner's first toss (very relaxed) sealed the deal at 48.67m/159-8 after Victor's group leading 49.75m/163-2 toss. Mayer followed at 46.59m/152-10, The



The Warner-Mayer discus differential assured that there would be no challenge for the gold, below expectations. Not in top form, he was competing on memory.

Skyora/CZE won the event in round #3 at 49.90m/163-9 while Mayer improved to 48.08m/157-9. Scantling's best was 45.46m/149-2. The first two medals appeared a lock.

After Seven: Warn 6610, Molo 6359, LePa 6265, Maye 6157, Scan 6085,9th 5996.....11th 5970

Pole Vault: [12:45 pm]

In Group A (seeded as the lower capable vaulters) Warner started at 4.50m/14-9 and progressed thru a PR+ 4.90m/16-3/4, made on a 3rd try. Firmly in charge. Bastien only managed 4.60m/15-1 and Tilga nh'd but did not withdraw.

In Group B (better vaulters) Uiibo surprised with a career best 5.50m/18-1/2 clearance, two bars up on Ziemek who had passed 5.40m/17-8 1/2. Mayer got 5.20m/17-3/4 to move closer to a podium spot and 46 points outside of 3rd. Moloney and LePage both managed 5.00m/16-4 3/4.

After Eight: Warn 7490, Molo 7269, Lepa 7175, Maye 7129, ZZ 7000, Scan7026, ZZ 7000.....Bast 6760.

Javelin: [9:14 pm]

Group A provided some drama as LaPage (57.24m/187-10 and Moloney (57.12m/187-5) were subpar. Bastien's 58.21m/190-7 was robust and moved him to place overall. But the story was NCAA winner Tilga, whose javelin history is checkered. Yet he PR'd here at 73.36m/240-7 to win the event.

Group B provided an opportunity for Mayer to move to the podium and for Warner to solidify his substantial lead. Both happened. Mayer's 2nd round 73.09m/239-9 strike moved him to 2nd, but Warner's substantial 63.44m/208-1 second round toss gave him an insurmountable 214 point lead and a real chance for 9000!. Moloney was solid in 3rd and the medals had been determined. No 1964 Tokyo drama.

Both Scantling (69.10m/226-8) and Ziemek (60.44m/198-4) performed well. After Nine: Warn 8280, Maye 8066, Molo 7964, LePa 7871, Scan 7902, Vict 7821, ZZ 7744.....10th Bast 7471.

1500 meters: [9:00 am]

Although anti-climatic from a medal standpoint, this was a fascinating event because of the 9000 chase.



Does this photo remind anyone of the Daley Thompson photo at 1982 Euro Champs in Athens? Warner is looking for a spot to lie down.

Bastien bolted at the gun and led Shkurenkov with 3 laps remaining. Mayer was in close attendance but Warner buried himself in the middle of the pack, and even though he had earned the luxury to cruise, the 9000 score was possible (needed 4:33+) and, unlike the May attempt in the Austrian Alps, he would not let this one get away.

Urena soon joined the breakaway and took the lead after 800m with Bastien on his shoulder, Mayer had faded and Warner kept his eye on the clock while pacing LePage who need to make up 15 seconds on Moloney for the bronze.

Urena led going into the final lap but Bastien outran him down the home stretch for the victory, 4:26.95 to 4:27.82.

On the final lap Warner sprinted hard and was two seconds inside of his goal. 9k!!! LePage had made up only 8 seconds on Moloney who hung on for the bronze. Running best of all were Scantling (a Huffins moment) and Ziemek who ran in tandem. Both recorded career bests in 4:35.54 and 4:38.38 to just edge LePage for 4th while Ziemek's 6th was one spot higher than his place in Rio. Mayer's 4:43.17 won silver, *After Ten: Warn 9018, Maye 8726, Molo, 8649, Scan 8611, LePa 8604, ZZ 8435....10th Bast 8236.*

Splits of 1500 Meters

	Leaders	times
300 m (3 laps to go)	Bastien, Shkurenkov	53.2, 53.3
400 m	Bastien, Shkurenkov	71.9, 72.4
700 m (2 laps to go)	Bastien, Urena	2:07.1, 2:07.4
800 m	Bastien, Urena	2:25.8, 2:26.1
1100 m (1 lap to go)	Urena, Bastien	3:20.8, 3:21.0
1200m	Urena, Bastien	3:38.3, 3:38.8
Final	Bastien, Urena	4:26.95, 4:27.82



Results:

9018	Warner, Damian/CAN	10.12+0.2	824+0.2
	1480 202 47.48 13.46-1.0	4867 490 6344 4:31.08	
8726	Mayer, Kevin/FRA	10.68+0.1	750+0.9
	1507 208 50.31 13.90+0.1	4808 520 7309 4:43.17	
8649	Moloney, Ashley/AUS	10.34+0.2	764+0.4
	1449 211 46.29 14.08-1.0	4438 500 5712 4:39.19	
8611	Scantling, Garrett/USA	10.67+0.2	730-0.1
	1559 199 48.25 14.03-1.0	4546 510 6910 4:35.54	
8604	LePage, Pierce/CAN	10.43+0.2	765+0.9
	1531 199 46.92 14.35-1.0	4714 500 5724 4:31.85	
8435	Ziemek, Zach/USA	10.55+0.2	720+0.2
	1499 205 49.06 14.51+0.1	4487 530 6044 4:38.38	
8414	Victor, Lindon/GRN	10.67+0.1	724+0.4
	1539 202 49.21 14.83+1.0	4975 490 7156 4:54.32	
8413	Shkurenkov, Ilya/ROC	10.93+0.8	759+0.2
	1495 199 48.98 14.43 0.0	4702 510 6095 4:34.62	
8322	Urena, Jorge/ESP	10.66+0.8	730+0.1
	1397 205 48.00 14.13-1.0	4370 490 5582 4:27.82	
8236	Bastien/Steven/USA	10.69+0.2	739+0.2
	1440 205 47.64 14.42-1.0	4077 460 5821 4:26.95	
8213	Erm, Johannes/EST	11.04+0.1	736+0.4
	1460 199 48.25 14.55+1.0	4572 480 5841 4:28.42	
8176	Wiesiolek, Pawel/POL	10.83+0.2	727+0.2
	1490 202 48.24 14.95 0.0	4827 480 5160 4:30.02	
8131	Zhuk, Vitaliy/BLR	11.04+0.8	693+0.4
	1623 196 49.24 14.95 0.0	4701 510 5949 4:42.57	
8126	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	11.09+0.8	748+0.8
	1446 202 48.17 14.73 0.0	4270 480 6378 4:38.40	
8037	Uibo, Maicel/EST	11.32+0.1	737+0.4
	1395 202 50.82 14.83 0.0	4638 550 5064 4:38.64	
8004	Helcelet, Adam Seb/CZE	11.06+0.1	718+0.4
	1499 196 49.41 14.35 0.0	4540 460 6154 4:44.74	
7943	Sykora, Jiri/CZE	11.18+0.8	703+0.6
	1463 190 48.89 14.48 0.0	4990 460 6373 4:54.97	
7880	dos Santos, Felipe/BRA	10.58+0.2	738+0.5
	1413 202 49.31 14.58-1.0	3991 460 5456 4:52.40	
7863	Roe, Martin/NOR	10.86+0.8	703+0.3
	1398 196 50.93 15.47+1.0	4837 480 6228 4:47.58	
7018	Tilga, Karel/EST	11.31+0.8	677+0.2
	1507 202 50.38 16.10+1.0	4131 nm 7336 4:38.24	
7008	Dubler, Cedric/AUS	10.89+0.8	736 0.0
	1335 205 49.02 15.10-1.0	4331 nh 5852 5:03.69	
dnf:	Kaul, Niklas/GER	11.22+0.1	736+0.4
	1455 211 dnf		
dnf:	Van der Plaetsen, Thomas/BEL	11.05+0.1	nm
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