

U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials

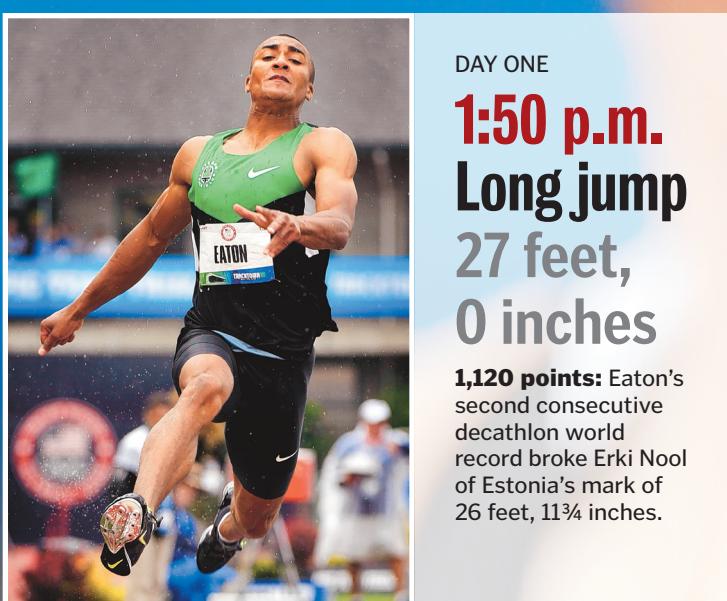
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An event-by-event look at how Ashton Eaton — at his home track — broke the 11-year-old world decathlon record


DAY ONE
1 p.m. 100 meter run 10.21 seconds

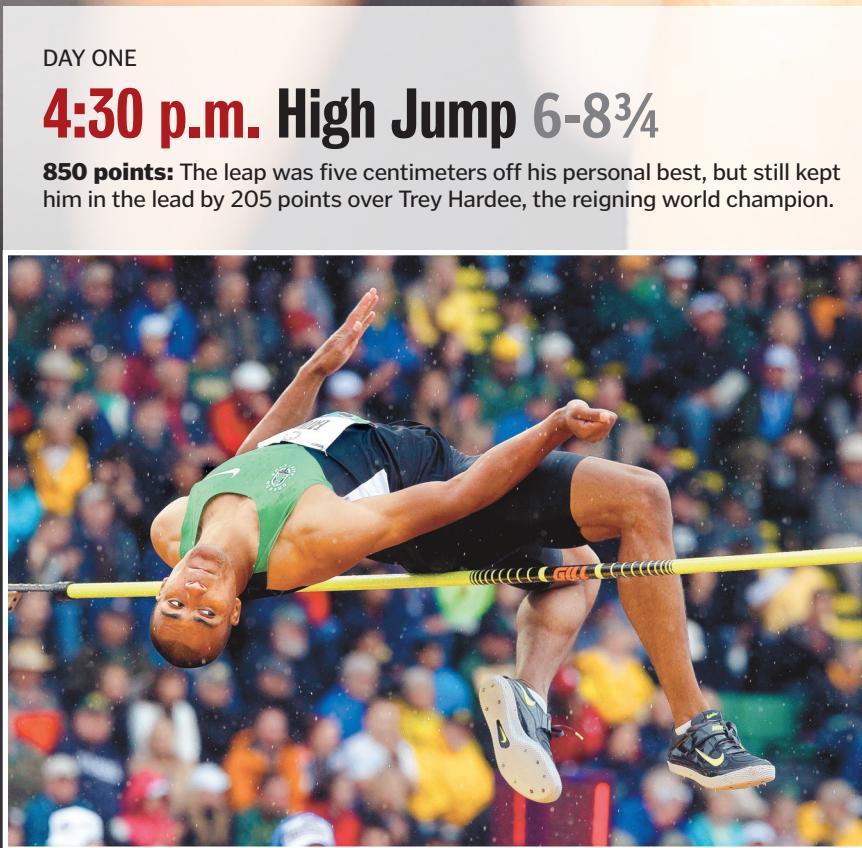
1,044 points: The idea a world record could be at hand began with the very first event — itself a world decathlon record. Eaton bolted out of the starting blocks to better the former record of 10.22 seconds by Chris Huffins in 1996.


DAY ONE
1:50 p.m. Long jump 27 feet, 0 inches

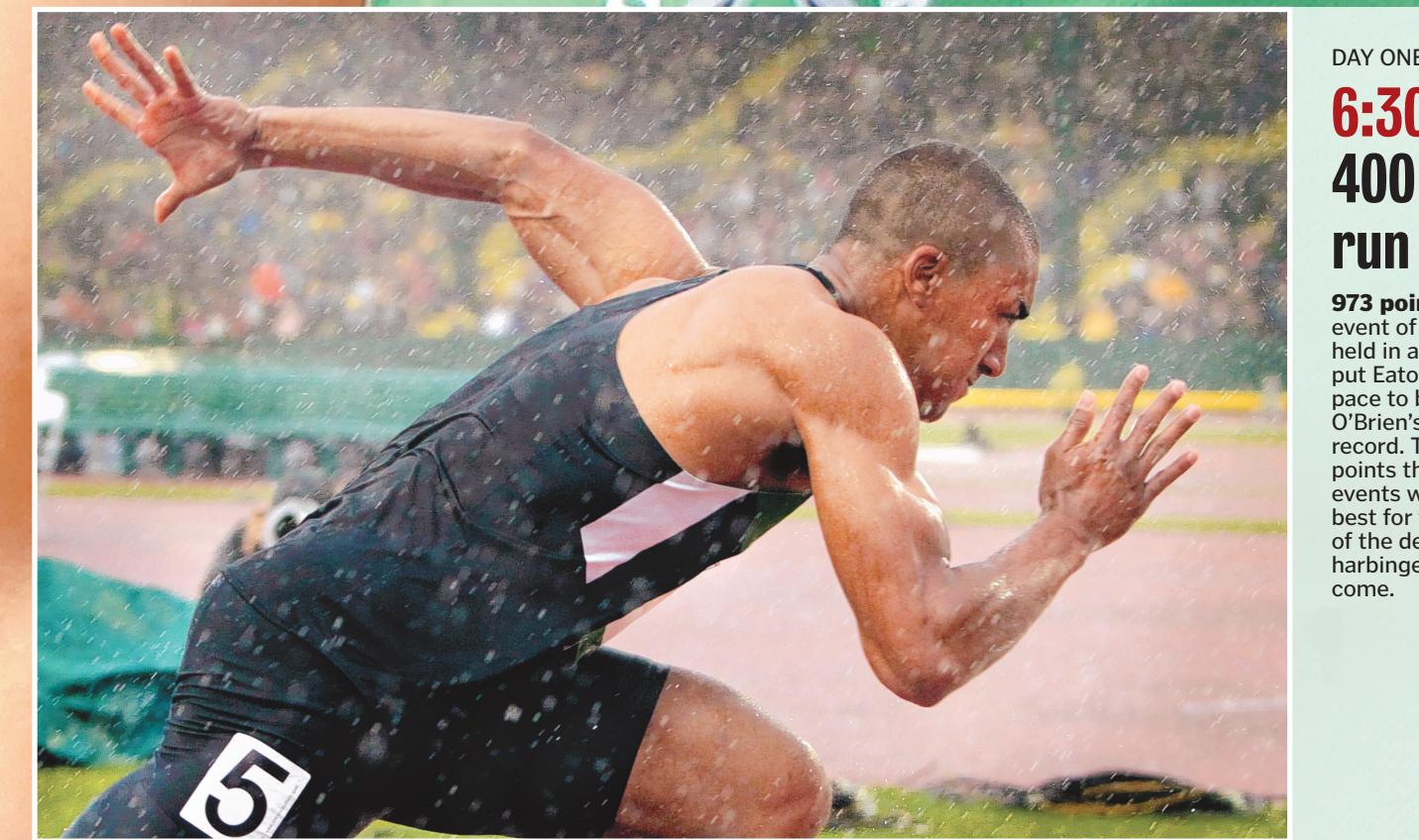
1,120 points: Eaton's second consecutive decathlon world record broke Erki Nool of Estonia's mark of 26 feet, 11 1/4 inches.


DAY ONE
3:05 p.m. Shot Put 46-7 1/4

741 points: Always one of Eaton's weakest events, the shot put was a chance for the OTC Elite star to fall back to earth ever so slightly. He would finish fifth.


DAY ONE
4:30 p.m. High Jump 6-8 3/4

850 points: The leap was five centimeters off his personal best, but still kept him in the lead by 205 points over Trey Hardee, the reigning world champion.


DAY ONE
6:30 p.m. 400 meter run 46.70

973 points: The final event of the first day, held in a downpour, put Eaton ahead of pace to beat Dan O'Brien's American record. The 4,728 points through five events were a personal best for the first day of the decathlon — a harbinger of things to come.

**DAY TWO**
9:30 a.m. 110 meter hurdles 13.70

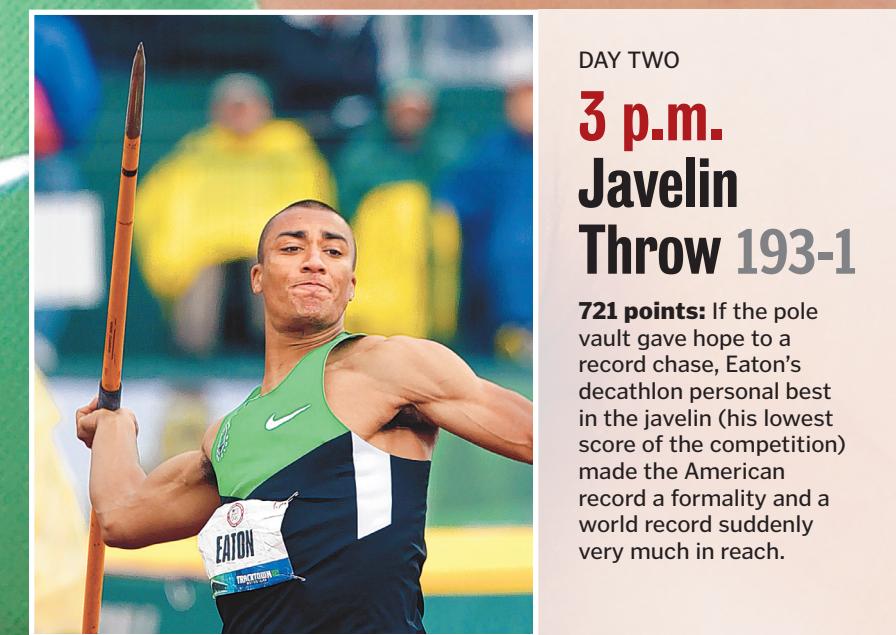
1,014 points: One of Eaton's seven victories during the decathlon included the first event of the second day, running .01 faster than Hardee.

**DAY TWO**
10:20 a.m. Discus Throw 140-5

722 points: Eaton was eighth in the second event of the second day to hold a 195-point lead over Hardee.

**DAY TWO**
12:30 p.m. Pole vault 17-4 1/4

1,004 points: Eaton set a lifetime best to win by nearly a foot. It made the world record a distinct possibility to his coach, Harry Marra, Eaton said. "He stopped me and looked at me, and said, 'Ashton, the world record!'"


DAY TWO
3 p.m. Javelin Throw 193-1

721 points: If the pole vault gave hope to a record chase, Eaton's decathlon personal best in the javelin (his lowest score of the competition) made the American record a formality and a world record suddenly very much in reach.



<< DAY TWO

5:30 p.m. 1,500 meter run 4:14.48

850 points: Paced by Joe Detmer and Curtis Beach, Eaton's PR was well under the 4:16.37 needed to set the record and become "the world's greatest athlete."