

REVIEW 43 YEARS OF COMBINED EVENTS MEETING GÖTZIS

1973

The LG Montfort decides to apply for the organisation of the Austrian multi discipline event championships. In July 1973, these championships see a great Austrian record with exactly 8000 points by Sepp Zeilbauer as well as a considerable response of the spectators. When Armin Hug, Konrad Lerch, Elmar Oberhauser and Werner Ströhle experience another record by Sepp Zeilbauer in the European Cup, which is held in Innsbruck a month later, they have the idea to establish an international meeting in Goetzis, replacing the traditional multi discipline meeting in Schielleiten. Thanks to Konrad Lerchs' function as a national coach, he has contact to numerous international coaches and athletes, which helps to attract world-class competitors.

1975

his is the year! In spite of bad weather conditions, GDR's Burglinde Pollak does a seasonal world best in the pentathlon. The organisation and the warm atmosphere of the combined meeting in Goetzis overwhelm both, the athletes and the coaches. Nevertheless the organiser of the event has to face a considerable financial deficit.

1976

With Volksbank as a new sponsor and commitments from the federal government, state and municipality Götzis, as well as from the ASVÖ, the initiators of the meeting Luis Fessler, Armin Hug, Konrad Lerch, Elmar Oberhauser and Werner Ströhle started a new attempt.

In the decathlon Guido Kratschmer won with an annual world record and a new German record of 8,381 points (8,302 points in 1985), ahead of Sepp Zeilbauer, who scored 8,310 points (8,219) in the Austrian record. In the pentathlon Diane Jones / Canada celebrated a very close win (6 points) ahead of Burglinde Pollak.

1977

The local hero Sepp Zeilbauer wins the decathlon. Daley Thompson/GBR claims a world junior record with 7,921 points. Diane Jones-Konihowski/CAN wins in the pentathlon again.

1978

The winners are Guido Kratschmer and, for the first time, Jane Frederick/USA.

1979

Thierry Dubois wins the decathlon for France, and Jane Frederick/USA can celebrate a victory for the second time.

1980

More than 7,000 spectators cheer for Daley Thompson who sets up a fantastic new world record with 8,622 points in the decathlon. Jekaterina Smirnova/URS becomes the darling of the public with her victory in the pentathlon. The meeting in 1980 is the only big encounter of athletes from the East and the West because of the previous boycott of the Moscow Olympics by various states.

1981

Sepp Zeilbauer celebrates his second meeting-victory; Jane Frederick wins the heptathlon for the third time.

1982

Daley Thompson/GBR improves the world record for the second time in the Moesle stadium. With 8,730 points he can clearly win over his big rival Jürgen Hingsen/FRG. Jane Frederick wins for the fourth time in Goetzis and achieves a new USrecord.

1983

A great honour is the visit of the Federal President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger. The winners of this meeting are both from the Soviet Union: Grigoriy Degtyaryov and Natalya Shubenkova.

1984

Grigoriy Degtyaryov is able to repeat his victory of the previous year with a seasonal world best and a new national record. His team colleague Nadesha Winogradova reaches the top in the heptathlon. Goetzis again presents itself impressively in the year of the boycott of the Olympics in Los Angeles by various Eastern European countries as a mediator of the athletes from the East and West.

1985

The HYPO bank Vorarlberg becomes the main sponsor of the meeting. A GDR double success of Uwe Freimuth and Thorsten Voss in the decathlon is accompanied by the fifth (!) victory of Jane Frederick in the heptathlon. Thus, the US-athlete has set up a new record that is unbroken up to 2007.

1986

Ten years after his first success in Goetzis in 1976, Guido Kratschmer wins the decathlon for the third time (after 1978). The star of the women athletes Jackie Joyner- Kersee from the USA sets up new standards in the heptathlon.

1987

In front of the backdrop of 10,000 spectators Siegfried Wentz/FRG and Anke Behmer/GDR, two darlings of the public and loyal athletes to the Moesle stadium, can win the decathlon and heptathlon for the first time.

1988

We see the dominance of the GDR athletes with the victory of Uwe Freimuth in the decathlon and Anke Behmer in the heptathlon.

1989

The name of the winner of the 15th Hypo bank combined meeting in Goetzis is Christian Plaziat from France. For the third time Anke Behmer comes off as a winner in the heptathlon.

1990

Two days of excellent weather. 8,000 spectators and two seasonal world bests from Sabine Braun/FRG and Christian Schenk/GDR. These are the highlights of the 16th Hypo bank combined meeting. But not only these highlights make this meeting stand out. Federal Minister Hilde Hawlicek and the governor of Vorarlberg visit the meeting. The governments at federal, state and local level inform the organisers that they are going to provide the necessary funds for the building of a new stand.

1991

For the first time athletes from the FRG and the former GDR participate as one team. The achievements of the first day allow conjectures of a Sunday full of records. Unfortunately, the Sunday is full of rain, and not just a bit. In spite of these adverse weather conditions, Michael Smith/CAN can set up a new seasonal world best with 8,427 points as well as Sabine Braun/GER with 6,584 points.

1992

"Two great days! In fact, they couldn't have been better!", that's the resumé of Sabine Braun from Germany, the world and European champion in the heptathlon, after she wins the international Hypo bank meeting for the third time. Her 6,985 points are German record and at the same time seasonal world best. Robert Zmelik from Czechoslovakia manages the same victory. With 8,627 points he is able to excel the former national record and he wins with a seasonal world best.

1993

The organisers see a long cherished dream come true when the new press gallery is officially opened and much of the stadium's infrastructure has been improved. With 10,000 spectators we set up a new Moesle-record. Svetla Dimitrova wins in the heptathlon as the

first athlete from Bulgaria, after the elimination of the serial winner Sabine Braun due to injury. In the decathlon the future vice world champion of Stuttgart Eduard Hämäläinen wins and sets up the Belorussian record with 8,604 points.

1994

Top performances in the decathlon and in the heptathlon. Eduard Hämäläinen is able to improve the stadium record of the legendary Daley Thompson from 1982 with 8,735 points. Sabine Braun/GER is the Moesle-winner for the fourth time with 6,665 points and a seasonal world best.

1995

Goetzis welcomes two newborn stars: Ghada Shouaa from Syria and Erki Nool from Estonia gain a sensational victory in front of the favourites Sabine Braun and Eduard Hämäläinen. 6,715 and 8,575 points stand for two seasonal world bests and two national records.

1996

The Syrian world champion Ghada Shouaa and the Canadian darling of the public Michael Smith gain the victories with two seasonal world bests at the 22nd meeting. With 6,492 points the winner of the previous year just misses the limit of 7000 points. At his tenth competition Michael Smith can set up a Canadian record with 8,626 points and is after 1991 again the “king of the decathletes” on the rostrum.

1997

Drama in the decathlon. The first five athletes are just 150 points apart. Finally, Eduard Hämäläinen, now competing for Finland, triumphs for the 3rd time in Goetzis. 8,617 points are seasonal world best. Tomas Dvorak and Michael Smith come in second and third. In the heptathlon the British Denise Lewis wins for the first time. Her 6,736 points stand for a new Commonwealth record.

1998

Excellent start at the new “IAAF World Combined Events Challenge”, the Grand Prix of the decathletes and heptathletes, at the Hypo meeting in Goetzis. Two seasonal world bests, a lot of action, wonderful weather and 10,000 spectators in the Moesle stadium. Erki Nool wins – supported by numerous Estonian fans – the second time after 1995 with 8,627 points. Irina Belova wins her first heptathlon (6,466 points).

1999

At the 25th anniversary of the meeting in Goetzis Tomas Dvorak gains the victory in the decathlon for the first time. The world champion from the Czech Republic beats the darling of the public Erki Nool. DeDee Nathan from the US wins with 6,577 points in the heptathlon – 14 years after the last US-win from the world record holder Jackie Joyner-Kersey. But

the anniversary is also a meeting with the “old stars”. The crowd enthusiastically celebrates Daley Thompson, Siegi Wentz and Jane Frederick, together with all the other great athletes of the long meeting history.

2000

The millennium in the Moesle stadium starts with the best decathlon ever seen in the world. For the first time 15 decathletes exceed the 8000-points-limit and in a very exciting competition Tomas Dvorak wins with 8.900 points. 2nd place goes to his team colleague Roman Sebrle (8,757 points) – his first time on the rostrum at the Hypo meeting in Goetzis. The world champion from Sierra Leone Eunice Barber, who starts for France now, can celebrate an excellent win with 6,842 points. Also the heptathlon goes down in history as one of the best competitions ever, with 15 athletes over the 6000-points-limit.

2001

With excellent weather and midsummer-like temperatures Roman Sebrle manages to break a barrier in the history of athletics and exceeds the world record of his national companion Tomas Dvorak with never before seen 9,026 points!! Never has anybody exceeded the 9000-points-limit! The elation and excitement of 11,000 spectators don't come to an end. The Hypo meeting Goetzis goes down in the history of sports and becomes a highlight in the international news coverage. Sebrle thanks Attila Zsivocz, who led the final and dramatic 1500m-run and made the world record possible. Eunice Barber wins the second time in a row in the Moesle stadium.

2002

Nice weather sticks to the Moesle meeting and Roman Sebrle repeats his victory of the previous year with 8,800 points, which remain seasonal world best until the end of the year. Tom Pappas comes second and is therefore the first US-decathlete since 1977 to gain a place on the rostrum at the Hypo meeting in Goetzis. Shelia Burrell completes this joyful day for the US-Americans with her victory in the heptathlon.

2003

Carolina Klüft from Sweden, the new star of the heptathlon, steals the show of the men and becomes the darling of the public at her first competition in Goetzis. Next to the upcoming world champion, a lot of new talents like Simpson/GHA, Hellebaut/BEL and Ruckstuhl/NED surpass themselves and beat national and personal records. In the decathlon Roman Sebrle is again able to win at the Hypo meeting in Goetzis, for the third time in a row. He beats Tom Pappas with 8,807 points. Pappas, however, turns the tables at the world championship in Paris and wins the gold medal ahead of Sebrle.

2004

A Moesle meeting like a fairytale. A day of superlatives. The 30th meeting in Goetzis attracts 13,000 visitors – that's a visitor record. The big winners at the anniversary are Carolina Klüft from Sweden (6,820 points) and Roman Sebrle from the Czech Republic (8,842 points). Both repeat their victories of the previous year. Perfect weather, perfect

scenery, perfect results! No less than 12 times the athletes exceed the magical 8000-points-limit in the decathlon, and also the women are able to exceed the 6000-points-limit equally often.

2005

Once again! Roman Sebrle and Carolina Klüft are on the main stage in Goetzis. Roman Sebrle, the world record holder, wins this combined meeting the fifth time in a row – and that's the first time ever in Goetzis. Klüft's 6,824 points are the fourth best result in the history of the meeting, after the achievements of Sabine Braun (6,985 points), Ghada Shouaa (6,942 points) and Eunice Barber (6,842 points).

2006

A US-American in Goetzis, and on top of that, one that wins! As the first USdecathlete, Bryan Clay ensures his win in Goetzis. With 8,677 points, which are seasonal world best by the way, the 25-year-old is on top of the rostrum after ten disciplines. As expected, Carolina Klüft wins the fourth time in a row in the Moesle stadium. Nobody is fit to hold a candle to her. 6,714 points are enough for her victory – the eight-best performance of her career.

2007

He started as number ten at the Hypo meeting in Goetzis and he left the stadium as number one. The Belorussian Andrei Krauchanka ensures his win with 8,617 points, thus beats the darlings of the public Roman Sebrle and Bryan Clay. Carlina Klüft continues her string of victories: The fifth competition in the Moesle stadium is also her fifth win. It's her 18th victory in a row since July 2001.

2008

He's already been second and third in the Moesle stadium, but at his fifth competition, Dmitry Karpov beats all his competitors and wins his 19th decathlon. The exciting final decides about the victory of the athlete from Kazakhstan. He wins with seven points ahead of his competitor Aleksey Sysoyev. The queen of the heptathlon stays blond. After five years of Carolina Klüft, the Russian Tatyana Chernova ascends to the throne with 6,616 points.

2009

Approximately 10,000 spectators and new winners in the decathlon and heptathlon complete the picture of the 35th Hypo meeting in Goetzis. Michael Schrader delivers an extraordinary final. In the 10th discipline he runs 21 seconds faster than the US-American Trey Hardee and is therefore able to ensure his win with only six points more. The 21-year-old celebrates his 8,522 points and the first German victory in the Moesle stadium since Christian Schenk in 1990. Nataliya Dobrinska from the Ukraine surpasses her national competitors Hanna Melnychenko and Lydmyla Yosypenko with 6,558 points in an exciting competition. The Olympic champion of Peking ensures her victory in a strong 800m-run.

2010

The Olympic champion and world champion from the US Bryan Clay wins the decathlon in Goetzis for the second time after his win in 2006. He secured victory with 8483 points in exciting competitions despite unfavourable weather conditions.

Jessica Ennis – already a superstar in Great Britain – manages to win the heptathlon in the Moesle stadium on her first visit with 6689 points.

2011

After an exciting competition under the best conditions and a wonderful atmosphere, the reigning world champion from the US Trey Hardee can celebrate his first win in the decathlon at the hypomeeting in Goetzis with his personal best of 8689 points.

With excellent 6790 points and two personal bests in the 200m and 800m run Jessica Ennis wins with ease for the second time in a row. She relegates the world champion Tatyana Chernova from Russia and the European indoor champion from 2011 Antoinette Nana-Djimou from France to second and third place.

2012

Accompanied by the BBC and the whole British sports and yellow press the two-time world champion Jessica Ennis proves once again her impressive superiority in the heptathlon and wins the top-class hypomeeting goetzis with outstanding 6906 points. She is therefore the undeniable successor of Carolina Klüft.

He was the surprising winner of 2012 – Hans Van Alphen from Belgium wins the decathlon in Goetzis with 8519 points and only a 13-point margin after an exciting duel with Eelco Sintnicolaas from the Netherlands.

2013

With unbelievable bad weather conditions, rain and winter temperatures – we celebrate a Canadian double win for the first time in Moesle history.

Accompanied by the unwavering crowd in Goetzis, Brianne Theisen wins the heptathlon in the Moesle stadium with 6376 points on her first visit. In the decathlon Damian Warner is able to jump on the winners' podium as the first Canadian after Mike Smith in 1991 and 1996.

The hypomeeting goetzis says goodbye to the great athlete Roman Sebrle who ends his active career. He set the world record in 2001 in the Moesle stadium and was the first decathlete to exceed the 9000-point-limit.

2014

40 years of hypomeeting-goetzis/vorarlberg – we celebrated an impressive anniversary on the 31 May / 1 June 2014 in the “Moesle” stadium, together with our audience, former victors of the meeting and all competing athletes.

At this anniversary meeting Trey Hardee from the US could decide the decathlon for himself for the second time after an exciting competition.

The Austrian athlete Dominik Distelberger exceeded the 8,000-points limit for the first time and set his new personal record at 8,168 points. The up-and-coming talent Dominik Siedlaczek won the Rookie award with his new personal best.

Another phenomenal competition at the “Moesle” stadium provided us with a high-class heptathlon with 11 personal bests, three national records and 51 personal bests in the individual disciplines. This year the young British athlete Katarina Johnson-Thompson could win the heptathlon at her first visit to the prestigious hypomeeting in Goetzis

2015

The 41st Hypomeeting in Goetzis was more than just a mega event and the international media representation was overwhelming. Eleven TV stations from Austria, Germany, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Japan were reporting on our event in the Moesle stadium in Goetzis. 85 journalists and photographers from ten different nations were reporting almost worldwide. Much to the regret of the audience and the organisers of the event, the world record holder Ashton Eaton had to call off his start in the decathlon on Saturday morning due to an injury.

Under excellent conditions, Kai Kazmirek was then able to win the decathlon – the first German winner in Goetzis since 2009. He won the competition with 8'462 points, leading before his fellow countryman Michael Schrader and Willem Coertzen from South Africa.

The darling of the audience and three-time winner of the meeting in Goetzis, Jessica Ennis, could celebrate a comeback after her parental leave. The Canadian athlete Brienne Theisen-Eaton came second with a new personal best of 6'808 points, with which she also made the list of the best heptathletes in Goetzis of all times (8th place). Third came Carolin Schäfer from Germany, leading before Nadine Broersen from the Netherlands.

2016

The decathlon started off with a roaring success in the first discipline. Damian Warner landed an all-times-best with 10.59 seconds in the 100-metres race and is therefore the new world record holder in the 100-metres race in a decathlon. This also helped him win the 42nd Hypomeeting with outstanding 8'523 points, leading before Kevin Meyer from France and the winner from last year Kai Kazmirek.

In the heptathlon, Brienne Theisen-Eaton from Canada was able to win the competition with a new world best in 2016 with 6'765 points. Laura Ikauniece-Admidina and Claudia Schäfer came in second and third.

This was already the second Canadian double win of the two admirable top athletes Damian Warner and Brienne Theisen-Eaton in the Moesle stadium after 2013.

The Heptathlon Rookie award was presented to the young and talented Austrian athlete Sarah Lager, who was able to impress the audience with her first performance at an international world-class competition at the Hypomeeting in Goetzis.

2017

In the best heptathlon of all time, the Belgian Nafissatou Thiam secured superior victory in the heptathlon. With sensational 7,013 points she narrowly missed the European record held by Carolina Klüft with 7,032 points and was able to join the illustrious circle of 7,000 points as the only 4th athlete with the Götzis result.



With a decathlon victory and a top score of 8,591 points, the Canadian crowd favorite Damian Warner was already in the winners list of the Hypomeeting Götzis / Vorarlberg for the third time, followed by Eelco Sintnicolaas / NED and Rico Freimuth / GER.