

WOLKEN'S 7830 SAYS IT ALL AT NAIA

Thomas D-II, Schoen D-III Champs

HELLO AGAIN.....It may seem odd that this report comes from Götzis, Austria. Ah well, a refined definition of multi-tasking. Well, The second day of the US collegiate championships for NCAA D-II, D-III and NAIA schools is complete with significant results.

The weekend's top score came from Gulfport, AL, site of the NAIA nationals where the temps reached 85 with much humidity. Yet nothing seemed to bother Kale Wolken (22, Tecumseh, NE) who became the first in NAIA history to complete the "triple double" winning 3 consecutive indoor and outdoor CE crowns. His gaudy 7830 score is noteworthy for it plays on the USOT qualifying list where Wolken is now 11th.

His position will change as new results are added, most notably the NCAA D-I affair and last chance meets ala this weekend's Chula Vista High Performance meet. Regardless, the score by the 6-2, 190lb Doane senior is the highest NAIA total in meet's 49 year history (see accompanying box). Incidentally it was the NAIA which conducted the first national collegiate decathlon championship (not the NCAA) in 1969. Then Oklahoma Christian's Jeff Bennett, later a 4th place finisher at the '72 Munich Olympics) became the first national colegiate champion.

In Bradenton, Florida Nex Zealand's Cody Thomas, a senior at Alaska Anchorage and Azusa's Jamacian freskman Skakiel Chattoo put on a ding-dong 2nd day battle. Thomas came out swinging with 4 (!) career



Doane senior Kale Wolken captured a 3rd consecutive NAIA outdoor title to complement his 3 indoor crowns. His 7830 score was the highest in meet history.

bests for the first 4 day two events but could not skake the 6-1, 160 lb Chattoo. With but the 1500m remaining Thomas held the slimmest of leads, just ten points, 6939-6929.

But the senior held the running advantage and ultimatley it would not be close as both PR's 7590 to 7348.

Defending champ Justin Balczak/ Azusa Pacific had a fine day two after a sub-par start. He finished third in front of Central Missouri senior Blake Seitz. Seasonal leader Tanner McNutt/Pittsburg St was 5th. Six fashioned PR scores including Merrimack College's (MA) junior John Braga whose 7013 was his initial 7k effort. Thunderstorms threatened daily.

At the D-III affair on the campus of Wartburg College in Waverly, IA Ethen

Top NAIA Championship Meet Scores



7830	Kale Wolken/Doane	2016
7818w	Alper Kasapoglu/W Oregon-TUR	1996
7685	Alper Kasapoglu/W Oregon-TUR	1995
7596	Alper Kasapoglu/W Oregon-TUR	1994
7633 ^{2nd}	Udo Jacobash/Pt Loma-GER	1995
7622	Doug Loisel/Azusa Pacific	1984
7607 ^{3rd}	David Pope/Azusa Pacific	1995
7577	Patrick Gellens/Concordia(NE)-FRA	1985
7484	Alper Kasapoglu/W Oregon-TUR	1997
7434	Doug Larson/Whitworth[7519='62]	1981
7431	Joe Cebulski/Taylor	1999
7416	Kale Wolken/Doane	2014
7404	Jeff Bennett/Okla Christian[7551='62]	1969
7397	Gary Hill/Okla Christian[7538='62]	1972
7372 ^{2nd}	Tage Peterson/Azusa Pacific	1996
7309 ^{2nd}	David Pope/Azusa Pacific	1994

Schoen (Fall Creek, WI) led from start to finish and copped his initial national title with a 6809 score. Waverly was frequented by thunderstorms during both days. Andrew Barnett, a junior at Johns Hopkins, used a PR 5.20m/17-¾ vault to claim the runner-up spot, 42 points behind Schoen. Both will return in 2017.



Ethen Schoen (left), a junior at Wisconsin-Stout and Cody Thomas (right) a New Zealand senior at Alaska Anchorage, won the NCAA III and NCAA II titles.

I now head down to Mosle Stadium in preparation for the first day of the 42nd Hypo Bank meet in Götzis, Austria. A report will follow the first five events, in about 10 hours.



Final Results:

5/26-27 NAIA Champs, Gulf Shores, AL

7830	Wolken, Kale/Doane'16	7504	10.94+1.0
	716+1.7	1315 197 49.77 14.88+3.3	4379 485 5716 4:43.01
6958	Wiechman, Lucas/Concordia(NE)'17	1711.17+1.0	
	658+0.2	1115 179 51.14 14.83+2.9	3696 475 4320 4:55.52
6801	Lawson, Winston/Vanguard'17	11.28+1.0	
	649+2.1	1113 200 50.83 15.09+1.5	3489 385 4788 4:46.43
6661	Gretz, Seth/Oregon Tech'18	11.27+1.0	
	659+1.0	949 191 51.86 15.07+2.9	3067 465 4533 4:55.05
6484	Dotson, Joe /Southern Oregon'19	11.63+2.0	
	615+1.8	1165 170 51.54 16.08+1.5	3849 405 4788 4:33.84
6462	Andjelic, Nikola/Rio Grande'19	11.35+2.0	
	636+0.8	1081 182 53.29 15.27+1.5	3215 405 4974 4:48.93
6420	Castellanos, Justin /Doane'16	11.68+1.0	
	678+0.8	1074 188 53.55 16.26+2.9	3406 375 5666 4:57.78
6386	Asselin, James /Westmont'16	12.19+2.0	
	614+1.6	1156 194 54.75 16.15+3.3	3766 395 4891 4:35.53
6286	Krueger, Jake/Doane'16	11.54+2.0	
	612+1.6	1047 173 51.67 15.16+3.0	2724 445 4202 4:44.94
6190	Williams, Devin/Keiser'19	11.37+2.0	
	666+1.7	1058 182 53.68 15.76+3.0	4086 335 4852 5:28.78
6174	Gandy, Drew/Cen Methodist'17	11.28+2.0	
	641+0.1	952 173 50.78 15.65+3.0	2721 345 4882 4:41.62
6155	Sease, Tommy/Dickinson St'18	11.89+1.0	
	587-0.9	1140 185 52.29 16.75+3.0	3604 385 3944 4:32.97
6124	Gaston, Kyle/Doane'16	11.51+2.0	
	557-0.1	985 188 53.17 15.50+1.5	3361 405 3846 4:44.19
5912	Lucas, Michael/Doane'17,	12.02+2.0	
	579 0.0	1117 182 54.24 16.06+3.3	3468 3654362 4:54.30
4192	White, Julian/Graceland'16,	6311	11.72+1.0
	648+0.8	1117 194 52.45 15.57+3.3	nm withdrew
			16s,15f

5/26-27 NCAA II Champs, Bradenton, FL

7590	Thomas, Cody/Alaska Anch'16-NZL	11.12-1.9	
	753+2.3	1193 199 47.88 14.74-0.1	3735 450 5074 4:44.69
7348	Chattoo, Shakiel /Azusa Pac'19-JAM	10.86-1.9	
	733+2.6	1215 199 52.02 14.21-0.1	4199 410 5829 5:26.01
7337	Balczak, Justin/Azusa Pacific'16	11.64-0.3	
	704+3.3	1232 199 50.53 14.63-0.1	3947 460 5158 4:48.17
7219	Seitz, Blake/C Missouri'16	11.52-0.3	
	678+1.7	1364 193 51.50 15.70-0.1	4105 440 5371 4:38.83
7128	McNutt, Tanner/Pittsburg St'18	11.09-1.9	
	729+3.2	1205 187 48.93 15.41+2.0	3439 450 4242 4:44.22
7116	Golubovic, Dan/UC San Diego'17	11.75-0.3	
	669+3.5	1256 184 52.36 14.98+1.1	4187 460 5405 4:41.66
7030	Thomas, Jayce/MO Southern'16	11.64-0.3	
	709+0.5	1099 208 52.56 14.90-0.1	3091 480 4410 4:44.16
7013	Braga, John/Merrimack'17	6955	11.35-0.3
	709+1.9	1046 199 50.15 15.63-0.1	3285 420 4952 4:32.44
6881	Martin, Aaron/Chico St'17	11.80-0.3	
	699+1.9	1202 184 52.25 15.23+1.1	3587 440 5187 4:45.44
6865	Schluter, Derrick/NW Missouri'16	11.49-0.3	
	689+2.9	1100 187 49.82 15.62-0.1	3515 450 3875 4:30.89
6777	Reid, Corey/Azusa Pacific'19	11.25-0.3	

632+2.1 1104 187 51.23 15.47+1.1 3428 430 4585 4:29.49
 6692 Maslen, Harry/Angelo State'16 11.64-1.9
 663+2.9 1063 181 50.45 15.83+2.0 3808 420 4696 4:37.96
 6663 Holesinger, Bryce/Lewis'18 11.39-1.9
 669+3.3 1173 178 50.91 15.43+1.1 3420 440 4769 5:03.16
 6659 Dunn, Jason/Chico St'17 11.27-1.9
 684+1.0 1311 175 49.71 16.53-0.1 3847 370 5701 5:18.34
 6637 Schneider, Vincen/Queens (N.C.)'16 11.58-1.9
 679+2.2 1092 190 51.76 15.63+2.0 3798 420 4196 4:52.42
 5894 Gal, Piotr/Missouri S&T'16 11.70-1.9
 698+2.2 1104 187 52.20 15.61+2.0 3206 nh 4281 4:43.55
 16s,16f.



Azusa Pacific teammates Shakiel Chattoo (top) and defending champ Justin Balczak (bottom) went 2-3 at the NCAA II title meet in Bradenton, FL.

5/26-27 NCAA III Champs, Wartburg lege, Waverly, IA

6809 Schoen, Ethen/Wis.-Stout'17 6932 11.42-1.0
 719+2.1 1135 196 51.32 15.55-0.3 3312 430 4361 4:55.63
 6767 Bartnett, Andrew/Johns Hopkins'17 11.35-1.0
 655+0.6 1099 187 50.67 16.33-0.2 3106 520 4107 4:45.32
 6685 Wagner, Kevin/St. Scholastica'16 11.45-1.5
 680+4.3 1251 181 51.81 15.19-0.3 3462 420 4659 5:00.78
 6685 Flood, Jack/Cortland St'17 11.78-2.2
 669+0.8 1210 196 52.42 15.16-1.1 3276 390 4538 4:36.31
 6680 Vann, Taylor /Vassar '16 11.30-1.0
 652+1.8 1121 187 50.08 15.70+1.1 3340 350 5160 4:31.80
 6644 Port, Aaron/Ohio Wesleyan'16, 11.62-1.5
 677+1.8 1391 175 52.37 15.60+1.1 4031 390 5144 5:12.03
 6580 Grim, JC/Linfield'19 11.53-1.5
 685+1.6 1024 199 51.70 16.47-0.2 3436 400 4901 4:52.95
 6567 Muellers, Tobias/Williams'18 11.55-1.0
 654+0.2 1141 178 49.52 16.13-0.6 3437 390 4467 4:32.09
 6544 Rice, Patrick/Rochester'16 11.63-2.2
 659+1.3 1189 184 51.41 15.92-0.1 2859 450 4018 4:36.06
 6418 Dickerson, Matt/Wabash'16 11.48-1.0
 625+0.7 1112 181 50.85 15.36-0.3 3144 400 4771 4:55.98
 6352 Frazier, Isaac/Simpson (IA)'17 11.60-1.0
 643nwi 1186 190 52.43 15.32-1.1 3683 350 4130 4:58.87
 6315 O'Neill, Connor/St. Thomas (MN)'17 11.88-1.5
 664+2.6 1120 199 54.36 16.14-0.8 3128 460 4533 5:26.49
 6308 Carlson, Garrett/Wis.-La Crosse'17 11.85-2.2
 619+2.1 1263 187 52.99 16.69-0.2 3615 420 4359 4:57.45
 6213 Wadlington, Adam/Wabash'16 11.63-1.5
 607 0.0 1062 181 50.72 15.12-1.1 2772 390 3911 4:41.46
 6162 Boockmeier, Brad/St. Norbert'18 11.49-2.2
 618+1.4 1377 181 51.96 15.78-0.8 3831 360 3447 5:20.88
 6120 Buckner, Jack/Carleton'18 11.90-2.2
 637+0.2 1034 175 52.70 16.99-0.6 3582 340 5097 4:32.11
 6101 Maniglia, Sam/Rowan'17 11.40-1.5
 643+0.7 1146 184 51.59 15.25-1.1 3733 270 4673 5:27.76
 6077 Canchola, Alex/George Fox'18 11.87-2.2
 656 0.0 981 178 50.55 16.28-0.2 2950 320 5158 4:46.32
 5973 Conley, Devin/Johns Hopkins'16 11.85-1.5
 664+1.4 1221 184 53.92 17.06-0.2 3018 370 4215 5:02.36
 dnf Elfgaard, Rasmus /NPark'18-SWE 11.56-1.0
 616+1.3 1117 178 53.03 dnf 3082 withdrew
 20s,19f.

