



## BASTIEN WINS THORPE CUP

### World Juniors Report

**Hello Again.....**The 25<sup>th</sup> Dual meet between USA and German decathlon teams came off at Tennessee's Tom Black Track in Knoxville (7/27-28) with Michigan grad Steven Bastien (24, Saline, MI) the 15th American winner in 25 years. Given that Steven no marked in the long jump a year ago, this victory was doubly sweet. The American team went 1-3 (Solomon Simmons 7919 for 3<sup>rd</sup>) but lacked depth and competed with a number of injuries. Both Bastien and vet Tim Wunderlich came up with seasonal best scores.

The team battle went to Germany for the 8<sup>th</sup> time in the past 9 years !! This is an embarrassment given our decathlon talent on the sidelines.

#### 100 Meters:

Arkansas senior Derek Jacobus won the first race with an 11.07 clocking. Predictably Germany's speedy Manuel Eitel ran away with the seeded race clocking 10.43 seconds and shaving .01 from Travis Rodgers 1998 meet record. Michigan grad Steven Bastien shaved a .01 from his PR getting 10.61 in second.

The visitors took a 110 point team lead into event #2.

*After One: Eite 992, Bast 949, Simm 906, Obst 906.*

*Team: Germany 4480, USA 4370, -110.*

#### Long Jump

Eitel continued his hot streak winning the seeded section of the long jump with a 7.43m/24-4½ effort in the second round. Tim Ehrhardt's 7.35m/24-1½ led the Team USA.



Congrats to 24 year old Steven Bastien, Saline, MI, who convincingly won the 25<sup>th</sup> Thorpe Cup in Knoxville, TN.

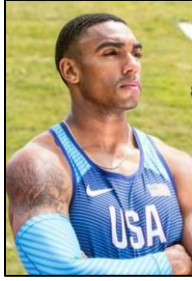
The unseeded group provided the winner, Felix Hepperle of the visiting team whose first round 7.47m/24-6¼ prevailed. The winds were fairly consistent here yet the athletes had a difficult time with it as 44% (16 of 36 attempts) of all attempts were fouls.

*After Two: Eite 1910, Bast 1830, Hepp 1803, Ehrh 1792*

*Team: Germany 8810, USA 8619 - 191 .*

#### Shot Put:

Team Zehnkamp recorded five of the top 7 event efforts, led by NCAA II champ Florian Obst, 25, who tossed 15.50m/50-10¼. Solomon Simmons (14.64m/48-½) and Tim



**Steady Solomon Simmons/USA(left) was 3rd with two 2<sup>nd</sup> day event wins. German Manuel Eitel (right) used speed to lead early but placed 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Wunderlich (13.72m/45-1/4) led the USA efforts. Eitel maintained his overall lead.

*After Three: Eite 2614, Obst 2509, Hepp 2523, Bast 2492  
Team: Germany 12,506, USA 12,067, - 439*

### High Jump

The visitors added 185 points to their overall lead as vet Tim Nowak and Rice junior Charlie Card-Childers tied at 1.99m/6-6 1/4. Obst got a lifetime best at 1.93m/6-4 as 31-year old Wunderlich came closest to a career best for the Americans with the same bar. The visitors' lead expanded to 624 points.

*After Four: Eite 3381, Bast 3259, Obst 3249, Hepp 3237.  
Team: Germany 16,261, USA 15,637 - 624*

### 400 Meters:

The 21-year old Eitel won the first race in a career best 48.92 leading a 1-2-3-4 German sweep. Yet the story of the first day was the terrific battle between Bastien and Ehrhardt, both of who scared PRs with 47.78 and 47.85 clockings to go 1-2 with Simmons also close at 49.62. Team USA made up 38 points here and found themselves down 586 points at the break

*After Five: Eite 4246, Bast 4179, Ehrh 4144, Obst 4085  
Team: Germany 20,383, USA 19,797 - 586.*

Day Two:

### 110m Hurdles:

The first race went to Tim Nowak (14.90) who just did out-lean Tim Wunderlich. The latter's 14.95 was a lifetime best for the 31 year old Dartmouth College coach. Tim Ehrhardt faltered here managing just 16.05.

Solomon Simmons and Steven Bastien went 1-2 (14.44 to 14.61) to buoy the Yank

chances. Eitel's 14.92 was enough to keep him in the overall lead.

*After Six: Eite 5105, Bast 5076, Simm 4975, Obst 4942..  
Team: Germany, 24,627, USA 23,846 - 781*

### Discus:

The surprise here was the PR mantled up by the injured Markus Ballengee who had traveled from Rio de Janeiro where he was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the FISU America's decathlon just one week earlier. Hobbling thru the meet he nonetheless tossed 44.58m/146-3, a two foot lifetime best. Predictably huge Florian Obst muscled 46.84m/153-8, three feet to the good of Simmons who now competes in this event at a consistently high level. Eitel's 42.56m/139-7 toss was enough to keep him in the overall lead. But that would not last. The visitor's team lead stretched to a grand.

*After Seven: Eite 5822, Simm 5759, Obst 5747, Bast 5704.  
Team: Germany, 28,307, USA 27,229 - 1078*

### Pole Vault:

As soon as each of the scoring Germans cleared a bar the team battle was effectively over. And when Bastien skied over 4.91m/16-1 1/4 he moved to the overall lead, two digits in front of Eitel (6587 to 6585). The steady Simmons moved to third with a 4.61m/15-1 1/2 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt effort.



**Michigan State's Tim Ehrhardt won the vault at 5.11m/16-9 1/4.**

Predictably Tim Ehrhardt dominated this event but could manage no better than 5.11m/16-9 1/4, nearly 5 bars below his PR.

*After Eight: Bast 6587, Eite 6585, Simm 6552, Nowa 6516  
Team: Germany, 32,362, USA 31,318 - 1044*

### Javelin:

Wunderlich led after two rounds at 61.47m/201-8 but Simmons grabbed the events and the overall lead in round #3 with a 61.65m/202-3 toss. No one else threw over 60 meters.

*After Nine: Simm 7315, Eite 7278, Bast 7272, Nowa 7213.  
Team: Germany, 35,771, USA 34,717 - 1057*

## 1500 Meters:

The final event was anti-climatic. Eitel's 6 point lead over Bastien at this point for 2<sup>nd</sup> was the story even though Simmons led by 37 points (6 seconds). The Michigan grad stayed near the front of the pack and even though Tim Nowak, the IAAF World junior bronze medalist back in 2014, scooted away on the final lap to win (4:31.44), Bastien's 4:35.67 put him comfortably on top. The team difference was a grand.

*After Ten: Bast 7980, Nowa 7948, Simm 7919, Eite 7906  
Team: Germany, 38,915, USA 37,902 - 1013*

## Results:

### 7/27-28 25<sup>th</sup> Thorpe CUP (USA vs GER), U of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN



7980	Bastien, Steven/Other Guys-USA	10.61+1.5	728+1.5	1292	196	47.78	14.61+0.3	3821	491	5645	4:35.67
7948	Nowak, Tim/GER	11.26+1.4	733+1.2	1393	199	49.58	14.90+0.8	4431	481	5730	4:31.44
7919	Simmons, Solomon/unat-USA	10.80+1.5	721+1.4	1464	187	49.62	14.44+0.3	4584	461	6165	4:52.52
7906	Eitel, Manuel/GER	10.43+1.5	743+1.0	1360	196	48.92	14.92+0.3	4256	451	5704	4:48.53
7763	Hepperle, Felix/GER	10.93+1.5	747+1.9	1248	193	49.01	15.44+0.8	4013	501	5325	4:35.54
7748	Obst, Florian/GER-TAMU-Commerce'20	10.80+1.5	678+1.3	1550	193	49.53	14.94+0.3	4684	441	5485	4:52.04
7647	Ehrhardt, Tim/Michigan St'18-USA	10.85+1.5	735+1.3	1347	193	47.85	16.05+0.8	3993	511	4619	4:46.91
7550	Biere, Lennard/GER	11.27+1.4	740+1.3	1537	190	51.98	15.05+0.8	4360	461	5889	5:16.93
7467	Wunderlich, Tim/ShoreAC-USA	11.49+1.4	699+1.9	1372	193	52.64	14.95+0.8	4150	461	6147	4:44.99
7463	Ransiek, Niklas/GER	11.16+1.4	712+1.7	1385	193	50.40	14.71+0.3	3499	461	5537	4:47.74
7017	Dieckmann, Luca/GER	10.91+1.5	689+1.3	1226	193	49.76	15.02+0.3	3523	401	4578	4:52.24
6889	Card-Childers, Charlie/Rice'19-USA	11.39+1.4	644+2.1	1269	199	53.06	15.65+0.3	3744	421	5472	4:55.25
6708	Jacobus, Derek/Arkansas'18-USA	11.07+1.4	701+0.2	1208	181	51.08	16.52+0.8	3662	421	4715	5:03.31
6151	Ballengee, Markus/Liberty'20-USA	12.08+1.4	670+0.8	1303	187	53.58	15.96+0.8	4458	nh	5277	4:44.84

Team Scores:	1 <sup>st</sup> day	final		
USA	19,797	(- 586)	37,902	-1,013
GER	20,383		38,915	



## IAAF World Junior Champs July 10-11, 2018 Tampere, FIN

Australians Ashley Moloney (8190) and Gary Haasbroek (7798) swept the IAAF World junior decathlon in Tampere, Finland. A trio of US citizens toed the line in Tampere, with but one representing the USA. Finley Gaio, who is schooled and resides in Switzerland scored 7455 in a blanket finish for 5<sup>th</sup>, one point up on Austrian Leon Okafor. In 7<sup>th</sup> was USA Junior champ Kyle Garland, German-town, PA, at 7451.

A 400m 'dq' (he clocked a nifty 48.69) derailed a third American, Ayden Owens of North Allegheny HS in Pittsburgh. Owens who competes for Puerto Rico finished with a 6744 total, a score that would have exceeded 7600 with the disqualification.

### 7/10-11 IAAF World Junior (u20) Champs, Tampere,

<u>FIN</u>		[previous PR score]						
8190	Moloney, Ashley/AUS	[7740]	10.51	706				
	1283	210	46.86	14.13-0.3	4739	460	5367	4:42.65
7798	Haasbroek, Gary/AUS	[7723]	10.92	626				
	1328	201	49.20	14.26-0.3	4054	430	5525	4:35.48
7642	Ehammer, Simon/SUI	[7224]	11.14	745				
	1344	201	50.15	14.13-0.3	3622	470	4909	4:47.36
7552	Wagner, Manuel/GER	[7541]	11.08	681				
	1201	183	49.72	14.72+0.5	4474	450	5743	4:29.45
7455	Gaio, Finley/SUI	[7717]	10.97	728				
	1458	186	49.94	13.90-0.3	3696	430	4865	4:55.46
7454	Okafor, Leon/AUT	[7330]	11.41	662				
	1403	192	50.27	14.98+0.5	4463	450	5634	4:46.50
7451	Garland, Kyle/Germantown, PA-USA	[7562]	10.97	640				
	1511	201	50.59	13.99-0.3	4256	400	5300	4:58.42
7333	Bechman, Andreas/GER	[7524]	11.30	681				
	1417	192	48.92	14.97+0.5	4274	440	4196	4:43.48
7212	Dias, Manuel/POR	[7256]	11.23	693				
	1286	183	49.81	15.06+0.5	3764	460	4682	4:40.25
7113	Toivonen, Juuso/FIN	[6998]	11.41	666				
	1212	198	50.67	15.42+0.5	3211	490	5167	4:43.53
6984	Kekin, Stepan/ANA	[7817]	11.06	690				
	1425	183	50.81	14.19-0.3	4865	460	5011	dnf
6744	Owens, Ayden/PUR	[7354]	10.67	694				
	1371	192	dq[48.69]	13.74-0.3	4272	430	4306	4:44.76
dnf	Gletty, Makenson/FRA	[7697]	10.82	698				
	1603	198	dnf					
dnf	Fauvel Clinch, Steven/FRA	[7455]	11.08	691				
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