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NCAA FIRST DAY

Weiland Hot, Williams, Victor Trail



Hello Again...In spite of a significant turnover (only 10 of last year's field returned) this was a deep field that included: the defending champ and new collegiate record holder, TAMU's Lindon Victor/GRN; the indoor winner Devon Williams of Georgia. And 2015 indoor winner; and German Luca Wieland of Minnesota, all 8200+ performers.

The foreign influence was again heavy, with 4 of the top 5 qualifiers foreign although not as top heavy as 2016 when 7 of the top 10 represented other nations internationally.

There was plenty of drama today. One of the favorites, indoor runner-up Tim Duckworth, a dual citizen who competes for Kentucky and Great Britain (double UK!) ran afoul of the long jump toeboard. His first attempt was a was 6 inches over, the second 1 inch over and the third was a marginal but clear foul ruining his chance to challenge the IAAF world Champs 8100 qualifying mark. He had won the 100 meters in a PR 10.54 seconds. The same happened to Weiland in the shot, with a pair of fouls he played it very safe and took a mark well off his career best. But he led defending champ Lindon Victor at the break, thanks to a 2.16m/7-1 high jump.

Victor, at virtually 6-4 and 205 lbs was treated as the prohibitive favorite having up Ashton Eaton's collegiate mark twice (8472 and 8539) in the spring. Fast, strong with occasional jumping quirks, it was hard to see anyone topping him at historic Hayward Field which itself would soon undergo major



Minnesota senior Luca Wieland from Saarbrücken, Germany, literally leaped to the first day decathlon lead at the NCAAs in Eugene. His 2.16m/7-1 clearance won the event but he was unable to surpass the meet record of 2.18m/7-1¾.

renovations in preparation for the 2021 IAAF world champs. And his final placing would have important team scoring consequences.

Victor's half brother, Kurt Felix/Boise State, had won this affair in 2012. He was looking to be only the 5th D-I back-to-back winner. The others:

Rob Muzzio/George Mason	1984-85
Jake Arnold/Arizona	2006-07
Ashton Eaton/Oregon	2008-09-10
Maicel Uibo/Georgia-EST	2014-15

But at the end of the first day it was Weiland who led with a gaudy 4440 score. Georgia's Devon Williams put together a consistent first day and he stands 2nd 7 ahead of Victor. The bigger story here in Eugene is the weather (does this sound familiar?) which cooperated on Wednesday, but rain is called for the rest of the week. Yikes.

One early problem.....a12 (!!!) hour delay at the Salt Lake City airport which left the PA announcer sleepless.

When day one ended, with better weather than could be expected (cloudy but temps in the mid-70s) one could only wonder what weather day two would bring.



**48th NCAA D-I Decathlon
Hayward Field-UofO
Eugene, Oregon
June 8-9, 2016**

100 Meters: [12:30- 12:39 pm]

At 10:25 there were nearly 1000 spectators in attendance, more than triple the 2015 total. Winds were hardly a factor during the sprint.

The races were seeded on the basis of seasonal best marks and, as luck would have it, the first section turned out to be the top seeded race and included all three 8kers.

Duckworth, running on the inside lane, never let last year's winner Karl Saluri/Georgia-EST get away and out-legged him at the finish line, 10.54 (big PR) to 10.58 with Wieland sneaking between them in 10.56. Victor was virtually unseen at 10.72 seconds. Williams equaled his best at 10.65. Wind : -0.1mps. Great start!

Section # 1

<i>Pl</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>nation</i>	<i>lane</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>points</i>
1.	Duckworth	Kentucky	1	10.54	966 pr
2.	Wieland	Minnesota	3	10.56	961
3.	Saluri	Georgia	7	10.58	956
4.	Williams	Georgia	5	10.65	940=pr
5.	Filip	Rice	8	10.71	926
6.	Victor	TAMU	2	10.72	924
7.	Price	Colorado St	6	10.76	915
8.	Modin	Oregon	4	10.93	876

The 2nd race was a Michigan tale. Wolverine senior Steven Bastien began a great first day with a near PR 10.68 clocking, a step in front of Michigan State junior Tim Ehrhardt (10.75).

The 3rd race was 'Shocker' as Wichita State lean Hunter Veith simply ran away

getting a 37/100ths PR, winning in 10.66 seconds. Wind +0.5 mps. Duck Joe Delgado and Iowa's William Dougherty also recorded PRs. Interestingly, there were no false starts. *After One: Duck 966, Wiel 961, Salu 956, Will 940, Veit 938.*

Long Jump: [1:48- 2:25 pm]

The long jump event also was contested south to north but the breezes were inconsistent. In Group #1 (west pit) Duckworth, who went for broke on his 3rd attempt after a pair of fouls, took himself out of medal contention. He appeared dismayed thinking the final jump was legal. A check of the videotape confirmed it was not.

All the best jumps came in the final round and Williams won with a nice 7.73m/25-4½ effort. Wieland's 7.66m/25-1¾ moved him to the overall lead with Williams 4 digits back. Saluri managed 7.60m/24-11¼



Michigan's Steven Bastien, now coached by ex-8ker Chad Smith, also a Michigan native, put 5 solid marks on the first day board and stands 4th overall with 4287 points. His long jump was 7.43m/24-4½.

while Rice's Scott Filip got a 1 cm PR, 7.58m /24-10½. Again, Victor was solid, missing his career best by an inch at 7.34m/24-1.

The final round also proved decisive in Group #2 (east pit). Lanky TJ Lawson/ Kent State covered 7.43m/24-4½ of Lane County real estate and Estonian Markus Leemet/South Carolina was 2 cm less, both PRs. Then Hunter Veith blasted 7.71m/25-3¼ to win the section. Nebraska's Cody Walton also got a PR at 7.23m/23-8¾. Great event even though a quarter (19 of 72) of all attempts results in toeboard fouls.

After Two: Wiel 1936, Will 1932, Veit 1925, Salu 1916, Fili 1881.

Shot Put: [2:25 – 2:52 pm]



Devon Williams, '17 indoor winner, managed a 14.13m/46-4 1/4 toss and was 30 points back of Lindon Victor.

The temps heated up to near 80°. In the west circle Duckworth won with a lifetime best toss, 13.42m/44-1/2. Texas senior Wolf Mahler, the field's smallest competitor, also had a career best at 12.76m/41-41-10 1/4

As Hayward Field filled up rapidly most of the action was in the east circle. Wieland recorded a pair of fouls before safing (is that a word?) 13.79m/45-3, four feet under his best. But it preserved a fine score. He fell to 4th. Predictably Victor won quite easily at 16.31m/53-6 1/2 to move to the overall lead, 14 points better than at this point last year.

The competition was universally good in comparison with previous bests. Texan Steel Wasik got his best toss, 14.20m/46-10 1/4.

After Three: Vict 2690, Will 2660, Salu 2658, Wiel 2651, Veit 2575.

High Jump: [3:36 – 4:47 pm]

Officials moved the event smartly until circular open races slowed things at the south corner. Regardless, lots of fine jumping. In the east pit, Group #1 featured the seeded jumpers. Weiland again played with fire. In the previous event he had recorded a pair of fouls before pulling together for a decent mark. He opened at 1.98m/6-6 and missed twice before obtaining a mark. He then went on to manage 2.16m/7-1 and had a good attempt at a meet record (set 26 years ago by Tennessee's Aric Long) 2.19m/7-2 1/4. Interestingly he's only 5-10, so he was jumping 16 inches above his head.

Duckworth also jumped well, clearing 2.13m/6-11 3/4 but the story was young Lawson who came to Eugene with a best of 2.05m/6-8 1/2 yet had trouble here negotiating 2.07m/6-9 1/2 and 2.10m/6-10 3/4. In the future he'll come to the NCAAs as one of the favorites.

The event was a disappointment for both Victor and Hunter Price, a 7 footer. At the NCAAs one always has to factor in delays late in the event as other events interfere, elongating waits between jumps. Price had passed 1.98m/6-6, a pedestrian height for



Defending champ Lindon Victor was eyeing for more than the 2.01m/6-7 he got here. Yet after 5 events he was still 41 points ahead on last year's winning score but eclipsing Ashton Eaton's MR may be a stretch.

him. By the time he got back to facing a bar he had lost his rhythm. Live and learn.

In the west pit there was plenty of action. Williams managed a PR 1.98m/6-6 but the flight belonged to Steven Bastien who opened at 1.89m/6-2 1/4, never passed a bar, and eventually cleared 2.04m/6-8 1/4. He seemed to be pushing the US father-son record out of reach. The event ended at 4:47 pm and the athletes had more than a 2 hour break.

94 clearances and 216 attempts at 14 different heights. All in 71 minutes making it a jump, on average, every 20 seconds. Pretty quick. This year there were no officiating snafus that marred the 2016 dec jump.

After Four: Wiel 3604, Vict 3503, Will 3453, Veit 3388, Laws 3369.

400 meters: [7:07 – 7:15pm]

By now the official crowd count likely

Exceeded 7000. Light rain appeared. Wind was negligible.

The very first section turned out to be the top seeded one (again). Most eyes were on Scott Filip in lane 1, Saluri in 4 and Mahler in 8, all 47+ performers. The race was proceeding pretty well as planned but with 60 meters remaining Bastien dramatically charged thru the field winning in a terrific 47.49 seconds, a huge career best. In fact the Michigan senior was running any faster...he just slowed down less that everyone else. It was shades of Jenner. Again Williams was a solid 48.16 for 4th behind both Saluri and Mahler.

Inexplicably Victor faded in the stretch finishing 8th in 49.33

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2.	Saluri	Georgia	4	47.98	910
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4.	Williams	Georgia	2	48.16	901
5.	Filip	Rice	1	48.35	892
6.	Leemet	S Carolina	7	48.70	876
7.	Jacobus	Arkansas	3	49.23	850
8.	Victor	TAMU	6	49.33	846

Tim Ehrhardt out-leaned (it was that close) Hunter Price to capture the 2nd race while Wieland placed 4th in 49.54 loosing points to Victor and Williams. But he was fast enough to hold the lead overnight.

The third section contained local favorites Joe Delgado (lane 6) and Mitch Modin (lane 8). Delgado and Iowa's William Dougherty duelled in the home stretch with the latter getting the nod by .03 in a PR 49.26.

Wieland's overnight lead would be 84 over Williams who owns one big 2nd day event (110H), and 91 over Victor who owns two (discus and javelin). The defending champ is still in the drivers' seat yet he appeared less dominate than expected. With rain forecast for the technical day two, anything could happen. Hold onto your seats.
After Five: Wiel 4440, Will 4354, Vict 4349, Bast 4287, Salu 4247.

RESULTS:

6/7-8 48th NCAA I Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, OR [seasonal best score]

4440	Wieland, Luca/Minnesota'17	[8201]
	10.56-0.1 766+0.9 1379 216 49.54	
4354	Williams, Devon/Georgia'17	[8345]
	10.65-0.1 773+1.8 1413 198 48.16	
4349	Victor, Lindon/Texas A&M'17	[8539]
	10.72-0.1 734+2.9 1631 201 49.33	
4287	Bastien/Steven /Michigan'17	[7713]
	10.68+0.2 743+0.6 1291 204 47.49	
4247	Saluri, Karl-Robt/ Georgia'18	[7948]
	10.58-0.1 760+1.6 1422 186 47.98	
4242	Veith, Hunter/ Wichita St'18	[7610]
	10.66+0.5 771+1.7 1272 201 49.16	
4215	Filip, Scott/ Rice'18	[7915]
	10.71-0.1 758+1.0 1327 195 48.35	
4209	Lawson, TJ/ Kent St '20	[7640]
	11.01+0.2 743+2.0 1348 210 49.46	
4150	Leemet, Markus/S Carolina'18	[7720]
	10.83+0.2 741+1.9 1405 192 48.70	
4070	Price, Hunter/Colorado St'18	[7801]
	10.76-0.1 720 0.0 1277 195 48.56	
4012	Walton, Cody/ Nebraska'18	[7937]
	11.14+0.5 723+1.7 1396 198 50.27	
4006	Wasik, Steele/Texas'18	[7715]
	10.91+0.2 705+3.4 1420 192 49.74	
3970	Moore, Gabe/ Arkansas'19	[7564]
	10.96+0.2 709+2.9 1411 189 49.78	
3945	Mahler, Wolf/Texas'17	[7897]
	10.95+0.2 693-0.8 1276 192 48.15	
3935	Ehrhardt, Tim/ Michigan St'18	[7529]
	10.75+0.2 717+1.5 1235 183 48.54	
3918	Jacobus, Derek/ Arkansas'18	[7635]
	10.86+0.2 732+1.6 1285 180 49.23	
3914	Modin, Mitch/ Oregon'17	[7530]
	10.93-0.1 712+1.4 1298 192 50.33	
3826	Dougherty , William/ Iowa'18	[7471]
	11.04+0.5 771-1.3 1392 186 49.26	
3825	Delgado, Joe/ Oregon '18	[7566]
	11.11+0.5 674+1.7 1326 189 49.29	
3797	Cogdill, Josh/Colorado St'17	[7508]
	11.16+0.5 695+2.7 1308 189 50.48	
3733	Lint , Jack/Virginia '19	[7478]
	11.20+0.5 683+1.8 1239 189 50.16	
3660	Golubovic, Dan/ Duke'17	[7500]
	11.34+0.5 661+0.6 1312 189 50.96	
3446	Walker, Jackson/BYU'17	[7483]
	11.44+0.5 623+1.1 1184 189 51.61	
3413	Duckworth, Tim/ Kentucky'18	[7973]
	10.54-0.1 nm 1342 213 49.69	
24s,24f.		

