

THORPE CUP GOES to GERMANY

JO Season Complete

Hello Again: The wheels came off the Team USA wagon early at the 24th Thorpe Cup in Dusseldorf. Hoping to repeat the 2016 team victory in Fayetteville, Team USA sprinted thru the first event without a problem. But three unlucky long jump fouls by the team's high point leader Steven Bastien doomed the club that had little room for error. At the end of day one Team USA found themselves down a grand, a huge margin to overcome.

Day two was dominated by 19 year old Ituah Enahoro and 29 year old Rene Stauss, both of who recorded career bests an first time 8000+ scores. Since Enahoro is still listed by the IAAF as representing Nigeria(see previous *Newsletter* for debate on his eligibility for this meet) it remains to be seen if he'll get credit for that nation's national record (here 8028). Officials will have their hands full sorting out his nationality since ther has been an IAAF moratorium on athletes moving from nation-to-nation. Here's a summary.



**24th Thorpe Cup
(USA vs Germany)
Dusseldorf, Germany
July 29-30, 2017**

100 Meters: [12:10 pm]

Defending champ Scott Filip (Rice '18) won the seeded section of the sprint in a nice 10.78 seconds over 19 yearold Ituah Enahoro (10.84) and Steven Bastien (10.87). Patrick Scherfose (25) edged teammate Rene



Team USA, which has now lost 7 of the last 8 Thorpe Cups, holds a 14-10 margin in the series.

Stauss (30) in the unseeded race... 11.28-11.30. Both sprints were run into headwinds. The host nation led by just 41 points in what promised to be a close affair.

*After One: Fili 910, Enah 897, Bast 890, Beck 861.
Team: USA: 4163; Germany:4204; -41*

Long Jump: [1:00 pm]

When consistent Steven Bastien, who had been fourth at both NCAAs and USAs recorded a 3rd foul the team meet was essentially over. Enahoro won the event with a PR 7.64m/25-¾ and Filip was close, 7.50m/24-7½ with 23 year old Nico Beckers 3rd. 50 % of all attempts faced headwinds. Team USA's deficit was now an insurmountable 642 points.

After Two: Enah 1867, Fili 1845, Beck 1788, Hepp 1704.

Team: USA: 8012; Germany:8654; -642

Shot Put: [2:45 pm]

Kurtis Brondyke got his club back on track with a winning 15.04m/49-4¼ shot and Texas soph Steele Wasik boomed a career best 14.37m/47-1¾. Team USA made up 98 points. points.

After Three: Enah 2622, Beck 2529, Fili 2481, Stau 2403.

Team: USA: 11,690; Germany:12,234; -544

High Jump: [4:15 pm]

Beckers took over the individual lead by clearing 2.02m/6-7½. Predictably Rene Stauss, a big meet performer in his 5th Thorpe Cup, scraped over 2.11m/6-11 moving to 3rd place and Filip (2.02m/6-7½) was now fourth. The team deficit grew to 872 points.

After Four: Beck 3351, Enah 3336, Stau 3309, Fili 3303.

Team: USA: 15,367; Germany:16,245; -872



Kurtis Brondyke won the shot with a fine 49-4¼ effort.

400 meters: [6:15 pm]

Filip moved back into contention (64 points down) with a fine 48.67 clocking, behind Enahoro's 48.02.

After Five: Enah 4244, Beck 4219, Fili 4180, Stau 4089.

Team: USA: 19,363; Germany:20,486; -1,023

110m Hurdles: [11:00 am]

Day two started on a positive note as American collegians won both sections of the hurdles: Gabe Moore in 15.06 and Steele Wasik in 14.33. Only German team captain Felix Hepperle recorded a PR (15.19) but Scott Filip' 14.88 was close and it moved him to 2nd overall. Team USA had cut 97 points out of the deficit.

After Six: Enah 5111, Fili 5044, Beck 5023, Stau 4891.

Team: USA:23,688; Germany:24,618; -930

Discus: [11:45 am]

Rene Stauss, a veteran of 5 Cups, won the discus at 47.21m/154-10 to move into 2nd place while Enahoro got a career best 46.65m/153-0. Razorback Gabe Moore was

the top American at 43.26m/ 141-11 as the Yanks lost further ground.

After Seven: Enah 5912, Stau 5703, Fili 5676, Beck 5641,

Team: USA:23,688; Germany:24,618; -930

Pole Vault: [1:30 pm]

Patrick Scherfose won the event at 5.05m/16-6¾ while Stauss, puitting together a fine m2nd day was one bar lower. Kurtis Brondyke was the top American at 4.75m/15-7.

After Eight: Enah 6658, Stau 6598, Hepp 6338, Fili 6335.

Team: USA:30,755; Germany:32,194; -1439

Javelin: [3:45 pm]

Stauss took over the individual lead throwing seven meters better than Enahoro. Non-scorer Sasha Mann won the event at 67.11m/220-2 over Tim Wunderlich's 64.35m/211-1. Four Yanks were over 60 meters and they cut the lead to 880 points.

After Nine: Stau 7314, Enah 7270 Bron 7076, Hepp & Fili 6941.

Team: USA: 34,252; Germany: 35,142; -880

1500 meters: [5:00 pm]

Enhoro and Stauss battled for the win with the latter's 4:27.94 decisive as both surpassed 8k for the first time. Hepperle's 4:28 got him a PR score (7699) as well and moved him to 3rd. Filip and Dan Golubovic ran career bests here with the former finishing 4th.

After Six: Enah 8028, Stau 8009, Hepp 7699, Fili 7632.

Team: USA:37,321; Germany:38,642; -1321

Results:

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8028	Enahoro, Ituah/NIG[GER]	10.84-0.5
764+0.2	1444 190 48.02 14.86+0.5 4665 445 5157 4:2794	
8009	Stauss, Rene/GER	11.30-0.7
722+0.5	1423 211 50.76 15.40+1.3 4721 495 5858 4:37.73	
7699	Hepperle, Felix/GER	11.04-0.5
716-0.1	1251 199 48.26 15.19+0.5 3751 485 5085 4:28.00	
7632	Filip, Scott/Rice'18-USA	10.78-0.5
750-0.1	1248 202 48.67 14.88+0.5 3838 415 5117 4:38.26	
7595	Brondyke, Kurtis/OtherGuys-USA	11.41-0.7
700+1.2	1504 190 50.54 14.99+0.5 4315 475 6288 5:07.14	
7563	Scherfose, Patrick/GER	11.28-0.7
709-0.6	1362 190 50.16 14.80+0.5 4018 505 4764 4:39.85	
7432	Golubovic, Dan/Duke'17-USA	11.49-0.7
658-0.2	1306 187 51.57 14.95+0.5 4311 465 6147 4:35.21	



7370	Moore, Gabe/Arkansas'19-USA	11.15-0.5
700-1.0	1325 187 49.33 15.06+1.3 4326 455 5126 5:00.09	
7343	Beckers, Nico/GER	11.00-0.5
747 0.0	1420 202 48.85 15.38+0.5 3771 405 4073 4:50.18	
7292	Wunderlich, Tim/ShoreAC-USA	11.68-0.7
678-0.5	1382 187 52.30 15.46+1.3 4254 445 6435 4:46.60	
7254	Wasik, Steele/Texas'19-USA	11.16-0.5
668-0.3	1437 196 50.95 14.33+0.5 3401 405 6037 5:01.58	
7161	Menn, Sascha/GER	11.37-0.7
711+0.4	1265 205 50.58 15.65+1.3 3698 405 6711 5:28.43	
6065	Kruse, Nils/GER	11.84-0.7
644-1.2	1223 187 51.61 15.89+1.3 3748 nh 5568 4:50.20	
dnf,	Bastien, Steven/Michigan'17-USA	10.87-0.5
nm	1272 withdrew	
14s,14f.		
Team Scores:	USA 37,321; GER 38,642	

To catch up with other news.....

The IAAF World Champs in London will be the focus of our next newsletter. Scheduled for Aug 11-12....the USA entries will be two time champ Trey Hardee, Olympian Zach Ziemek and Devon Williams.

The USA Junior Olympic season is now completed with 16 year old Peyton Davis winning the USATF JO national 15-16 category (6112) and Nevada prep Jonathan Ply getting a fine 7111 in the 17-18 age category in Lawrence, Kansas last week. This week saw the AAU JO meet in Ypsilanti, Michigan where Courtney Harris of Greenacres, FL won the 15-16 category (5842 points) and Connor Sheridan of East Greenwich HS ('18), RI was the 17-18 victor at 6103. The two meets had 97 starters.

And congrats to 19 year old German Niklas Kaul for a new junior record of 8435 and victory at the Euro u20 champs in Grosseto, Italy. With 2nd day skills of a Dave Johnson or Georg Werthner/AUT, Karl will get credit for the junior record since his score surpasses the 8397 mark set in 1982 by East Germany's Torsten Voss.

[8435 Kaul, Niklas/GER 11.48-1.3 720+1.6 1537 205 48.42 14.55-0.2 4849 470 6805 4:15.52]