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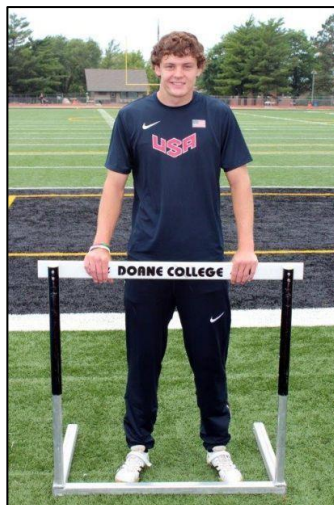
Thomas, Wolken and Schoen Hold 1st Day Leads

HELLO AGAIN.....All three small(er) college nationals had weather or wind issues on the opening day of CEs. In Waverly, IA impending thunderstorms forced meet officials to move the decathlon up by almost 2 hours. The D-II affair in Bradenton, Florida got off to a rocky start as both sections of the 100 meters faced stiff headwinds (wind readings -1.9mps and -0.3mps). The direction of the long jump was satisfactory and all 48 efforts had the handiness of tailwinds.

Much the same occurred at Wartburg's D-III meet where wind readings for the trio of 100m sections read -2.2mps, -1.9mps, -1.0mps.

Only at the NAIA nationals in Gulfport, AL did the decathletes catch a break with adequate conditions. There, after day one Kale Wolken (22), the Doane senior from Tecumseh, NE and defending champ/seasonal leader held a 375 point margin over William Lawson of Vanguard U. using an equalling sprint PR and four additional consistent marks, Wolken was 160 up on PR pace (7504) set earlier in the season at Drake. He also held the comfort of 4 (!) teammates in the meet while looking for a potential Olympic Trials qualifier.

New Zealander Cody Thomas , a senior at Alaska Anchorage, leaped (7.53m/24-8½) and sprinted (47.88) to a 168 point lead over Azusa freshman Shakiel Chattoo, (Kingston, Jamaica) , 4087-3919. Seasonal leader Tanner McNutt/Pittsburg St, defending champ Justin Balczak and 2nd day guru Dan Golubovic/UC-San Diego, are all in



Kale Wolken/Doane (left), Cody Thomas/Alaska Anchorage (right-above), and Ethen Schoen/Wisconsin-Stout (right-below) hold first day ten event leads at NAIA, NCAA II and NCAA III decathlons respectively,

contention for the gold medal. The latter, although standing just 15th in a 16 man field at the break is approximately 100 points up on a PR pace of 7139. The second day in Bradenton, Florida holds much promise for many.

At D-III in Waverly, IA heavy favorite Ethen Schoen (Fall Creek, WI) a junior at Wisconsin-Stout was looking for his first career "7." He held a comfortable lead over



Azusa teammates Justin Balczak (left) and Shakiel Chattoo (right) were in the D-II hunt.

JC Grim/Linfield and Taylor Vann/Vassar at the halfway mark.

Interestingly, 51 started and 51 completed all of day one events.

I'll squeeze the day two details and final scores in my next *Newsletter* before we get started here on Saturday morning in Götzis, Austria.



1st Day Results:

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

4087	Thomas , Cody/Alaska Anchorage'16-NZL 11.12-1.9 753+2.3 1193 199 47.88
3919	Chattoo, Shakiel /Azusa Pacific'19-JAM 10.86-1.9 733+2.6 1215 199 52.02
3885	McNutt, Tanner/Pittsburg St'18 7315 11.09-1.9 729+3.2 1205 187 48.93
3756	Balczak, Justin/Azusa Pacific'16 11.64-0.3 704+3.3 1232 199 50.53
3734	Braga, John/Merrimack'17 11.35-0.3 709+1.9 1046 199 50.15
3703	Seitz, Blake/C Missouri'16 11.52-0.3 678+1.7 1364 193 51.50
3681	Thomas, Jayce/MO Southern'16 11.64-0.3 709+0.5 1099 208 52.56
3664	Dunn, Jason/Chico St'17 11.27-1.9 684+1.0 1311 175 49.71
3599	Schluter, Derrick/NW Missouri'16 11.49-0.3 689+2.9 1100 187 49.82
3490	Holesinger, Bryce/Lewis'18 11.39-1.9 669+3.3 1173 178 50.91
3490	Schneider, Vincen/Queens (N.C.)'16 11.58-1.9 679+2.2 1092 190 51.76
3485	Martin, Aaron/Chico St'17 11.80-0.3 699+1.9 1202 184 52.25
3471	Gal, Piotr/Missouri S&T'16 11.70-1.9 698+2.2 1104 187 52.20
3457	Reid, Corey/Azusa Pacific'19 11.25-0.3 632+2.1 1104 187 51.23
3452	Golubovic, Dan/UC San Diego'17 11.75-0.3 669+3.5 1256 184 52.36
3404	Maslen, Harry/Angelo State'16 11.64-1.9 663+2.9 1063 181 50.45
16s,	

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

3717	Schoen, Ethen/Wis.-Stout'17 11.42-1.0 719+2.1 1135 196 51.32
3556	Grim, JC/Linfield'19 11.53-1.5 685+1.6 1024 199 51.70
3554	Vann, Taylor /Vassar '16 11.30-1.0 652+1.8 1121 187 50.08
3536	Wagner, Kevin/St. Scholastica'16

3521	Flood, Jack/Cortland St'17 11.78-2.2 669+0.8 1210 196 52.42
3509	Bartnett, Andrew/Johns Hopkins'17 11.35-1.0 655+0.6 1099 187 50.67
3505	Port, Aaron/Ohio Wesleyan'16, 11.62-1.5 677+1.8 1391 175 52.37
3455	Rice, Patrick/Rochester'16 11.63-2.2 659+1.3 1189 184 51.41
3467	Muellers, Tobias/Williams'18 11.55-1.0 654+0.2 1141 178 49.52
3457	Boockmeier, Brad/St. Norbert'18 11.49-2.2 618+1.4 1377 181 51.96
3434	Maniglia, Sam/Rowan'17 11.40-1.5 643+0.7 1146 184 51.59
3432	Frazier, Isaac/Simpson (IA)'17 11.60-1.0 643nwi 1186 190 52.43
3381	O'Neill, Connor/St. Thomas (MN)'17 11.88-1.5 664+2.6 1120 199 54.36
3363	Dickerson, Matt/Wabash'16 11.48-1.0 625+0.7 1112 181 50.85
3333	Conley, Devin/Johns Hopkins'16 11.85-1.5 664+1.4 1221 184 53.92
3323	Carlson, Garrett/Wis.-La Crosse'17 11.85-2.2 619+2.1 1263 187 52.99
3268	Wadlington, Adam/Wabash'16 11.63-1.5 607 0.0 1062 181 50.72
3261	Canchola, Alex/George Fox'18 11.87-2.2 656 0.0 981 178 50.55
3207	Elfgaard, Rasmus /NPark'18-SWE 11.56-1.0 616+1.3 1117 178 53.03
3124	Buckner, Jack/Carleton'18 11.90-2.2 637+0.2 1034 175 52.70
20s,	

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

4003	Wolken, Kale/Doane'16 10.94+1.0 716+1.7 1315 197 49.77
3628	Lawson, Winston/Vanguard'17 11.28+1.0 649+2.1 1113 200 50.83
3476	Wiechman, Lucas/Concordia (NE)'17 11.17+1.0 658+0.2 1115 179 51.14
3428	Gretz, Seth/Oregon Tech'18 11.27+1.0 659+1.0 949 191 51.86
3410	White, Julian/Graceland'16 11.72+1.0 648+0.8 1117 194 52.45
3361	Castellanos, Justin/Doane'16 11.68+1.0 678+0.8 1074 188 53.55
3332	Williams, Devin/Keiser'19 11.37+2.0 666+1.7 1058 182 53.68
3297	Andjelic, Nikola/Rio Grande'19 11.35+2.0 636+0.8 1081 182 53.29
3281	Gandy, Drew/Cen Methodist'17 11.28+2.0 641+0.1 952 173 50.78
3218	Dotson, Joe /Southern Oregon'19 11.63+2.0 615+1.8 1165 170 51.54
3184	Sease, Tommy/Dickinson St'18 11.89+1.0 587-0.9 1140 185 52.29
3179	Krueger, Jake/Doane'16 11.54+2.0 612+1.6 1047 173 51.67
3169	Asselin, James /Westmont'16

12.19+2.0 614+1.6 1156 194 54.75
3093 Gaston, Kyle/Doane'16
11.51+2.0 557-0.1 985 188 53.17
3019 Lucas, Michael/Doane'17
12.02+2.0 579 0.0 1117 182 54.24
16s,
