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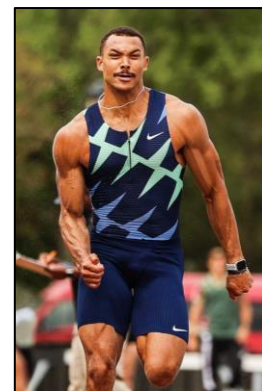


WEST WINS BUT USA DROPS THORPE CUP Scantling Removed from World Team

Hello Again... July was not kind to American decathlon fortunes. Consider: Team USA suffered their 10th loss in the past eleven Thorpe Cup meets, this year's affair held in Dallas over the weekend. In spite of near PR scores by the top three Americans the hosts found themselves on the losing end of the team battle by nearly 2000 points. The loss came ten days after USATF dropped national champion Garret Scantling from its World Athletics Championship roster in a meet which starts this week in Eugene, OR. USATF has been mum about Scantling's termination. Of course, rumors fly but an injury does not seem to be the reason for the roster shake-up. Attempts to reach the principals (a pretty important story which taints the event) have been unsuccessful.

Scantling's 8867 winning total at the USA championships in May is still the world leader. He was considered by many for a podium spot in Eugene. He was replaced by Stephen Bastien who was 4th at the nationals and who has a qualifying score from the 2021 season. USATF announced their final team selections on the morning of July 5. USATF 2-3 finishers Kyle Garland and Zach Ziemek are the other USA entrants. The decathlon is scheduled for July 23-24. Stay tuned....this story has the potential to have legs.

Meanwhile, the 2022 version of the Thorpe Cup, the annual USA vs Germany decathlon dual, was conducted amid hot temps in Dallas, Texas. There was a lengthy weather delay during the high jump.



The old adage, "there's good news and bad news" applies to USA decathlon fortunes. The good news (on left) featured Iowa's Austin West who won the 27th Thorpe Cup in Dallas. The bad news (on right)... Garrett Scantling was removed from our World Champs team.

In spite of the embarrassing team loss in Dallas the effort by Iowa sophomore Austin West (21, IowaCity, IA) was nothing short of heroic. In 100+ degree temps West sent a meet record 46.92 in the 400 and PR'd in four events (long jump, hurdles, discus and 1500m) He needed a career best in the 1500m to hold off 22 year old German Malik Diakite who won the event in 4:24.12 And he got it....a gutsy 4:25.03 while temps reached 106 F°. Wow! Whew! The final totals: West 8062, Diakite 8051.

Near PR performances were turned in by Jack Flood (3rd at 7977) and Dylan Cooper (5th at 7858). Hunter Price was unable to finish and Big Ten winner Ryan Talbot/ Michigan St suffered a foot sprain and did not start.

West was the first US collegian ever to win the Thorpe Cup (ed....Scott Filip/Rice won in 2016 but was did not compete as a collegian that season). Hint: perhaps more collegians should be discretionary additions to the Thorpe Cup roster if the USA champs continue to be held in May.

Results:



7/9-10 USA vs Germany ...Thorpe Cup, Dallas, TX	
8062	West, Austin/USA 10.75-1.4 755-0.7 1422 193 46.92 14.64 4348 401 5924 4:25.03
8051	Diakite, Malik/GER 10.96-0.8 730-0.8 1423 193 48.30 14.69 4295 471 5746 4:24.12
7977	Flood, Jack/USA 11.00-1.4 708 0.0 1380 208 49.97 13.99 4062 471 5890 4:40.47
7884	Vollmer, Max/GER 10.77-1.4 719 0.0 1517 199 48.44 15.80 3759 461 6303 4:39.54
7858	Cooper, Dylan/USA 11.40-0.8 687-1,6 1553 199 51.82 14.59 4694 471 5974 4:38.56
7852	Meyer, Marcel/GER 10.93-0.8 702 0.0 1451 193 48.66 14.85 3981 471 6200 4:41.28
7803	Laserich, Nils/GER 10.91-1.4 728 0.0 1464 187 48.68 15.48 4561 441 5619 4:33.36
7690	Beckers, Nico/GER 10.80-1.4 711+1.2 1614 193 49.18 14.57 4384 441 4586 4:55.89
7158	Walker, Jackson/USA 11.58-0.8 620 0.0 1279 181 51.15 15.30 4416 441 5713 4:34.10
7134	Dieckmann, Luca/GER 11.14-0.8 678 0.0 1337 193 51.48 14.92 3731 451 4445 4:50.92
6381	Eggers, William/USA 11.04-0/8 672 0.0 1253 nh 50.36 15.85 3918 451 5163 5:00.15
dnf	Price, Hunter/USA 10.91-1.4 728 0.0 1473 205 49.63 16.66 4439 381 dns
dnf	Bechmann, Andreas/GER 10.97-1.4 708 0.0 1438 dns
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Team Scores: Germany: 39,290 (ave: 7858.0), USA: 37,436 (ave: 7487.2)	

World Athletics Decathlon Schedule...'



Saturday, July 23, 2022	Saturday	
100 meters	9:50 am	local time
Long Jump	10:40	
Shot Put	12:10 pm	
High Jump	4:10	
400 meters	6:55	

Sunday, July 24m 2022....	Sunday	
110m Hurdles	9:35 am	
Discus	10:30/11:40	
PoleVault	12:15/1:15 pm	
Javelin	5:05/6:10	
1500 meters	7:20	

The Field:

<i>Number name</i>	<i>nation</i>	<i>PR season best</i>	<i>DOB</i>
1658 Damian WARNER	CAN	9018 8797	4 Nov 89
2377 Kyle GARLAND	USA	8720 8720	28 May
2435 Zachery ZIEMEK	USA	8573 8573	23 Feb 93
2240 Ayden OWENS-DELERME	PUR	8528 8528	28 May
1786 Janek ÖIGLANE	EST	8405 8405	25 Apr 94
1534 Cedric DUBLER	AUS	8393 8393	13 Jan 95
1913 Leo NEUGEBAUER	GER	8362 8362	19 Jun 00
1714 Ondřej KOPECKÝ	CZE	8310 8310	16 May
1904 Niklas KAUL	GER	8691 8303	11 Feb 98
2195 Sander SKOTHEIM	NOR	8298 8298	31 May
1787 Maicel UIBO	EST	8604 8289	27 Dec 92
1784 Johannes ERM	EST	8445 8250	26 Mar 98
1914 Tim NOWAK	GER	8229 8160	13 Aug 95
2354 Steven BASTIEN	USA	8485 8135	4 Mar 94
1743 Andy PRECIADO	ECU	8004 7966	12 Oct 97
1560 Ken MULLINGS	BAH	7734 7657	28 Apr 97
1840 Kevin MAYER	FRA	9126 -----	10 Feb 92
1545 Ashley MOLONEY	AUS	8649 -----	13 Mar 00
1645 Pierce LEPAGE	CAN	8604 -----	22 Jan 96
1905 Kai KAZMIREK	GER	8580 -----	28 Jan 91
1947 Lindon VICTOR	GRN	8539 -----	28 Feb 93
1536 Daniel GOLUBOVIC	AUS	8336 -----	29 Nov 93
1721 Jiří SÝKORA	CZE	8122 -----	20 Jan 95