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HOCK & ZZ in HAYWARD COMBAT First Day of NCAA I Decathlon

Hello Again.... The 45th NCAA I Decathlon was off and running at historic Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon. The University of Oregon played host to this affair for the 10th time and 2014 represented a changing of the guard as only 8 of last year's field returned and only 2 of the top 7 were back. The 2013 champ Johannes Hock, the bulky Texas sophomore from Gologne, Germany, was a returnee and anxious to put all the speculation about his fitness level to rest. A good deal of attention was focused on the Georgia pair of Garrett Scantling and Estonian Maicel Uibo, the seasonal collegiate leaders, as well as '13 national indoor champ Kevin Lazas/Arkansas, and local favorite Dakotah Keys who seemed to bring about 2000 of his closest friends from Sweet Home to the the ancient green grandstand.

Defending champ Johannes Hock/Texas holds a 20 point lead over Wisconsin's 'Double Z'-Zach Ziemek at the break with USC senior Viktor Fajoyomi 3rd and Georgia's seasonal leaders, Maicel Uibo and Garrett Scantling 4th and 5th. Here's the first day tale.

45th NCAA I Championships

Hayward field

University of Oregon

Eugene, Oregon

June 11-12, 2014



100 Meters: [11:30- 11:41 am]

Approximately 500 fans were in their



Texas soph Johannes Hock, the defending NCAA I decathlon champ, holds a 20 point lead at the break in Eugene.

seats in the West Grandstands and fine weather (highh 70s, tailing breezes) greeted 24 decathletes grouped into 3 races. In the first race 18 year old Oregon freshman Mitch Modin, Bend, delighted the home crowd when he caught the favorite, Georgia's Garrett Scantling, at 80 meters and won in a PR 10.84 seconds. Montana State senior Jeff Mohl snuck in for second at 10.86. Aiding wind: +2.2mps. The season's find, Buffalo's Mike Morgan, 19, Ontario, NY, strained a hamstring and would soon withdraw.

For those who doubted the readiness of defending champ Johannes Hock, 22, Cologne, it took just 10.69 seconds for the Texas soph to dispel that notion. Forecast no better than 6th/7th in polls, Hock comes to this meet to compete! Utah Valley junior Michael McPherson, 24, Parker, CO was second, 4 one hundredths back. Aiding wind: + 2.4 mps.

Penn State freshman Robert Cardina, 19, Lancaster, PA got a career best of 10.87 for 4th. New Orleans freshman Karl-Robert Saluri was injured and withdrew.

And if anyone was going to challenge Hock on day one it was Wisconsin junior Zach Ziemek, 21, Itasca, IL, who blew away section #3 winning by four steps in 10.81 seconds. Lanky USC senior Viktor Fajoyomi, 23, Budapest, was second in 11.12 for a PR, with the same time given to Oregon's Dakotah Keys, 22, Sweet Home, OR. Aiding wind: +2.3 mps.

After One: Hock 931, McPh 922, ZZ 903, Mahl 899.

Long Jump: [12:15- 12:54pm]

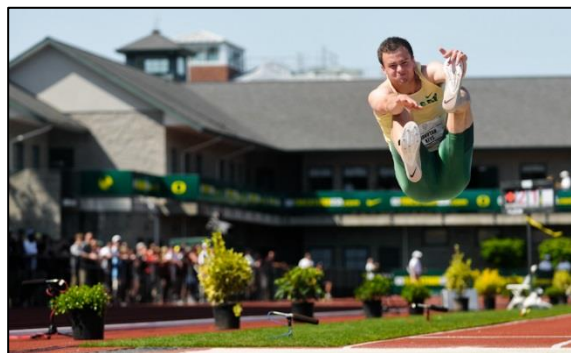
In Flight #1 Keys lead after the first round with a 7.31m/23-11¾ leap. But the real news was in the second round when 'Double Z' covered 7.73m/25-4 ½ of Lane County real



Zach Ziemek won the long jump at a PR 7.73m/25-4½. estate to take the event and overall lead. Fajomi followed with a 7.56m/24-6 ¾ PR effort. The jumping was universally good in

Flight #1 as a mark of 7.19m/23-7¼ was the poorest mark!

In Flight #2 a trio recorded lifetime bests including: Baylor senior, Henry Vildosola, 22, Moreno Valley, CA [7.09m/23-3¼]; N+Modin again after a pair of fouls (!!!) [7.20m/23-7½]; and on the final leap, Akron junior Alex McCune, 21, Pittsburgh, PA, [7.48m/24-6½]. Hock managed a 7.41m/24-3¾ effort in the first round, then went for broke on succeeding jumps which were marginal fouls. In all 17 of 22 athletes exceed seven meters and their meet's weakest effort measured 6.73m/22-1.



Oregon's Dakotah Keys was in contention all day getting a 7.31m/23-11¾ leap and shot and 400m PRs.

The 'Double Z/Hock' war was on with the Wisconsin junior holding a 521 point margin. *After Two: ZZ 1895, Hock 1844, McPh 1793, Fajo 1784.*

Shot Put: [1:30- 1:57 pm]

The crowd had grown to over 1000 by now and the temps headed into the mid 80s! BYU senior Chase Dalton, 25, Tigard, OR, won Flight #1 with a nice 13.21m/43-4¼ toss. Fajoyomi PR's again (12.72m/41-9).

In Flight #2 Kansas State senior Devin Dick opened with a 14.44m/47-4½ toss and duplicated it in round two. He moved to third overall. Hock tossed 15.06m/49-5 in the initial round to recapture the lead (by 97 points) as Ziemek managed 12.63m/41-5¼. Keys had a PR here also, 13.74m/45-1. It was hot!

After Three: Hock 2637, ZZ 2540, Dick 2486, McCu 2461.

High Jump: [2:47-4:14 pm]

Attendance grew to @ 3000 as fans arrived for the afternoon/evening session. Flight #2 was captured by Kansas State soph Reinis Kregers, 22, Vecumnieki, Latvia, at 2.02m/6-7½ yet the arresting story was Hock who lifted his bulky 210 pound frame over 1.96m/6-5, equalling a lifetime best. Modin



Double Z took back the overall lead with this 2.08m/6-9 ¾ leap.

and Dalton also cleared 1.96m.

Jumping in the adjoining pit, Ziemek traded the overall lead with Hock and it cahnged hands 4 times in 30 minutes. It's good the NCAA decathlo leader does not have to wear a 'leader bib.' Hock and Ziemelk would have been busy handing it back and forth. For Ziemek's part he cleared 2.08m/6-9¾ and finished the event with a 14 point lead. He barely missed a PR 2.11m/6-11. That bar was cleared my Fajoyomi and Georgia soph Maicel Uibo. The latter eventually won the event at 2.14m/7-¼ and



Estonian from Polva moved to 3rd. 195 attempts in 87 minutes, 83 clearances.

After Four: ZZ 3418, Hock 3404, Uibo 3378, Fajo 3340.

400 Meters: [6:00- 6:11 pm]

A lengthy break ensued. The three sections were well seeded and the outcome of the first race was in doubt with 40 meters remain when Keys pulled away from Dalton and Ziemek to win, 50.00-50.20-50.21, career bests for all three.

Hock bulled his way to a win in the second race, getting a PR 40.48 clocking and took the lead back from Ziemel. Montana

The Morgan/Saluri withdrawals left a

State senior Jeff Mohl, 23, Red Lodge, MT, was 2nd at 49.59 seconds.

pair of empty lanes. McPherson caught Texas freshman Wolf Mahler in the stretch to win the 3rd race, 48.28 to 48.33. The day ended with Hock holding a 20 point lead over Ziemek as nine scored over 4000 first day points.

After Five: Hock 4243, ZZ 4223, Fajo 4166, Uibo 4163.



RESULTS:

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4243	Hock, Johannes/Texas'16-GER	10.69+2.4	741+1.3	1506	196	49.48
4223	Ziemek, Zach/Wisconsin'15	10.81+2.3	773+1.7	1263	208	50.21
4166	Fajoyomi, Viktor/USA'14-HUN	11.12+2.3	756+1.6	1272	211	49.75
4163	Uibo, Maicel/Georgia'16-EST	11.05+2.2	733+1.0	1356	214	50.54
4112	Scantling, Garrett/Georgia'15	10.89+2.2	703+3.4	1392	205	49.61
4087	Cardina, Robert/Penn St'17	10.87+2.4	708+2.2	1314	205	49.49
4071	Keys, Dakotah/Oregon'15	11.12+2.3	731+2.0	1374	202	50.00
4045	Modin, Mitch/Oregon'17	10.84+2.2	720+3.2	1343	196	49.76
4006	Dick, Devin/Kansas St'14	11.10+2.2	733+2.2	1444	193	50.74
3994	Mohl, Jeff/Montana St'14	10.86+2.2	721+2.7	1160	202	49.59
3929	Schneider, Kurt/Michigan St'14	11.28+2.2	719+2.1	1194	208	50.64
3912	McPherson, Michael/Utah Valley'15	10.73+2.4	724+1.7	1039	190	48.28
3861	McCune, Alex/Akron'15	11.00+2.3	748+1.6	1304	190	50.63
3859	Lazas, Kevin/Arkansas'14	11.07+2.3	727+1.9	1374	187	51.71
3837	Kregers, Reinis/Kansas St'16-LTH	11.45+2,3	697+2.8	1306	202	50.89
3820	Hanssler, Luis/Memphis'16-GER	10.94+2.4	723+4.0	1209	184	50.05
3819	Mahler, Wolf/Texas'17	10.83+2.4	680+1.8	1187	184	48.33
3806	Dalton, Chase/BYU'14	11.26+2.3	673+0.3	1321	196	50.20
3763	Weinstock, Evan/Brown'14	11.02+2.2	694+1.3	1238	187	50.50
3629	Vildosola, Henry/Baylor'14	11.49+2.3	709+4.5	1313	181	51.69
3542	Weirich, Joshua/BYU'14	11.48+2.3	683+2.4	1180	190	52.50
2987	Jones, Bryan/Akron'14	11.37+2.3	733+2.2	1276	184	DQ

dnf Morgan, Mike/Buffalo'16 11.13+2.2
dnf Saluri, Karl-Robert/New Orleans'17 dnf
24s, 22f