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## NIXON WINS JUNIOR CROWN

### Bouraada Tops in Ratingen; Trials Qualifiers

**Hello Again...**Light news on the weekend prior to the USA Olympic Trials decathlon. Arkansas frosh Gunnar Nixon won the USA Junior crown, Alegrian Larbi Bourrada came out on top in the IAAF CE Challenge meet in Ratingen, GER, and we provide the latest update on qualifying for the Olympic Trials.

#### USA Junior Champs Indiana University Bloomington, IN June 15-16, 2010

Indianapolis. Arkansas freshman Gunnar Nixon had little trouble annexing the USA Junior title in Indianapolis. He led after the 3<sup>rd</sup> event, posted a 4062 and relied on a 59.31m/194-7 PR javelin to ensure his victory. His score was 12 points higher than his runner-up performance a year ago at the same meet in Eugene.

Coming off an American Junior Record (with the big league implements) at the NCAAs in Des Moines, this meet represented his 2<sup>nd</sup> full decathlon in 9 days. He qualified for the IAAF World Junior champs in Barcelona in July.

**6/15-16 USA Junior Nationals, U-Indiana, Bloomington, IN**  
[International implements...6kg shot,100cm hurdles,1.75kg discus, 800g javelin]

7760	Nixon, Gunnar/Arkansas	11.39-0.4	696+1.0	1412
217	50.69	14.34+0.9	4176	440 5931 4:51.58 4062/3698
7534	Scantling, Garrett/Georgia	11.47-1.0	673+1.3	1430
208	52.08	14.98+0.9	4224	470 5796 5:12.31 3855/3679
7275	Neilsen, Kevin/BYU	11.55-0.4	703+2.8	1241
199	49.82	15.21-0.3	3652	440 4876 4:27.81
7006	DiMambro, Michael/Rh Island	11.17-0.4	698+2.2	1274
193	51.41	15.23+0.9	3595	400 5348 4:58.16

Arkansas freshman Gunnar Nixon, (right) 19, Edmond, OK, won the USA Junior title in Bloomington, IN (7760) in a meet dominated in recent years by high school students. In Bloomington the top 5 finishers were collegiate freshman.



6976	K`Vonte, Scott/E Tennessee	St11.48-0.4	680+1.4	1199
196	49.61	14.95+1.4	3667	400 4602 4:45.43
6849	Lane, Austrell/unat		11.55-0.5	647+0.3 1315
187	51.32	15.30+1.4	3679	430 4651 4:45.72
6501	Jones, Rusty/Utah Valley St	11.68-0.5	648+0.8	1144
193	51.42	15.12+0.9	3607	440 4152 5:26.68
6721	Chester, Sam/Miami (OH)	11.28-1.0	665-0.3	1291
181	50.23	14.31-0.1	3235	370 4325 4:50.17
6589	Kincade, Jack/unat		11.44-0.4	641+0.3 1260
184	50.27	15.50+0.9	3381	400 4737 4:52.54
6462	Donnellon, Nathan/Siena Hts	11.82-0.5	639+0.4	1376
169	51.72	18.64-0.1	4964	410 4741 4:54.35
6465	Dahlstrand, John/Akron	12.03-1.0	656+0.6	1202
196	53.81	16.20+0.9	4108	360 5031 4:55.18
6367	Sanders, Chris/Rice		11.82-1.0	667+1.6 1347
193	55.50	15.63-0.3	3651	340 4892 5:05.21
6069	Neal, Caleb/Oklahoma Baptist	11.50-1.0	637+0.8	1258
178	55.25	14.93+1.1	3395	390 4495 5:51.04
6042	Athanasopoulos, Nick/Cornell	11.71-0.5	675+2.5	1160
178	51.74	14.87+1.1	3582	390 4540 4:33.56
5999	Williams, Devon/Heat TC	11.42-1.0	638+2.2	1233
178	51.63	14.79-0.1	3258	300 4164 5:36.09
6287	Garcia, Ulises/unat		11.63-1.0	615+1.3 1127
169	51.94	15.69+0.9	3883	380 4190 4:40.50
6332	Magnusson, Mikel/S Alabama	11.83-1.0	626+1.4	1224
178	53.58	16.88-0.1	3561	430 4855 4:47.57
6241	Kerr, Charles/unat		11.43-0.5	548-1.2 1189
178	52.08	16.67-0.3	3748	340 5827 5:28.30
6242	Williams, Jemal/USC	12.10-1.0	597+0.9	1289
172	52.93	15.25+1.1	3586	380 4107 4:36.26
6094	Smith, Kyle/unat		11.83-0.4	611+1.3 1144
181	51.08	14.38-0.1	3168	300 4054 4:53.98
4958	Dunyvant, Anthony/unat		11.97-1.0	606+1.5 1205
175	52.22	15.86+1.1	3084	380 3963 4:59.51

dnf Fellows, Alex/Oregon [11.47-1.0 638-1.6 1147 181 52.88], Hoff, Eric/unat[11.74-1.0 589-1.2 1241 181 51.76],  
 Rhodes, Peter/Brown[11.99-1.0 681+2.0 1180 190 56.64], Williamson, Powhattan/Montana St[11.39-1.0 668+2.2 1228  
 nh 52.06 15.51-0.3 3299 nh 3831], McCune,  
 Alex/Akron [11.57-0.5 633-0.4 1350 nh dnf dnf 3924 nh 4740] 26s,21f

**Erdgas Mehrkampf  
 Ratingen, Germany  
 June 14-15, 2012**

In other news, the Erdgas Mehrkampf meeting in Ratingen provided some arresting results on June 14-15 (Thursday-Friday). The meet served as both the final Olympic team Trials



for Germany and a chance for some redemption for the Cuban team which had arrived late performed well under-par in Götzis 2½ weeks earlier. But it was Algerian

Larbi Bourrada (above) who stole the spotlight from the Germans and Cubans with a 8332 PR win which included an eye-opening 4439 first day score.

The 24 year old Algerian broke his own African record by 30 points set in the same meet a year ago.

Young German Jan Felix Knobel notched the 3<sup>rd</sup> Olympic spot (Pascal Behrenbruch and Rico Freimuth the others) with an 8228 performance for 2<sup>nd</sup>. He used a 71.38m/234-2 spear to nail down the spot.

Cubans Yordani Garcia (8005) and Yuniior Diaz (7735) were 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The Cubans will send just a pair to London since since Diaz does not have an A standard score. Leonel Suarez started poorly here (11.31 100m

and 7.02m/23-½ long jump) and withdrew before the 400m. German Michael Schrader, the '09 Götzis winner over Trey Hardee, was also a casualty as tight calves prevented him from starting.

Former Big 12 champ Moritz (ex Kansas State) won the final event in 4:23.74, fast enough to tow Bourrada to a 4:24.08 clocking and a new continental record. Germans placed 5-6-7-8-9 selecting themselves to the July Thorpe Cup match vs USA in Marburg.


**Results:**

**6/14-15 Erdgas Mehrkampf, Ratingen, GER**

8332	Bourrada, Larbi/ALG	10.58+0.6	757-0.4	1364
209	47.40 14.78+2.4	3480	470 6768	4:24.08
8228	Knobel, Jan Felix/GER	11.04+0.6	721-0.5	1589
194	48.89 14.61+2.4	4356	490 7138	4:48.24
8005	Garcia, Yordani/CUB	10.89+0.6	657-0.1	1522
209	49.95 14.19+2.4	4486	460 5977	4:42.93
7735	Diaz, Yuniior/CUB	10.70+0.6	731+0.1	1400
194	47.56 15.07+2.2	4550	420 4991	4:44.45
7691	Prey, Matthias/GER	11.24+0.1	731-0.1	1566
185	50.06 14.56+2.2	4772	400 5230	4:34.22
7708	Spinner, Patrick/GER	11.11+0.6	722+0.1	1427
191	50.57 15.09+2.2	3971	440 6770	4:42.31
7720	Gilde, Maximilian/GER	11.32+0.1	731+0.1	1328
191	50.14 14.76+2.2	4073	450 6672	4:41.20
7620	Cleve, Moritz/GER	11.27+0.1	683-0.8	1404
188	49.68 14.63+2.4	3922	470 5349	4:23.74
7649	Kahlert, Steffen/GER	11.26+0.6	703+1.3	1336
188	50.15 14.61+2.4	3660	500 5329	4:24.92
7648	Heinke, Lars-Niklas/GER	11.11+0.6	713-0.4	1249
179	49.81 14.84+2.2	4177	500 5822	4:37.21
dnf:	Uldal, Hans Olav/NOR(ex Missouri) [11.36+0.1			
	689=0.2 1325 179 51.64], Hechler, Simon/GER [10.96+0.6			
	720-0.3			
	1251], Niklaus, Andre/GER [11.48+0.1 672+0.3 1466			
	191], Suarez, Leonel/CUB[11.31+0.1 702+1.8 1428 203],			
	16s,10f			

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**US Olympic Trials  
 Qualifying**



As of noon on Sunday, June 17 (the final day for qualifying) 23 have filed entries for the US Olympic Trials decathlon (June 22-23). The automatic standard is 7900, provisional standard 7600, with field being

filled to 18 from the provisional list if there are not 18 with the auto standard.

Some notes: Entry deadline is Monday, June 18 (midnight). Declaration deadline for the decathlon is Tuesday, June 19 (midnight).

Bryan Clay	Ascis	nm	declared
Ashton Eaton	Oregon eTC	8729	
Trey Hardee	Nike	8689	declared
Curtis Beach	Duke	8084	declared
Isaac Murphy	Texas	8067	declared
Ryan Harlan	unat	8011	declared
Miller Moss	unat/Clemson	7996	declared
Kevin Lazas	Arkansas	7955	declared
Wesley Bray	unat	7932	declared
Gray Horn	Florida	7914	declared
Joe Detmer	unat	7910	declared
Michael Ayers	Georgia	7903	
Gunnar Nixon	Arkansas	7892	
Jake Arnold	Asics	7840	
Chris Randolph	Skechers	7840	
Dave Grzesiak	Wisconsin	7832	
Dakotah Keys	Oregon	7793	
Eric Broadbent	HPC elite	7750	
Chris Helwick	unat	7737	
Corbin Duer	unat	7705	
Mat Clark	unat	7684	
Tim Wunderlich	unat	7636	
Jeff Mohl	Montana St	7630	