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## GERMANS SWEEP CUP

### Kazmirek's 8130 !



**Hello Again....**Day two in Marburg broke sunny and a bit warmer. Breezes still prevailing from the north. Approximately 1000 fans were in their seats for the start of day two which was team competitive until the pole vault when the host nation pulled away. At the finish, with a trio of USA no marks, the host Team Zehnkampf captured their 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive team Thorpe Cup. The USA leads overall, 13-6 in a series which began in 1993.

21 year old Kai Kazmirek used a pair of 2<sup>nd</sup> day PRs, overcame a fall in the hurdles and ran up a PR and winning total of 8130 points. For just the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in meet history no American medaled.

**19<sup>th</sup> Thorpe Cup**  
**USA vs Germany Team Decathlon**  
**Marburg, Germany**  
**July, 21-22, 2012**



### Day Two:

#### **110 m Hurdles:** [11:00 - 11:07 am]

In the first section Issac Murphy, 4<sup>th</sup> overall and running in lane 7 was out well and in command the entire way. Mattias prey (in lane 4) gave chase but could not run Murph down and he crossed in a fine 14.61. Prey was .06 seconds back. Joe Detmer was 3<sup>rd</sup> at 15.35 as Patrick Spinner fell over hurdle 10 and stumbled and dove to a 16.55 clocking.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> race featured the faster hurdlers sans Bryan Clay. Rico Freimuth was added (the only Olympian wanting to race the



Thorpe Cup athletes vaulted in the shadow of the Marburg castle.

hurdles) and he was in command the entire way clocking 14.12. Aiding wind, +0.4. Gray Horn ran a tough, controlled race and barely held off fast charging Jake Arnold, 14.36 to 14.38. Moritz Cleve outleaped Ryan Harlan, 14.14.48 to 14.58, and, once again a German fell over the last barrier. This time it was overall leader Kai Kazmirek, pressing to catch Horn, fell over the final hurdle and he stumbled into lane 6 (he was in 7), but interfered with no one and was given a clocking of 14.94, 1/2 second off his best. It made a dent into his quest for an 8000 score.as

Horn made inroads into his lead which was now 216 points.

<b>Hurdle Splits:</b>				
	Murphy		Horn	
1 <sup>st</sup>	2.41	2.41	2.31	2.31
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.58	1.17	3.44	1.13
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4.79	1.21	4.60	1.16
4 <sup>th</sup>	5.94	1.15	5.68	1.08
5 <sup>th</sup>	7.02	1.08	6.71	1.03
6 <sup>th</sup>	8.20	1.18	7.75	1.04
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.34	1.14	8.87	1.12
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.54	1.20	9.96	1.09
9 <sup>th</sup>	11.65	1.11	11.16	1.20
10 <sup>th</sup>	12.79	1.14	12.50	1.34
Final	14.61		14.36	



The team score tightened significantly as Team Zehnkampf now held a 319 point margin.

*After Six: Kazm 5152, Horn 4936, Prey 4878, Murp 4822.*

*Team Scores: USA 23,798, GER 24,117 -319*

**Discus:** [11:51 am 12:41 pm]

In the Olympic prep section Ashton Eaton opened with a nice 46.54m/152-8 toss, then fouled and finished with 45.70m/149-11. Trey Hardee won that competition in round #3 with 47.64m/156-4 after tosses of 46.54m/152-8 and 47.45m/155-8.

The team competition was won by Mattias Prey (after a 1<sup>st</sup> round net) in round #2 at 47.59m/156-1. Ryan Harlan led the Yanks at 44.42m/145-8 but Team USA lost ground overall. That put any chance of winning squarely on vaulting ability with the guests needing @16-18 better bars (at 30 pts each) to have a chance.

The gap was now 411 points.

*After Seven: Kazm 5806, Prey 5698, Horn 5588, Harl 5533.*

*Team Scores: USA 27,155, GER 27,566 -411*

**Pole Vault:** [148 3:02 pm]

The American team was expecting to pull back into the team race here but, in actuality the Germans shut the door. In Pit B (lower seeded) Isaac Murphy, Max Gilde,

Patrick Spinner and Moritz Cleve all tied at 4.65m/15-3 and the event abruptly ended at 2:57 pm when no one could go higher. Mat Clark nh'd at 4.05m/13-3½.

In pit A Ryan Harlan and Jake Arnold tied at 4.95m/16-2¾ while Kai Kazmirek PR'd at 5.05m/16-6¾ to get back on 8k pace. Trey Hardee tied for the win in the open section using a ten step approach to clear 4.85m/15-11, then passed the next bar and barely missed 5.05m/16-6¾ with his ten steps.

Expecting a 14 bar advantage, Team USA managed just 6 and the margin was still a whopping minus 236.

*After Eight: Kazm 6732, Harl 6428, Horn 6392, Prey 6329.*

*Team Scores: USA 31,299, GER 31,535, -197-*

**Javelin:** [3:56-4:35 pm]

In round #1 Patrick Spinner led at 61.47m/201-8. Things heated up in round #2 as Ryan Harlan took the lead with a 64.26m/210-9 toss. He improved in round #3 to a PR 65.59m/215-2 and Spinner improved as well but fell 9cm shy of the event win.

Yet, in this event all eyes were on Ashton Eaton, the only Olympian thrower. His 55.38m/181-8 effort was a low line drive. In round #2 he hit the point perfectly, the angle was perfect and his spear covered 61.68m/202-4 of Deutschland real estate, for a new and significant career best. Pronounce him *Ready!*  
*After Nine: Kazm 7418, Harl 7250, Prey 7055, Gild 7024.*

*Team Scores: USA 34,542, GER 35,209, -667*

**1500 meters:** [5:15- 5:20 pm]

20 minutes before the ultimate event the USA women won a squeaker over the host nation (by 81 points) by sweeping the 800 meters. There were still 1200 fans in the grandstand or surrounding the track.

Jake Arnold, who had injured an ankle in the vault, took a step. After 120m of jockeys, Mat Clark took over the lead with Joe Detmer in tow. They went by 400m in just under 70 seconds, gapping on the field and joining the breakaway was Trey Hardee, running as a guest. Hardee took the lead with 2

laps to go (2:07) and Detmer took it back at 800m (2:23). Hardee hung tough and Trey completed 1100m in 3:21. Gray Horn dropped out at this point.

On the final lap Detmer (3:33 at 1200m) was in command but Clark chased him down and made a race of it but Detmer held him off on the final straight for a 4:24.95 win. The team battle had all been settled and most eyes were on Hardee who, along with Ashton, provided impressive practice marks.

Kazmirek crossed the finish line in 4:35.09 for his first 8000 (a winning 8130) score and became the 70<sup>th</sup> 8k'er in German history, tying the USA.

6670	Clark, Mat/USA	11.28+1.1	711+1.3	1282
		198 51.32	16.79-0.3	4028 nh 6031 4:25.33
dnf	Clay, Bryan/USA	10.82+1.4	709+1.5	1496
	nh withdrew			
dnf	Heinke, Lars/GER	11.00+1.4	740 0.0	1110
	withdrew			

Team Score: USA 36,428, Germany 38,521 -2093.

### 1500m Race Pace/splits:



3 to go	53.3	Clark, Detmer
400m	69.9	Clarke, Detmer, Hardee
2 to go	2:07	Hardee, Detmer, Clark
800m	2:23	Detmer, Clark, Hardee
1 to go	3:17	Detmer, Clark, Hardee
1200m	3:33	Detmer, Clark
Finish	4:24	Detmer, Clark

*After Ten: Kazm 8130, Prey 7777, Gild 7687, Harl 7683.*

*Team Scores: USA 36,428, GER 38,521 -2093*

### **Results:**

#### **7/21-22 19<sup>th</sup> Thorpe Cup, USA vs Germany, Marburg,**

#### **GER**

8130	Kazmirek, Kai/GER	10.86+1.4	740+1.1	1342
		207 47.53	14.94+0.4	3947 505 5652 4:35.09
7777	Prey, Mattias/GER	11.28+1.1	748+1.9	1508
		186 50.64	14.67-0.3	4759 405 5922 4:33.48
7687	Gilde, Maxmilian/GER	11.28+1.1	765+1.9	1167
		192 50.76	14.66+0.4	4014 465 6373 4:42.83
7683	Harlan, Ryan/USA	11.28+1.1	663+0.8	1579
		201 52.58	14.58+0.4	4442 495 6559 5:23.33
7570	Cleve, Moritz/GER	11.20+1.1	655+1.4	1395
		198 50.07	14.48+0.4	3998 465 5446 4:38.96
7473	Detmer, Joe/USA	11.16+1.4	691+0.3	1165
		198 48.87	15.35-0.3	3920 445 5339 4:24.95
7373	Murphy, Isaac/USA	10.82+1.4	711+0.6	1269
		186 49.09	14.61-0.3	3561 465 4372 4:40.88
7357	Spinner, Patrick/GER	11.16+1.4	725+0.9	1348
		192 51.00	16.55-0.3	3860 465 6550 5:05.56
7292	Albert, Lars/GER	11.50+1.1	720+1.8	1455
		186 54.26	15.69-0.3	4463 475 5814 4:58.92
6990	Horn, Gray/USA	11.02+1.4	746+3.5	1292
		198 50.78	14.36+0.4	3937 465 5061 dnf
6909	Arnold, Jake/USA	11.28+1.1	631+0.3	1346
		192 50.46	14.38+0.4	4303 495 5668 dnf