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## *MARBURG 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY* Decathlon's Olympic Medalists Honored

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In the town square of Marburg, Germany on July 20 a number of former Olympic decathlon medalists /notables began the 100<sup>th</sup> decathlon anniversary reunion....from l-r, organizer Hermann Holzfuß , Bill Toomey/USA [’68 Olympic champ], Kurt Bendlin/GER [’68 Olympic bronze medalist], Werner von Moltke/GER [’66 European champ], Chris Huffins/USA [’00 Olympic bronze], Martin Lauer/GER [WR 110m H-13.2], Milt Campbell/USA [’56 Olympic champ], Guido Kratschmer [WR & ’76 Olympic silver], Richard Katus/POL [’72 Olympic bronze], Harry Marra [coach –Oregon e TC], rear-Nikolay Avilov/USSR [WR & ’72 Olympic champ], Ashton Eaton [current world record holder], Bruce Jenner [WR & 76 Olympic champ-], and the editor.

The occasion was the 100<sup>th</sup> decathlon anniversary and 19<sup>th</sup> USA vs Germany team decathlon, begun in 1993 and now known as the Thorpe Cup.



**1972 Munich medlaists reunite, l-r: Leonid Litvenyenko/URS (silver), Nikolay Avilov/URS (gold), Richard Katus/POL [bronze].**



**First meeting since 1976 of world record holders Nikolay Avilov/URS (left) and Bruce Jenner/USA (right), the national decathlon icons of the Cold War.**



**US Olympic decathletes Trey Hardee (l) and Ashton Eaton (r) surround Dr. Kurt Draeger in Marburg..**



**Two of the three guys above were world record holders and Olympic decathlon champs....Bruce Jenner (center) and Nikolay Avilov (right).**





The 8 Olympic gold medalists included (l-r) Bruce Jenner/USA (1976), Nikolay Avilov/URS (1972), Milt Campbell/USA (1956), Willi Holdorf/GER, (1964), Christian Schenk/GDR (1988), Bill Toomey/USA (1968), Erki Nool/EST (2000), and Bryan Clay/USA, 2008.



Six Olympic silver medalist pictured here with Paul Meier (right) include: from l-r): Frank Busemann/GER (1996); Thorsten Voss/GDR (1988); Guido Kratschmer/GER (1976); Leonid Litvenenko/URS (1972), Jurgen Hingsen/GER (1984), and Hans Joachim Walde/GER (1968).



Olympic bronze medalists in attendance in Marburg included (l-r): Richard Katus/POL (1972), Siggie Wentz/GER (1984), Dave Johnson/USA (1992); unknown, Leonel Suarez/CUB (2008); unknown, Chris Huffins/USA (2000); and Kurt Bendlin/GER (1968)

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Never were there so many decathlon medlaists on one stage as here in Marburg, From l-r: Siggie Wentz/GER, Leonel Suarez/CUB, Milt Campbell/USA, over shoulder-Nikolay Avilov/URS, Willi Holdorf/GER, (behind) Christian Schenk/GDR, unknown, Thortest Voss/GDR, Ashton Eaton/USA, Hermann Holzfluss, Mill Tommey /USA (middle), Rico Freimuth and Jan Felix Knobel/GER, unknown, Kurt Bendlin/GER, Erki Nool/EST, Dave Johnson/USA, Chris Huffins/USA, Bryan Clay/USA and Bruce Jenner/USA.