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EURO CUP DETAILS

Nine US Collegians in Fields



Hello Again... The European Cup Competitions dominated the first weekend of July as 89 decathletes from 23 nations participated at three sites. Four man teams (score 3) lined up for the “Super League” (top seeded teams) competition in Torun, Poland, the “First League” meet in Bressanone, Italy and the “Second League” affair in Riberia Brava on Madeira Island, Portugal.

Many of the top Europeans decathletes (as well as Germany which declines to compete in the Cup) who already have a IAAF WC qualifying score (‘A’-8200; ‘B’-8000) did not compete for their nations yet some of the scores were of high quality. In the Super League Estonian Andres Raja faced cold, rainy conditions but won with a 8114 score, just 5 digits off his career best. The Super League has turned into a developmental meet for the former Soviet Union as teams from Russia, Estonia and Belarussia (all former Soviet republics) went 1-2-3 in the team battle. Ukraine was 7th.

A pair of US collegians were 16th and 27th respectively in Torun. Texas Arlington soph Romain Martin/France was 16th with a 7482 score, well off his 7867 seasonal best at the Texas Relays. He was the Southland Conference winner and 11th at the NCAA in Des Moines. Recent Georgia grad Tommy Barrineau, who has dual citizenship and competes for and in Finland during the summers, was 27th here with 7052, also well off his seasonal and personal best of 7658 while placing 3rd at the SECs.



Frenchman Romain Martin's 6.85m/22-5¾ long jump at the Euro Cup in Torun, POL was part of a 7482 effort.

Great Britain edged Belgium for team honors at the First League meet in Bressanone, Italy which provided ideal conditions. Switzerland's Simon Walter won the individual crown with a 7973 PR score.

A trio of Swedish collegians helped their nation to a 5th place finish. UCLA soph Marcus Nilsson, 4th at the Pac-10, got a PR 7400 score for 7th. A pair of Björns were not so lucky. Barrefors, a junior at Nebraska who was 12 at the NCAAs at 7651, was disqualified during the 110m hurdles. He

UCLA soph Marcus Nilsson managed a career best score at the Euro Cup 1st League meeting in Bressanone, Italy.



ultimately placed 26th at 6504. And Björn Johansson, a 7413 scorer while winning the Mid-American Conference meet for Akron, dnf'd in Bressanone after a high jump no height. Two other US collegians competed. Former Tennessee Volunteer William Frullani/Italy was 5th at 7539. Ex Florida State Stater Pelle Reitveld/NED dnf'd.

The Euro Cup Second League meeting was one of the strangest ever. Ideal weather greeted the decathletes on Maderia Island, about 600 miles off the Southwest Portugal coast. Yet everything was conducted into strong headwinds and the scores were paltry.

A pair of former Big 12 Conference champs were in the field. Hungary's Attila Zsivoczky, 34, ex Kansas State star, was 4th (7191) and helped his nation to a team win. Hungary will move to the First League. Former Missouri standout Hans Olaf Uldal/NOR was 5th with 7093 points.

Latvia's Edgars Erins was a winner with 7513 points in a bizarre decathlon where every event was conducted *into strong headwinds!* Go figure. Erins, for example, had marks with the following wind readings: -4.0, -0.4, -3.4 mps. The headwinds were so strong that fully one half of the field did not break 12 seconds in the 100 meters!!! The weather may have been perfect but there is something wrong here. Hint: it is not a sin to have a wind-aided mark.

EURO CUP RESULTS:

7/2-3 European Cup, Super League, Torun, POL

8114	Raja, Andres/EST	10.91+0.2	737+0.5
1475	204 49.10	14.01+0.7	4380 460 5993 4:50.22
7935	Kharlamov/Vasily/RUS	11.42+0.2	724-0.5
1538	195 50.10	14.74+0.7	4349 500 5892 4:42.38
7799	Querin, Gael/FRA	11.35+1.2	724-0.5
1279	195 47.84	14.55+0.7	3870 470 4910 4:10.47
7773	Tabala, Aleksandr/RUS	11.75+0.5	705-0.4
1448	198 52.60	14.60+0.1	4703 480 6017 4:35.73
7710	Itani, Sami/FIN	11.21+0.1	697+0.1
1413	204 50.96	14.96+0.7	4408 450 5698 4:38.87
7678	Shunianok, Mikalai/BLR, 7661 Korzun, Aliaksandr/BLR, 7656 Riitmurmu, Tamo/EST, 7654 Jammier, Quentin/FRA, 7617 Parkhomenka, Aliaksandr/BLR, 7597 Demyanov, Andfrey/RUS, 7527 Drozd, Marcin/POL, 7525		



\Stanek, Frantisek/CZE, 7500 Nikitin, Yevhen/UKR, 7493 Kislov, Aleksandr/RUS, **16th7482 Martin, Romain/UTA-FRA [11.22+0.2 685-0.5 1278 192 49.99 14.95+0.8 3813 460 5897 4:37.42]**, 7398 Plaskota, Krzyztof/POL, 7363 Koshar, Anatoli/BLR, 7342 Baar, Pavel/CZE, 7325 Arro, Mikk-Mihkel/EST, 7246 Nejedly, Adam/CZE, 7234 Wiesiolek, Pawel/POL, 7147 Sazima, David/CZE, 7137 Ivanytskyi, Vasyi/UKR, 7136 Tymchenko, Mark/UKR, 7064 Kaarel, Joevali/EST, **27th 7052 Barrineau/Tommy/Georgia-FIN [11.41+0.2 619-0.3 1225 189 49.44 15.34+0.8 3538 450 5104 4:30.57]**, 6928 Ylostalo, Otta/FIN, 6694 Lemmetyinen, Petri/FIN, 6664 Palamarchuk, Oleksandr/UKR, 6288 Pyra, Dawid/POL, 5908 Geffrouais, Florian/FRA, 32s,32f.

Team Scores: 23,305 Russia, 23095 Estonia, 22956 Belarus, 22935 France, 22159 Poland, 22,113 Czech Republic, 21,773 Ukraine, 21,690 Finland



7/2-3 European Cup, 1st League, Bressanone, ITA

7973	Walter, Simon/SUI	11.02+2.1	725+0.7	1380
204	48.97	14.96+1.4	4294 490 5540	4:37.58
7889	Awde, Daniel/GBR	10.67+2.1	634+1.4	1264
186	46.70	14.56-1.3	4044 510 4365	4:29.52
7747	Bryant, Ashley/GBR	11.07+0.8	746+2.4	1265
186	49.47	14.75+1.4	3628 460 6600	4:40.42
7584	Xhonneux, Fredeic/BEL	11.77-0.1	719+1.7	1350
192	50.08	15.07+1.4	4045 460 5723	4:23.68
7539	Frullani, William/ITA	11.02+2.1	745+2.1	1363
198	50.71	14.77-1.3	4327 440 5062	5:01.74
7528	Solot, Jeremy/BEL	11.19+2.1	718+3.4	1368
198	50.51	14.71-1.3	4184 460 5332	5:01.36
7400	Nilsson, Marcus/SWE-UCLA	11.45+0.8	682+1.6	1357 189 50.56 15.68+0.2 4163 420 5923 4:21.14
7356	Carton-Delcourt, Carton/BEL, 7253 Brockman, Martin/GBR, 7274 Tsoukalis, Andreas/GRE, 7248 Rosenquest, Fabian/SWE, 7234 Jehee, Pim/NED, 7221 Lanthaler, ukas/ITA, 7207 Jordan, Jonay/ESP, 7154 Van Mulder, Jeroen/BEL, 7078 Ribolzi, Marco/ITA, 7023 Karamousalis, Kanstadino/GRE, 26th 6504 Barrefors, Bjorn/SWE-NEB [11.23+2.1 745+0.7 1389 198 51.23 dsq 4132 470 4165 5:05.17] , dnf: Johansson, Bjorn/SWE-Akron [11.41-0.1 679+1.8 1284 nh 51.17 15.47+1.3 4314 450 withdrew]. 32s,27f.			

Team Scores: Great Britain 22,989; Belgium 22,468; Italy 21,838; Switzerland 21,434; Sweden 21,152; Greece 21,139; Netherlands 20,703; Spain 20,625.

7/2-3 European Cup, 2nd League,

Riberia Brava, Madeira Island, POR

7513	Erins, Edgars/LAT	11.54-4.0	709-0.4	1324
189	48.66	15.41-3.4	4406 430 5631	4:31.15
7317	Dizdarevic, Slaven/SVK	11.66-3.8	684-0.1	1393
204	51.86	15.12-3.2	3932 430 6073	4:54.89
7232	Szabo, Attila/HUN, 7191 Zsivoczky, Attila/HUN [12.13-4.0 644 0.0 1403 195 51.31 15.76-3.4 4115 450 5782 4:33.02] , 7093 Uldal, Hans Olaf/NOR [12.00-3.8 678+1.4 1350 183 52.10 15.53-3.2 4512 440 5953 4:54.62] , 6973 Santos, Pedro/POR, 6703 Roe, Martin/NOR, 6606 Feniuc, Ionut/ROU, 25s,24f.			



Team Scores: Hungary 20,922, Latvia 19,917, Romania 18.724, Turkey 16.557.

Coming Up:

A few upcoming international meetings have some US interest:

July 6-10	Asian Champs	Kobe, JPN
14-17	Euro u 23 champs	Ostrava, CZE
16-17	IAAF CE Challenge	Ratingen, GER
21-24	Euro Junior Champs	Tallinn, EST
23-24	International	Hexham, GBR

Hexham.....

The international Hex - ham meet director

Richard Hunter reminds us that American decathletes are invited to contact him at: richard@teamdecathlon.com.

If you are looking, this is a competitive, well run affair and is highly recommended.



Correction:

In our coverage of the recent NCAA meeting in Des Moines and subsequent lists for fastest times in the decathlon 1500 meters we overlooked a pair of US collegians... Robert Fournier/Sacramento State and Thomas Stewens/Arizona. As one might expect. we heard from both of them. We apologize for the oversight. Below we correct the list:

1500m-The Top Dozen				
3:58.7	Robert Baker	USA	Tex R, Austin	4/03/80
3:59.13	Curtis Beach	USA	NCAA, Des Moines	6/10/11
4:00.51	Herbert Peter	FRG	Bernhausen	7/39/78
4:00.8	Vlad Kuznetsov	SOV	Zhitomir	8/25/73
4:03.7	John Gamble	CAN	Ottawa	8/21/76
4:04.1	Dietmar Jentsch	GDR	Erfurt	6/16/79
4:04.11	Joe Detmer	USA	NCAA, Sacramento	6/07/07
4:05.91	Leonid Litvinenko	SOV	Olympic G, Munich	9/08/72
4:06.1	Robert Fournier	USA	Sacramento	4/06/83
4:06.65	Thomas Stewens	GER	Brescia	5/22/88
4:06.72	David Klech	USA	NCAA, Des Moines	6/10/11
4:07.20	Jan Podebradsky	CZE	Euro Cup, Lyon	7/03/94
---all scores over 7000 points---				