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## FIRST DAY of THORPE CUP German Team Primed For Upset

**Hello Again....**Apologies for the change in format. We are working thru some computer glitches and going with a format that is doable this week. Lots of computer problems so I am trying to just get reports out for the Thorpe Cup in Chula Vista. After this week, who knows when the computer problems can be resolved.??

So, what happened at the USOC Training center in Chula Vista was vintage Thorpe Cup. Always expect the unexpected....A German team that arrived just 36 hours before the meet cooked a rested American team during day one of the 18<sup>th</sup> Thorpe Cup. Unheralded 23 year old Simon Hechler of the Saarland ran up an impressive 4198 points to lead the 14 man field. Teammate Simon Fricke, 28 was 36 points back while Nick Adcock, 23, last year's Big 12 champ from Missouri, was the leading American with a 4043 score. Here's what happened.



**19<sup>th</sup> Thorpe Cup**  
**USA vs Germany Team Decathlon**  
**USOC Olympic Training Center**  
**Chula Vista, CA August 13-14, 2011**

### **100 Meters:** [noon]

The 18<sup>th</sup> team match of the current series started with 7 athletes per side plus 4 USA (on the way to Daegu) guests. This resulted in 3 sprint sections. Temperature at race time was a comfortable 73 degrees and the winds blew out of the west. In the initial race Steffen

Fricke/GER outlegged Mark Jellison/USA, 11.24-11.27.

As a guest, USA runner-up Ryan Harlan clocked 11.24 for the win.



The USOC Training Center in Chula Vista played host to the 18<sup>th</sup> Thorpe Cup on Saturday where visiting German team held a 333 point lead.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> race featured guest Ashton Eaton/Oregon Elite TC in lane 4. Joe Detmer (lane 2) and Miller Moss (lane 8) were Yank bookends.

Eaton simply cruised away from the field clocking a nifty 10.26 seconds, his fastest non windy century of his young career. Aiding wind was +1.8 mps. Hechler recorded a big PR, 10.62 in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Yanks Matt Johnson and Miller Moss dipped together getting 10.75 and 10.77 clockings. The latter is now training in Austin, Texas with current world champ Trey Hardee (lane 5) who won the 3<sup>rd</sup> race, also as a guest, in 10.53 seconds. Bryan Clay, looking a bit sluggish, clocked 10.83 while ex UNI star Mat Clark got 11.06 in third.

*After One: Hech 947, John 917, Moss 912, Marg876.*

*Team Score: USA 4358; Germany 4334; diff+24*

**Long Jump:** [ 1:00n – 1: 47 pm]

A crowd, counted at 440 lined the east side of the infield runway and *got into the event*. In spite of having some difficulties in handling the winds (8 of the first 17 attempts were fairly close fouls) this proved to be a terrific, high scoring event. Consider, only 2 of 14 athletes leaped anything less than 23 feet. One section, 16 athletes. Mat Clark opened the event with a nifty 7.12m/23-4 ½ leap and German Patrick Spinner led round #1 at 7.27m /23-10¼

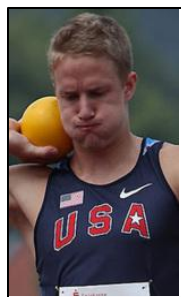
In round #2 defending champ Joe Detmer took over an missed a PR by 1cm, at 7.38m/24-2½ until Hechler covered 7.67m/25-2 of San Diego County real estate to extend his overall lead.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> round saw Clar get a huge PR, 7.49m/24-7. Teammate Matt Johnson, also nailed a PR, 7.42m/24-4¼.

*After Two: Hech 1924, John 1832, Clar 1779, Detm1777.*

*Team Scores: USA 7843; Germany 7803; diff: +40.*

**Shot Put:** [2:45 – 3: 21 pm]



Eaton both took 3 throws and managed 13.96m/45-9 but the big story was stout Mattias Prey who ended round #1 with a bomb which landed 16.20m/53-1¾ and which turned the meet around. All of a sudden the visitors were alive. Prey, the '07 Euro Junior champ, added 2½ feet to his career best inspiring his teammates, all of whom threw well. Steffen Fricke got PR in round #2 at 14.22m/46-8. Akron's Dan Kinsey responded with a 15.06m/49-5 put. Hechler remained hot with a PR of his own, 13.85m/45-5¼, while Clark got his own lifetime best at 13.29m/43-7 ¼. When the dust cleared the German team held a 410 point lead. The shot turned it around.

*After Three: Hech 2643, Prey 2568, Marg 2488, Moss 2473.*

*Team Scores: Germany 12,570; USA 12,146; -410.*

**High Jump:** [4:15 - ]

This event was conducted in two groups. In the West Pit (Group B) 4 of the visiting team came thru with clutch back-to-back-to-back-to back 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt clearances at 1.86m.6-1¼. Hechler got yet another PR, 1.92m/6-3½ as he and Detmer tied for the win in Group B.

In the East Pit some of the American performances were disappointing. Yet Mat Clark leaped well getting 2.01m/6-7 but was outshined by Fricke who Pr'd at 2.07m/6-9 ½ to move to 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Ashton Eaton was inserted in Group A and won the pit with n outdoor best of 2.10m/6-10¾. His day was over with some impressive results: 10.26, 45-9 and 6-10 ¾ .



**Ashton Eaton had a big day as a Thorpe Cup guest in Chula Vista.**

*After Four: Hech 3374, Fric 3309, Clar 3277, Prey 3247.*

*Team Scores: Germany16,215; USA 15,882; -333*



**400 Meters:** [ 6:00 - 6:05 pm]

With a schedule that was too generous in elapsed time, the 400 was moved up 30 minutes.

Joe Detmer won the first race from lane 2 in 49.35 seconds, but there was Hechler again getting 49.89.

In what may be the beginning of a red-white-blue comeback, Miller Moss led Nick Adcock to the finish in the second race, 48.64 to 48.85. Clark injured an ankle and limped home at 51.89.

Outstanding weather was the feature of the day with more of the same promised for Sunday. The American team has a tough assignment, to make up 307 points in the final 5 events. Stay tuned.

*After Five: Hech 4194, Fric 4158, Adco 4043, Moss 4035.*

*Team Scores: Germany 20,263; USA 19,956, -307*

## ***1<sup>st</sup> Day Results***

**8/13-14 18<sup>th</sup> Thorpe CuP (USA vs Germany), USOC Training Center, Vista, CA**



**Chula**

4194 Hechler, Simon/GER  
10.62+1.5 767+2.9 1385 192 49.89  
4158 Fricke, Steffen/GER  
11.24+2.1 732+2.4 1422 207 49.26  
4043 Adcock, Nick/USA  
11.23+1.1 728+0.8 1352 198 48.95  
4035 Moss, Miller/USA  
10.77+1.5 718+2.6 1369 186 48.64  
4016 Prey, Mattias/GER  
11.28+1.1 738+2.0 1620 186 51.00  
4007 Clark, Mat/USA  
11.06+1.1 749+2.2 1329 201 51.99  
3984 Margis, Thorsten/GER  
10.93+1.5 715+3.6 1455 186 49.95  
3966 Detmer, Joe/USA  
10.95+1.5 738+2.4 1211 192 49.35  
3911 Spinner, Patrick/GER  
11.07+1.1 727+2.6 1365 186 50.27  
3905 Johnson, Matt/USA  
10.75+1.5 742+2.0 1200 186 50.59  
3895 Gilde, Maximilan/GER  
11.25+1.1 744+3.0 1290 192 50.83  
3852 Jellison, Matt/USA  
11.27+2.1 718+1.8 1368 198 52.56  
3749 Heinke, Lars-Niklas/GER  
11.01+1.5 687+3.6 1219 186 50.08  
3511 Kinsey, Dan/USA  
11.91+2.1 669+2.3 1506 192 55.55

*1<sup>st</sup> day team Scores: Germany 20,263;  
USA 19,956; diff: -307.*