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DETMER LEADS THORPE CUP

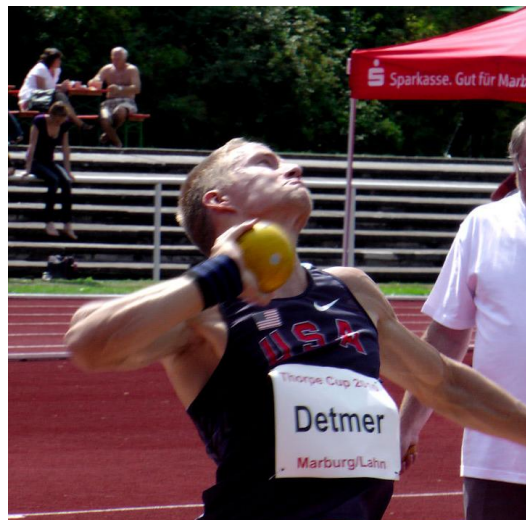
Team Battle is “Oh, So Close”

Hello Again...Marburg, GER., August 7, 2010. Amid near perfect conditions a poised USA national decathlon team battled back from a 309 points deficit against a focused and enthusiastic German national team to take a tenuous lead after five events at the 17th Thorpe Cup.

Host team Zehnkampf built up a significant lead after three events but American veteran Joe Detmer, Lodi, WI, won the day's final two events to take the individual lead and pull his teammate to a 98 point lead with 5 events scheduled tomorrow. The American team, riding a 7 meet win streak, have an excellent opportunity to win and all indications are that the team affair may come down to the 1500m on Sunday evening. Strong 2nd day men Nick Adcock and Chris Helwick could hold the team score key. Hold on.

Detmer's 4149 PR first day lead the field was the individual news. His breakthrough PR score at the USA nationals last month in Des Moines is in jeopardy. If the US is to continue its streak (the last loss came in Bernhausen in 2001) everyone will play a role.

Team coaches Dan Steele (U of Northern Iowa) and Claus Marek of Germany were delighted with how their squads competed. The athletes combined for 19 (!) first day individual PRs.



Joe Detmer, 26, posted a 4149 score and holds down the first day lead at the 17th annual Thorpe Cup in Marburg, Germany



**17th Thorpe Cup
USA vs Germany
Marburg, GER
August 7-8, 2010**

Day One

100 meters:

20 year old Thorsten Margis, a late addition to the German team, got the meet rolling for the host team leading a 1-2-3-4 sweep of the first of 2 sprint sections (11.19). It was an ominous sign and his time equaled a lifetime best. In the 2nd section lanky Miller Moss, the Clemson junior, clocked 10.87 seconds just ahead of a virtual 3 way tie among teammate Trinity Otto and Germans Rico Freimuth and

Simon Hechler. All clocked 10.89 seconds. Joe Detmer, 2nd a year ago behind Tom Pappas, was 5th, half a step back in a fine 10.91 seconds. Team Zehnkampf ran itself to an 42 point 5 man lead. Mark Jellison pulled up in the sprint but continued to protect a scoring position.

After One: Moss 890, Otto, Freim, Hech 885, Detm 881.

TeamUSA 4242, GER 4284 = -42

Long Jump:

The host team extended their overall lead by going 1-2-3-4 in the long jump with its oldest member, 26 year old Patrick Spinner of LG Orteneau Nord, getting a PR 7.53m/24-8 ½. Mattias Prey, 22, managed 7.45m/24-5½, Niles Bükler got 7.43m/24-4½ and 23 year old Rico Freimuth also posted a lifetime best, 7.41m/24-3¾. But the US team did not roll over. Joe Detmer PR'd at 7.39m/24-3 and Miller Moss missed his career best by a single cm, 7.15m/23-5½. Conditions were excellent and the large and enthusiastic crowd helped. Team Zehnkampf pushed its overall lead to 197 points.

After Two: Bükler 1799, Freim 1798, Detm 1789, Spin 1756.

Team: USA 8593, GER 8790 = -197

Shot Put:

The host team's overall lead bulged to 309 points as Prey won the event at 14.61m/47-11¼ just missing a PR. Two of his teammates did so as well. Trinity Otto's 13.54m/44-5 led the visitors. Moss was one foot down on his own lifetime best.

After Three: Prey 2489, Bükler 2477, Spin 2441, Otto 2439, Moss 2409, Detm 2400.

Team: USA 11,862, GER 12,171 = -309

High Jump:

Three of the Germans recorded lifetime bests here: Freimuth (1.94m/6-4¼), Hechler (1.91m/6-3¼) and Lars Niklas Heinke (1.85m/6-¾). But the USA mounted a serious comeback and Chris Helwick, still a bit gimpy from a leg injury at the USA nationals and Detmer, won the event at

2.00m/6-6¾. Moss too pushed his career best and managed 1.94m/6-4¼. When the dust cleared the Americans had carved all but 43 points out of the overall lead and Detmer had literally leaped into the individual lead. This was some meet. There was a different leader after each of the first 4 events and the meet was now a virtual dead heat!

After Four: Detm 3203, Bükler 3173, Spin 3164, Otto 3162, Moss & Frei 3158.

Team: USA 15,663, GER 15,706

400 meters:



Miller Moss (left) and Joe Detmer (right), coming off final curve, ran terrific 400m times in the 2nd race.

WOW! What an event. In the second race Miller Moss took it out very fast and he dragged Detmer thru 200m at 22.0! Detmer took the lead coming off the final curve and both he and Moss dragged the Germans to very fast clockings. Detmer led the charging Moss to the finish winning in 47.24 to Moss's 47.52. In the final straight of the 2nd 400m race the American team took the overall lead for the first time. Detmer extended his lead to score 4149 at the break, 58 up on Moss.

Five members of Team Zehnkampf PR'd here (Bükler 48.50, Freimuth 48.68, Heinecke 49.33, Spinner 49.51, and Prey 50.15). But the story was how well the American team ran. Otto PR'd at 48.73 (and moved to 4th overall), Nick Adcock, mostly silent up until now, blasted a 48.81. *After Five: Detm 4149, Moss 4091, Bükler 4058, Otto 4036*



Trinity Otto (far left), Nick Adcock (middle) and Mat Clark (right) race in the first 400m section.

Team Scores:

USA	20,016
GER	19,918

This will be one close affair. Coaches Dan Steele and Aaron Fox look for the USA to make lots of noise in the hurdles, discus and vault, and then expect the host nation to retrieve most of the USA lead during the javelin. “It’ll come down to the 1500 meters,” said Steele after the first day.Detmer!

RESULTS:

8/7-8 17th Thorpe Cup, Marburg, GER

4149	Detmer, Joe/USA	10.91+1.7	739+1.5	1208	200
47.24					
4091	Moss, Miller/USA	10.97+1.7	715+1.6	1303	194
47.52					
4058	Büker, Niles/GER	10.91+1.7	743-2.0	1318	188
48.50					
4036	Otto, Trinity/USA	10.89+1.7	717-1.0	1345	191
48.73					
4034	Freimuth, Rico/GER	10.89+1.7	741+0.3	1208	194
48.68					
4001	Spinner, Patrick/GER	11.21-0.7	752+0.7	1329	191
49.51					
3941	Prey, Mattias/GER	11.27-0.7	745+0.4	1461	182
50.15					
3884	Hechler, Simon/GER	10.89+1.7	707-3.1	1256	191
50.19					
3875	Clark, Mat/USA	11.19+1.7	724-1.3	1274	191
50.07					
3865	Adcock, Nick/USA	11.45-0.7	685+0.2	1317	197
48.81					
3853	Margis, Thorsten/GER	11.19-0.7	701+0.8	1332	188
49.57					
3852	Helwick, Chris/USA	11.43-0.7	721+0.1	1258	200
50.85					
3709	Heinke, Lars N/GER	11.20-0.7	675-1.7	1257	185
49.33					
2545	Jellison, Mark/USA	12.51-0.7	555+1.6	1230	170
62.57					