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## DAY ONE OF NCAA Duckworth 's 4495 Leads Field



**Hello Again.....**Day one at the 49<sup>th</sup> NCAA Decathlon featured clear skies, a high of 78° at historic Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene. A crowd (?) of approximately 350 had gathered at 12:30 pm for the ten-event start which featured a dozen seniors but only two scoring returnees from 2017. In his 'Year of Retribution' Kentucky senior Tim Duckworth (21, Phoenix, competes for GBR) was attempting to erase the memory of a pair of 2017 NCAA disappointments. Having frittered away the '17 indoor crown during the 1k he had efficiently taken care of that business in March with an eye-opening 6188 win in College Station. Here in Eugene, attempting to erase the memory of a trio of long jump fouls that took him out of contention last year, he was a man on a mission. With a season leading 8145 score Duckworth (6-1, 180) was the hands-down favorite. And he did not disappoint. His 4495 first day score was off his CR set in April but still 174 better than Estonian frosh Johannes Erm and Stanford's hot Harrison Williams. A dozen surpassed 4k at the break. 21 of 24 completed all five events. Watch out for day two. O My!



**49th NCAA D-I Decathlon  
Hayward Field-U of O  
Eugene, Oregon  
June 6-7, 2018**

**100 Meters:** [12:30- 12:40 pm]

Rarely have conditions been better at the old barn that will soon be torn down to make way



**Tim Duckworth's 8.01m/26-3 broke the meet's long jump record and was key in his running up a 4495 1<sup>st</sup> day score.**

for a new stadium and the 2021 IAAF World Championships. 78-80° trailing winds for both the 100m and long jump. The first race was the seeded section and 24 year old vet (a term infrequently used at the collegiate level) outlegged Duckworth 10.50 to 10.57 for the win. Scott Filip just missed a career best with an 10.66 clocking.

### Section # 1

<i>pl</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>career PR</i>	<i>lane</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>points</i>
1	Saluri	[10.50]	2	10.50	975
2..	Duckworth	[10.40]	8	10.57	959
3.	Filip	[10.63]	6	10.66	938
4.	Riley	[10.62]	5	10.82	901
5.	Ehrhardt	[10.67]	7	10.87	890
6.	Hite	[10.66]	1	10.99	863
7.	Veith	[10.66]	3	10.96	870
8.	Moore	[10.69]	4	11.02	856

This race also presented an oddity as Filip and Michigan State's Tim Erhardt, former teammates at Illinois' Lake Park High

School, lined up in adjacent lanes. Incidentally a 3<sup>rd</sup> teammate was Zach Ziemek. The second race was dramatic. Stanford junior Harrison Williams shot to an immediate lead and just ran away from a fine group of sprinters. His 10.63 was career best but it was his margin of victory that was enlightening, 25/100ths in a race where 3 others rcorde PRs: Wisconsin's Sawyer Smith (10.88), Dartmouth's ben Ose (11.02) and Wisconsin's Trent Nytes (11.03).



Stanford's Harrison Williams was back in running shape and he clocked a 100m career best of 10.63 seconds.

Running out of lane #1 Houston's Canadian soph Natahniel Mechler (10.83) won over Joe Delgado (10.88), a grad student at Louisville whose previous 3 NCAA appearances were as a Duck. He was the local favorite. Georgia freshman Johannes Erm, one of 3 Eastonians in the field, also got credit for 10.88. Michigan State soph Nick Guerrant, the Big Ten king, was 4<sup>th</sup> with a career mark of 10.90. In all 8 (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the field) had lifetime bests.  
*After One: Salu 975, Duck 959, Will 945, Fili 938, Rile 901.*

**Long Jump:** [1:10- 1:53 pm]

As luck would have it Duckworth drew the first jumping assignment and responded with a whopping 8.01m/26-3 leap, erasing Chris Huffins as the meet record holder. He passed his remaining two attempts but the jumping was a spectacular as I have ever seen it at this meet. Jamaican Adrian Riley/UTSA posted a 7.78m/25-6¼ effort minutes later.

In round #2 Filip, with a lifetime best, covered the same amount of Lane County real estate as Riley. Saluri responded with his own

PR, 7.70m/25-3¼ and minutes later Estonian Erm leaped 7.98m/26-2½, Whew! But it did not end there. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> round Riley improved to 7.91m/25-11½ for his own PR. Ditto Nytes with a PR 7.38m/24-2½, In the group 24 feet was surpassed on a dozen occasions.

Jumping in the unseeded pit was , in a relative sense, almost as good. William opened with a lifetime best 7.49m/24-7 and then improved in round #3 with a 7.66m/25-1¾ effort. On a roll! Delgado (7.20m/23-7½) and Smith (7.28m/23-10) also had lifetime best marks. In such a high quality event it is unusual to have so few fouls and so many PRs. Wichita State senior Hunter Veith was clearly below form and would soon withdraw. Ditto for Steele Wasik/Texas.

Duckworth had regained the lead with a 2022 two event total.

*After Two: Duck 2022, Salu 1960, Erm 1948, Fili 1943, Rile 1939.*

**Shot Put:** [2:29 – 2:55 pm]

By comparison the shot was rather tame. Duckworth managed 13.15m/43-1¾ in the East circle which was won by Williams in yet another career best. The 22 year old Stanford junior nailed a 13.93m/45-8½ toss to move to 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. In the West circle Saluri opened with a 14.41m/47-3½ put which won the group and placed him into the overall lead, 15 points up on Duck. Several others, including Balengee, Smith and Delgado, scared PRs.

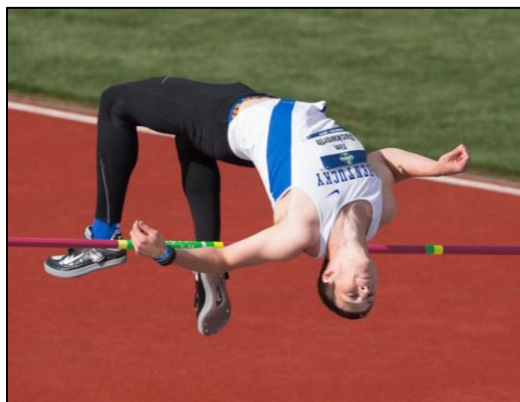
The most notable performance came from Arkansas senior Derek Jacobus who PR'd on all three attempts ultimately managing 13.22m/43-4½. Yikes!

*After Three: Salu 2713, Duck 2698, Will 2644, Erm 2643, Fili 2610*

**High Jump:** [3:40 – 5:02 pm]

In the West pit Balengee, Ehrhardt and BYU's Kevin Nielsen all tied at 2.01m/6-7. In the East pit Mechler nh'd while Duckworth nailed 2.13m.6-11¾ and tried no higher bar. He went into the event down 15 and came out nearly 200 points up. The Duck was clearly in charge.

After Four: Duck 3623, Erm 3428, Fili 3423, Will 3402, Salu 3366.



Duckworth's 2.13m/6-11¾ leap won the high jump.

**400 meters:** [7:07 – 7:17pm]

Virtually all athletes had a 2 hour break before the day's final event. Duckworth drew lane one in the first race, took over at 200m from Gabe Moore running on the outside, and powered down the stretch (it wasn't smooth but it was effective) to win in a career best 48.78 seconds. He had won 2 events outright and a section of the 400 and ended day one with a significant 4495 score at the break.

The second race was top seeded with Saluri the favorite. Yet Williams and Erhardt ran by him on the homestretch with the Michigan State senior the stronger, 47.92 to 48.01. Saluri was back at 48.14 with Delgado PRing in 5<sup>th</sup> (48.41).

**Section # 2**

pl	name	career PR	lane	time	points
1.	Ehrhardt	[47.57]	6	47.92	913
2.	Williams	[46.66]	2	48.01	909
3.	Saluri	[47.59]	8	48.13	902
4.	Delgado	[48.61]	3	48.41	889
5.	Erm	[47.58]	4	48.34	893
6	Filip	[47.58]	1	49.13	855
dns.	Veith	[48.66]	5		
dns.	Mechler	[48.36]	7		

The final section went to Jacobus in 49.29. Nytes (49.34) and Ballengee (49.72) raced to career bests in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In all day one saw 25 (!) career best performances.



Michigan State senior Tim Ehrhardt won the feature 400 with a 47.92 clocking moving him to 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

After Five: Duck 4495, Erm 4321, Will 4311, Fili 4278, Salu 4268.

**RESULTS:**

**6/6-7 49<sup>th</sup> NCAA I Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, OR**

4495	Duckworth, Tim/Kentucky-GBR'18 [8185]	10.57+0.5 801+0.8 1315 213 48.78
4321	Erm, Johannes/Georgia-EST'21 [8020]	10.86+2.3 798+0.6 1346 198 48.34
4311	Williams, Harrison/Stanford'19 [7925]	10.63+2.2 766+1.9 1393 195 48.01
4278	Filip, Scott/Rice'18 [7876]	10.66+0.5 778+2.8 1299 201 49.13
4268	Saluri, Karl/Georgia-EST'18 [7934]	10.59+0.5 770+2.7 1441 183 48.14
4185	Ehrhardt, Tim/Michigan St'18 [8044]	10.87+0.5 743+2.4 1273 201 47.92
4131	Nytes, Trent/Wisconsin'19 [7683]	11.03+2.2 738+2.2 1333 204 49.34
4112	Delgado, Joe/Louisville'18 [7566]	10.88+2.3 720+1.4 1379 195 48.41
4103	Nielsen, Kevin/BYU'18 [7475]	10.93+2.2 742+1.2 1275 201 49.30
4086	Riley, Adrian/UTSA-JAM'18 [7576]	10.82+0.5 791+1.7 1230 195 51.12
4010	Jacobus, Derek/Arkansas'18 [7566]	10.93+2.3 736+1.5 1322 189 49.29
4004	Smith, Sawyer/Wisconsin'18 [7496]	10.88+2.2 728+1.7 1414 189 50.47
3990	Guerrant, Nick/Michigan St'20 [7569]	10.90+2.3 716+0.7 1256 198 49.67
3965	Lawson, TJ/Kent St'20 [7724]	10.96+2.3 710+1.9 1396 195 50.92
3949	Dougherty, William/Iowa'18 [7673]	11.02+2.3 689+2.1 1432 192 49.76
3893	Moore, Gabe/Arkansas'19 [7901]	11.02+0.5 706+0.6 1405 192 49.51
3851	Ballengee, Markus/Liberty'20 [7537]	11.24+2.2 660+2.2 1324 201 49.72
3828	Booth, Aaron/KansasSt-NZL'20 [7508]	11.13+2.2 708+2.4 1295 192 51.02
3724	Hite, Nathan/Texas A&M'19 [7723]	10.99+0.5 619+2.6 1385 186 49.57

3678 Ose, Ben/Dartmouth'19 [7491]  
11.01+2.2 696+2.9 1177 180 50.39  
3622 Liitmaa, Rauno/Missouri-EST'18 [7524]  
11.38+2.2 657+1.8 1377 186 51.70  
dnf Wasik, Steele/Texas'19 [7588]  
11.04+2.3 693+2.2 1314 189 dns  
dnf Veith, Hunter/Wichita St'18 [8046]  
10.96+0.5 710+1.5 1248 dns  
dnf Mechler, Nathaniel/Houston-CAN'20 [7722]  
10.83+2.3 744-0.1 1211 nh dns