



BASTIEN WINS THORPE CUP

World Juniors Report

Hello Again.....The 25th Dual meet between USA and German decathlon teams came off at Tennessee's Tom Black Track in Knoxville (7/27-28) with Michigan grad Steven Bastien (24, Saline, MI) the 15th American winner in 25 years. Given that Steven no marked in the long jump a year ago, this victory was doubly sweet. The American team went 1-3 (Solomon Simmons 7919 for 3rd) but lacked depth and competed with a number of injuries. Both Bastien and vet Tim Wunderlich came up with seasonal best scores.

The team battle went to Germany for the 8th time in the past 9 years !! This is an embarrassment given our decathlon talent on the sidelines.

100 Meters:

Arkansas senior Derek Jacobus won the first race with an 11.07 clocking. Predictably Germany's speedy Manuel Eitel ran away with the seeded race clocking 10.43 seconds and shaving .01 from Travis Rodgers 1998 meet record. Michigan grad Steven Bastien shaved a .01 from his PR getting 10.61 in second.

The visitors took a 110 point team lead into event #2.

After One: Eite 992, Bast 949, Simm 906, Obst 906.

Team: Germany 4480, USA 4370, -110.

Long Jump

Eitel continued his hot streak winning the seeded section of the long jump with a 7.43m/24-4½ effort in the second round. Tim Ehrhardt's 7.35m/24-1½ led the Team USA.



Congrats to 24 year old Steven Bastien, Saline, MI, who convincingly won the 25th Thorpe Cup in Knoxville, TN.

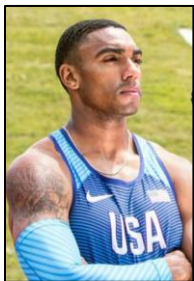
The unseeded group provided the winner, Felix Hepperle of the visiting team whose first round 7.47m/24-6¼ prevailed. The winds were fairly consistent here yet the athletes had a difficult time with it as 44% (16 of 36 attempts) of all attempts were fouls.

After Two: Eite 1910, Bast 1830, Hepp 1803, Ehrh 1792

Team: Germany 8810, USA 8619 - 191 .

Shot Put:

Team Zehnkamp recorded five of the top 7 event efforts, led by NCAA II champ Florian Obst, 25, who tossed 15.50m/50-10¼. Solomon Simmons (14.64m/48-½) and Tim



Steady Solomon Simmons/USA(left) was 3rd with two 2nd day event wins. German Manuel Eitel (right) used speed to lead early but placed 4th.

Wunderlich (13.72m/45-1/4) led the USA efforts. Eitel maintained his overall lead.

*After Three: Eite 2614, Obst 2509, Hepp 2523, Bast 2492
Team: Germany 12,506, USA 12,067, - 439*

High Jump

The visitors added 185 points to their overall lead as vet Tim Nowak and Rice junior Charlie Card-Childers tied at 1.99m/6-6 1/4. Obst got a lifetime best at 1.93m/6-4 as 31-year old Wunderlich came closest to a career best for the Americans with the same bar. The visitors' lead expanded to 624 points.

*After Four: Eite 3381, Bast 3259, Obst 3249, Hepp 3237.
Team: Germany 16,261, USA 15,637 - 624*

400 Meters:

The 21-year old Eitel won the first race in a career best 48.92 leading a 1-2-3-4 German sweep. Yet the story of the first day was the terrific battle between Bastien and Ehrhardt, both of who scared PRs with 47.78 and 47.85 clockings to go 1-2 with Simmons also close at 49.62. Team USA made up 38 points here and found themselves down 586 points at the break

*After Five: Eite 4246, Bast 4179, Ehrh 4144, Obst 4085
Team: Germany 20,383, USA 19,797 - 586.*

Day Two:

110m Hurdles:

The first race went to Tim Nowak (14.90) who just did out-lean Tim Wunderlich. The latter's 14.95 was a lifetime best for the 31 year old Dartmouth College coach. Tim Ehrhardt faltered here managing just 16.05.

Solomon Simmons and Steven Bastien went 1-2 (14.44 to 14.61) to buoy the Yank

chances. Eitel's 14.92 was enough to keep him in the overall lead.

*After Six: Eite 5105, Bast 5076, Simm 4975, Obst 4942..
Team: Germany, 24,627, USA 23,846 - 781*

Discus:

The surprise here was the PR mantled up by the injured Markus Ballengee who had traveled from Rio de Janeiro where he was 3rd in the FISU America's decathlon just one week earlier. Hobbling thru the meet he nonetheless tossed 44.58m/146-3, a two foot lifetime best. Predictably huge Florian Obst muscled 46.84m/153-8, three feet to the good of Simmons who now competes in this event at a consistently high level. Eitel's 42.56m/139-7 toss was enough to keep him in the overall lead. But that would not last. The visitor's team lead stretched to a grand.

*After Seven: Eite 5822, Simm 5759, Obst 5747, Bast 5704.
Team: Germany, 28,307, USA 27,229 - 1078*

Pole Vault:

As soon as each of the scoring Germans cleared a bar the team battle was effectively over. And when Bastien skied over 4.91m/16-1 1/4 he moved to the overall lead, two digits in front of Eitel (6587 to 6585). The steady Simmons moved to third with a 4.61m/15-1 1/2 3rd attempt effort.



Michigan State's Tim Ehrhardt won the vault at 5.11m/16-9 1/4.

Predictably Tim Ehrhardt dominated this event but could manage no better than 5.11m/16-9 1/4, nearly 5 bars below his PR.

*After Eight: Bast 6587, Eite 6585, Simm 6552, Nowa 6516
Team: Germany, 32,362, USA 31,318 - 1044*

Javelin:

Wunderlich led after two rounds at 61.47m/201-8 but Simmons grabbed the events and the overall lead in round #3 with a 61.65m/202-3 toss. No one else threw over 60 meters.

*After Nine: Simm 7315, Eite 7278, Bast 7272, Nowa 7213.
Team: Germany, 35,771, USA 34,717 - 1057*

1500 Meters:

The final event was anti-climatic. Eitel's 6 point lead over Bastien at this point for 2nd was the story even though Simmons led by 37 points (6 seconds). The Michigan grad stayed near the front of the pack and even though Tim Nowak, the IAAF World junior bronze medalist back in 2014, scooted away on the final lap to win (4:31.44), Bastien's 4:35.67 put him comfortably on top. The team difference was a grand.

*After Ten: Bast 7980, Nowa 7948, Simm 7919, Eite 7906
Team: Germany, 38,915, USA 37,902 - 1013*

Results:

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7980	Bastien, Steven/Other Guys-USA 10.61+1.5 728+1.5 1292 196 47.78 14.61+0.3 3821 491 5645 4:35.67
7948	Nowak, Tim/GER 11.26+1.4 733+1.2 1393 199 49.58 14.90+0.8 4431 481 5730 4:31.44
7919	Simmons, Solomon/unat-USA 10.80+1.5 721+1.4 1464 187 49.62 14.44+0.3 4584 461 6165 4:52.52
7906	Eitel, Manuel/GER 10.43+1.5 743+1.0 1360 196 48.92 14.92+0.3 4256 451 5704 4:48.53
7763	Hepperle, Felix/GER 10.93+1.5 747+1.9 1248 193 49.01 15.44+0.8 4013 501 5325 4:35.54
7748	Obst, Florian/GER-TAMU-Commerce'20 10.80+1.5 678+1.3 1550 193 49.53 14.94+0.3 4684 441 5485 4:52.04
7647	Ehrhardt, Tim/Michigan St'18-USA 10.85+1.5 735+1.3 1347 193 47.85 16.05+0.8 3993 511 4619 4:46.91
7550	Biere, Lennard/GER 11.27+1.4 740+1.3 1537 190 51.98 15.05+0.8 4360 461 5889 5:16.93
7467	Wunderlich, Tim/ShoreAC-USA 11.49+1.4 699+1.9 1372 193 52.64 14.95+0.8 4150 461 6147 4:44.99
7463	Ransiek, Niklas/GER 11.16+1.4 712+1.7 1385 193 50.40 14.71+0.3 3499 461 5537 4:47.74
7017	Dieckmann, Luca/GER 10.91+1.5 689+1.3 1226 193 49.76 15.02+0.3 3523 401 4578 4:52.24
6889	Card-Childers, Charlie/Rice'19-USA 11.39+1.4 644+2.1 1269 199 53.06 15.65+0.3 3744 421 5472 4:55.25
6708	Jacobus, Derek/Arkansas'18-USA 11.07+1.4 701+0.2 1208 181 51.08 16.52+0.8 3662 421 4715 5:03.31
6151	Ballengee, Markus/Liberty'20-USA 12.08+1.4 670+0.8 1303 187 53.58 15.96+0.8 4458 nh 5277 4:44.84

Team Scores:	1 st day	final		
USA	19,797	(- 586)	37,902	-1,013
GER	20,383		38,915	



IAAF World Junior Champs July 10-11, 2018 Tampere, FIN

Australians Ashley Moloney (8190) and Gary Haasbroek (7798) swept the IAAF World junior decathlon in Tampere, Finland. A trio of US citizens toed the line in Tampere, with but one representing the USA. Finley Gaio, who is schooled and resides in Switzerland scored 7455 in a blanket finish for 5th, one point up on Austrian Leon Okafor. In 7th was USA Junior champ Kyle Garland, German-town, PA, at 7451.

A 400m 'dq' (he clocked a nifty 48.69) derailed a third American, Ayden Owens of North Allegheny HS in Pittsburgh. Owens who competes for Puerto Rico finished with a 6744 total, a score that would have exceeded 7600 with the disqualification.

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<u>FIN</u>		[previous PR score]		
8190	Moloney, Ashley/AUS	[7740]	10.51 706	1283 210 46.86 14.13-0.3 4739 460 5367 4:42.65
7798	Haasbroek, Gary/AUS	[7723]	10.92 626	1328 201 49.20 14.26-0.3 4054 430 5525 4:35.48
7642	Ehammer, Simon/SUI	[7224]	11.14 745	1344 201 50.15 14.13-0.3 3622 470 4909 4:47.36
7552	Wagner, Manuel/GER	[7541]	11.08 681	1201 183 49.72 14.72+0.5 4474 450 5743 4:29.45
7455	Gaio, Finley/SUI	[7717]	10.97 728	1458 186 49.94 13.90-0.3 3696 430 4865 4:55.46
7454	Okafor, Leon/AUT	[7330]	11.41 662	1403 192 50.27 14.98+0.5 4463 450 5634 4:46.50
7451	Garland, Kyle/Germantown, PA-USA	[7562]	10.97 640	1511 201 50.59 13.99-0.3 4256 400 5300 4:58.42
7333	Bechman, Andreas/GER	[7524]	11.30 681	1417 192 48.92 14.97+0.5 4274 440 4196 4:43.48
7212	Dias, Manuel/POR	[7256]	11.23 693	1286 183 49.81 15.06+0.5 3764 460 4682 4:40.25
7113	Toivonen, Juuso/FIN	[6998]	11.41 666	1212 198 50.67 15.42+0.5 3211 490 5167 4:43.53
6984	Kekin, Stepan/ANA	[7817]	11.06 690	1425 183 50.81 14.19-0.3 4865 460 5011 dnf
6744	Owens, Ayden/PUR	[7354]	10.67 694	1371 192 dq[48.69]13.74-0.3 4272 430 4306 4:44.76
dnf	Gletty, Makenson/FRA	[7697]	10.82 698	1603 198 dnf
dnf	Fauvel Clinch, Steven/FRA	[7455]	11.08 691	1286 192 dns