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## NCAA FIRST DAY 'Double Z' Hot



**Hello Again...**The weather promised to cooperate and the field for the 47th NCAA D-1 decathlon was the deepest in history. Consider: the defending champ (Maicel Uibo) and runner-up (Pau Tonnesen), the indoor champ (Zach Ziemek) and the seasonal leader (Lindon Victor) were all in the field where 6 had 8k credentials. Of the 24 qualifiers a pair had withdrawn early ('15 indoor winner Wieland/Minn-GER and Dodig/Wash St-SRB). Much of the early attention was on Wisconsin's 'Double Z' (Ziemek) and the 6-3 ½, 200lb Victor who has considerable international experience for native Grenada but who was only 10th indoors. Yet his 8446 score at SECs scared the collegiate record and opened eyes. He's bear watching.

When day one ended, with better weather than could be expected it was Wisconsin's 'ZZ', Ziemek who held the lead with 4338 points, 30 up on Victor. For the most part the weather cooperated and only a high jump officiating snafu marred the first day. Here's the first day tale from Hayward...



Never one to conceal his emotions, Wisconsin's ZZ (aka Zach Ziemek) was elated over his 7.72m/25-4 winning long jump that pushed him to the decathlon lead. He held it at the break.

side of Hayward Field (back straight) and were rewarded with (south to north) tailwinds of +1.0, +1.3 and +0.9 mps. Good job!

Air temp in the low 60s° and overcast, Iowa State senior Taylor Sanderson, the Big 12 champ, won the first race in 11.09 seconds, with Uibo only .07 seconds back. The second section saw surprisingly quick Michigan junior Steven Bastien pull away from Oregon's Mitch Modin, 10.68 to 10.83, near PRs for both. The 3rd (top seeded) race held the most interest. Georgia Estonian Karl-Robert Saluri (10.52 PR) held off late charging Victor (PR 10.60) with Ziemek



**47th NCAA D-I Decathlon  
Hayward Field-UofO  
Eugene, Oregon  
June 8-9, 2016**

**100 Meters:** [12:29- 12:39 pm]

At 10:25 there were 388 in attendance. Meet officials attempted to accommodate the athletes and moved the 100 meters to the east



Lindon Victor of Grenada, the half-brother of 2012 NCAA deca champ Kurt Felix/Boise State, had career bests in the first two events and then won the third. He stands 30 points out of the overall lead.

(10.63) half a step back. This was one quick sprint as Tim Duckworth's 10.90 was 7th!

**Section # 3** [wind +0.9 mps]

Pl	name	nation	lane	time	points	
1.	Saluri	Georgia	4	10.52	970	pr
2.	Victor	TAMU	3	10.60	952	pr
3.	Ziemek	Wisconsin	5	10.63	945	
4.	Williams,H	Stanford	6	10.69	931	
5.	Williams,D	Georgia	7	10.78	910	
6.	Simmons	E Mich	1	10.88	888	
7.	Duckworth	Kentucky	8	10.90	883	
8.	Whitaker	Missouri	2	11.05	850	

Interestingly, there were no false starts.

*After One: Salu 970, Vict 952, ZZ 945, Bast 933, HWil 931.*

**Long Jump:** [1:10 - 2:06 pm]

The long jump event also was contested south to north but the breezes were inconsistent. In Group #1 (west pit) only 3 surpassed 7 meters and the group was won by Georgia junior Devon Williams at 7.66m/25-2. Eastern Michigan senior Solomon Simmons opened at 7.03m/23-3/4 and then passed his remaining efforts.

In Group #2 (East pit) Ziemek lead after round #1 at 7.30m/23-11 1/2 and improved to 7.56m/24-9 3/4 in the 2nd round. Maicel Uibo struggled in round #2 and his effort was ruled a foul. After a protest and review of the video tape officials agreed that his effort was indeed a fair one and he got credit for 7.39m/24-3. In the 3rd round Saluri

scared his career best with a nice 7.40m/24-3 1/2 leap and Ziemek responded covering 7.72m/25-4 of Lane County real estate resulting in an mighty shriek. This guy celebrates! He missed a PR by 1cm and Bastien just missed his own PR a minute later getting 7.48m/24-6 1/2. Ziemek moved past Saluri in the standings.

*After Two: ZZ 1935, DWil 1887, Salu 1880, Bast 1863, Vict 1848.*

**Shot Put:** [2:40 – 3:14 pm]

A bit of drizzle came after the long jump but did not last. Hayward Field filled up rapidly. The west landing area could have used some indicator signs. There Ziemek came up with a 14.05m/46-1/2 3rd round toss to win the group.



Hayward Field never looked better ....

Officials moved both groups along smartly and the sun returned. McCune, Saluri and Victor all just missed career bests. Harrison Williams (13.52m/44-4 1/4) and Simmons (15.15m/49-8 1/4 ) both notched PRs. Victor's winning 15.62m/51-3 toss pushed him into the overall lead, 10 points ahead of Ziemek.

*After Three: Vict 2676, ZZ 1666, Salu 2634, DWil 2629, Bast 2511.*

**High Jump:** [3:57 – 5:15 pm]

The event was a bit of a disappointment. In group #1 (west pit) Nebraska soph Cody Walton won at 1.95m/6-4 3/4 and there were no lifetime bests.

In group #2 (east pit) several outstanding jumpers faltered. Tonnesen, a 2.15m/7-3/4 jumper, could only manage 1.95m/6-4 3/4. ZZ

too appeared poised for a big effort but had to settle for 2.01m/6-7, well off his best.

It was a 2.04m/6-8¼ an incongruous officiating error resulted in 3 athletes taking ‘double jumps.’ After clearing 2.04m three remained: Duckworth, Uibo and Kentucky’s Ibn Short. The bar went to 2.07m/6-9½ or so everyone thought. All three appeared to clear after which the high jump officials discovered they had *forgotten to raise the bar* resulting in all 3 clearing 2.04m/6-8¼ twice! During this episode *no one even noticed!!!!* Unable to give athletes credit for height they did not clear officials could only apologize. But common fellows....no one even noticed that the bar had not been measured and set! Whew.

At the real 2.07m Duckworth and Uibo (although noticeably limping) cleared and Duckworth went one bar higher to win the event. The Kentucky soph was the lone athlete to challenge a PR but he failed at 2.13m/6-11¾.

Ziemek moved back to the lead by 45 points over Victor. In all there were 78 clearances (including the 3 extra) out of 192 efforts.

*After Four: ZZ 3479, Vict 3434, DWil 3360, Uibo 3351, Salu 3313.*



Last years top two finishers, Maicel Uibo (left) and Pau Tonnesen (right) found themselves in unfamiliar territory overnight....in 6th and 12th places respectively.

#### 400 meters: [6:56–pm]

The break lasted one hour and forty five minutes and when the athletes returned the crowd count was 9201, the official attendance. The races were well seeded but resulted in several routs. In the initial section Ziemek made up the stagger on the entire lineup by 200 meters, bolted on the curve and ran strongly down the home straight to win by 17 meters, a huge margin. His 49.04 was lifetime best by 85/100ths and a significant breakthrough. And it guaranteed he’ hold the first day lead. Simmons held off German Luis Hanssler/Memphis to capture the 2nd race, 49.37 to 49.78 seconds.

The third section was eye-opening as Harrison Williams bolted at the gun and never let up. It was a repeat of the first race, and like Ziemek, he roared down the home straight and got a PR 47.06 mark, winning by 12 meters over Saluri (48.12). Victor came home strongly in 48.73 but it was not fast enough the catch Ziemek and the differential would be 30 overnight.

*After Five: ZZ 4338, Vict 4308, DWil 4232, Salu 4216, Bast 4162.*



#### RESULTS:

##### 6/8-9 47th NCAA D-I Champs, U of Oregon-Hayward Field, Eugene, OR

4338	Ziemek, Zach/Wisconsin’16	10.63+0.9 772+2.5 1405 201 49.04
4308	Victor, Lindon/TexA&M’17-GRN	10.60+0.9 734+1.6 1562 195 48.73
4232	Williams, Devon/Georgia’17	10.78+0.9 767-0.4 1423 192 48.78
4216	Saluri, Karl-Robert/Georgia’18-EST	10.52+0.9 740+2.6 1442 186 48.12
4162	Bastien, Steven/Michigan’17	10.68+1.3 748+2.6 1268 198 48.89
4127	Uibo, Maicel/Georgia’16-EST	11.16+1.0 735+2.3 1436 207 50.85
4097	Williams, Harrison/Stanford’18	10.69+0.9 686+1.1 1352 192 47.06
4057	Simmons, Solomon/E Michigan’16	10.88+0.9 703+2.7 1515 189 49.37
4013	Duckworth, Tim/Kentucky’18-GBR	10.90+0.9 711+0.5 1210 210 50.72
3985	Short, Ibn/Kentucky’17	11.00+1.3 686+1.1 1408 204 50.67
3957	Nyamadi, Atsu/MidTenn St’17	11.12+1.3 720-1.1 1328 195 49.91

3952 Tonneson, Pau/Arizona'16-ESP  
 11.35+1.0 737+0.7 1410 195 50.91  
 3898 Modin, Mitch/Oregon'17  
 10.83+1.3 681-0.9 1333 189 49.50  
 3855 Jacobus, Derek/Arkansas'17  
 11.03+1.3 699+2.9 1251 189 49.28  
 3827 Whitaker, Ser/Missouri'16  
 11.05+0.9 707+1.0 1331 186 50.71  
 3803 Sanderson, Taylor/IowaSt'16  
 11.09+1.0 702+1.0 1325 183 50.12  
 3795 Delgado, Joe/Oregon'17  
 11.23+1.0 691-0.9 1296 189 49.81  
 3786 Walton, Cody/Nebraska'18  
 11.22+1.3 662-1.2 1307 195 49.91  
 3782 Hanssler, Luis/Memphis'16-GER  
 11.05+1.3 683-1.6 1235 189 49.78  
 3719 McCune, Alex/Akron'16  
 11.23+1.0 687+0.2 1425 186 52.49  
 3656 Mortensen, Brandon/Wisconsin'16  
 11.29+1.0 692+1.1 1229 192 52.37  
 3609 Culp, Brad/Arkansas'18  
 11.00+1.3 664-0.8 1258 180 51.43  
 3490 Walker, Jackson/BYU'17  
 11.43+1.0 644+1.6 1165 183 50.30  
 2761 Dougherty, William/Iowa'18  
 11.37+1.0 650+0.4 1283 177 dsq  
 24s,24f.