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ERM, WILLIAMS, LAWSON HOT Weather, Owens hj 'nh' Day-1 NCAA News

Hello Again.... It has never, ever been this uncomfortable at an NCAA DOI meet. I know, I've been to 48 of the 50 affairs. On the preceding day, June 4, with an eye on the sky, meet officials moved the 1st day time schedule up 2½ hours. When it came time for the newly scheduled 100 meters (noon) it rained heavily. Two of the three sprint sections were run thru deep puddles. The rain was replaced with oppressive humidity and temps in the mid-90s F°. The athletes handled it better than did. I was beat. Enough said!

The major stories revolved around 21 year old Georgia (by way of Estonia) soph Johannes Erm, Stanford senior Harrison Williams and Kent St junior TJ Lawson, all of whom were shaping high scores. One who was not was seasonal leader Ayden Owens, the USC soph who failed to clear his opening (1.86m/6-1½) high jump bar.

At the break Erm held a tenuous 79 point lead over Williams (4345-4266) with Lawson another 40 back. Williams stands 74 points ahead of his 8112 PR pace. Erm was 24 to the good over his career best of 8046 which came at this meet a year ago, with Lawson 10 points back via his 7876 Tennessee Relays total in April. Yet the scores were all misleading because of the difficult weather conditions.



**Mike Myers Stadium
University of Texas
Austin, Texas
June 5-6, 2019**



Rain, Rain, Rain during 100 meters.

100 meters: [noon – 12:12 pm]

There were approximately 240 spectators on hand for the start of the 50th NCAA D-I decathlon. I recall watching the very first dec 100 meters at Drake Stadium in June of 1970. It was not raining then. It was now and the track was slick with puddles. Among this year's starters were 11 seniors, 4 juniors, 2 sophs and 7 freshman. Among the field were 7 foreign athletes including 4 of the top six scorers.

The first race featured seasonal sprint leader Ayden Owens who had recorded an eye-opening 10.43 at Azusa's Bryan Clay meet. At the gun he went splashing down the track with seven others in pursuit. His 10.55 clocking and 963 points would have been worth much more in better conditions.



Owens (left) has run sprints in better conditions.

Section #1 (wind: +0.2 mps) (s-t-g: 2.03 sec)

pl	name	affiliation	lane	pr	time	pts
1.	Owens, Ayden	USC	1	10.43	10.55	963
2.	Rogers, Denim	HBUS	3	10.77	10.79	908
3.	Lawson, TJ	Kent St	4	10.78	10.83	899
4.	Vollmer, Max	Oregon	7	10.84	10.92	878
5.	Hite, Nathan	TAMU	2	10.63	10.99	863
6.	Johnson, Ben	Wichita St	5	10.85	10.99	863
7.	Moore, Gabe	Arkansas	6	10.69	10.99	863
8.	Haasbroek, Gary	UTSA	8	10.79	11.09	841

The second race was won by Stanford senior Harrison Williams by a large margin (10.85) as the rain abated a bit. Tall Tyler Nelson /UCSB trailed taller Johannes Erm/GA in the 3rd race (10.99 to 10.88) while the rain came in torrents. Egad.

After One: Owen 963, Roge 908, Laws 899, Will-H 894, Erm 888.

Long Jump: [12:57 -1:38]



By 1 pm the heat and humidity dominated the weather and the jumping in the SW corner of Myers Stadium. About 260 spectators braved the aluminum bleachers. Erm (left) leaped a smooth 7.72m/25-4

in the first round of Group #2, ran thru a second attempt and passed his third. He took the overall lead and did not relinquish it for the remainder of the day. Denim Rogers/Houston Baptist PR'd at 7.10/23-3¼.

In Group #1 Williams managed 7.33m/24-¾ in the first round while Lawson covered 7.41m/24-3¾ of Austin real-estate in the 2nd, 1cm ahead of Gary Haasbroek, the UTSA freshman from Australia who was 2nd at last year's world juniors.

After Two: Erm 1878m Laws 1812, Owen 1798, Will-H 1785, Haas 1751.

Shot Put: [2:20- 2:48 pm]

Erm continued his hot streak with a PR 14.69/48-2½ effort in round #2 of Group #2 yet was outdone by Arkansas senior Gabe Moore (14.73m/48-4), Texas Tech 21 year

old freshman Axel Hubert (14.84m/48-8¼), Wichita's Ben Johnson (14.87m/48-9½) and ultimate winner Lawson who PR'd at 14.90m /48-10¾

After Three: Erm 2649, Laws 2596, Will-H 2504, Owen 2495, Moore 2452.

High Jump: [3:38-5:15 pm]

Gary Haasbroek got the win in Group #1 at 1.95m/6-4¾ and, as expected although he had a pair of misses at his opening height, Wisconsin senior Trent Nytes capoured Group #2 with a 2.07m/6-9½ effort. More was expected. The major story was the jumping of Harrison Williams at 2.01m/6-7, Rogers (a PR at 2.04m/6-8¼) and the no height of Ayden Owens at 1.86m/6-1¼). He was just uncomfortable in his approach. By this point everyone was feeling the heat.

After Four: Erm 3407, Laws 3381, Will-H 3317, Roge 3189, Moor 3183.

400 meters: [6:59-7:09 pm]

Michigan's Jack Lint scooted down lane #1 and won section #1 handily in a PR 48.60. Freshmen Haasbrowk (49.05) and Purdie's Isaiah Martin (49.12) went 2-3 in front of 5000+ spectators during the evening session.

Only Aaron Booth/Kansas State broke 50 seconds (49.73) in the second race. As luck would have it, the 3rd race found the trio of Pac-12 athletes in tandem in lanes 4 (Vollmer), 5 (Williams) and 6 (Owens) who hung in a competed tenaciously. Coming down the homestretch Owens and Williams



went stride for stride with the freshman getting the nod with a PR 47.10 to 47.19. Erm ran strongly in the stretch and also notched a career best 47.40. Rogers, in 48.56 for 5th, also managed a lifetime best. Given the

Arkansas senior Gabe Moore put together five consistent and solid marks and stood 5th at the break with 4023 points

conditions the competition was fierce.

After Five: Erm 4345, Will-H 4266, Laws 4216, Roge 4071, Moor 4023



Results:

6/5-6 50th NCAA I Nationalo Champs, Myers

Stadium, U of Texas, Austin, TX

4345	Erm, Johannes/Georgia-EST'21	10.88+1.0 772+1.7 1469 195 47.40
4266	Williams, Harrison/Stanford'19	10.85+0.2 732+1.7 1384 201 47.19
4216	Lawson, TJ/Kent St'20	10.83+0.2 741+1.0 1490 198 49.57
4071	Rogers, Denim/Houston Baptist'21	10.79+0.2 710+1.5 1195 204 48.56
4023	Moore, Gabe/Arkansas'19	10.99+0.2 701+0.6 1473 192 49.45
3998	Haasbroek, Gary/UTSA-AUS'22	11.09+0.2 740+1.5 1239 195 49.05
3997	Lint, Jack/Michigan'19	11.10+1.0 711+2.0 1366 192 48.60
3990	Nytes, Trent/Wisconsin'19	11.16+0.2 693+1.7 1317 207 49.85
3964	Vollmer, Max/Oregon-GER'22	10.92+0.2 694+1.9 1436 183 48.53
3952	Booth, Aaron/Kansas St-NZL-20	11.12+0.2 722+1.5 1300 195 49.73
3931	Johnson, Ben/Wichita St'19	10.99+0.2 678+1.4 1487 192 50.48
3924	Hubert, Axel/Texas Tech-FRA'22	11.26+1.0 708+1.6 1484 192 50.85
3901	Martin, Isaiah/Purdue'22	11,23+1.0 726+1,2 1236 192 49.12
3860	Matthews, Brian/BYU'20	11.11+0.2 686+1.5 1449 189 50.76
3856	Hite, Nathan/Texas A&M'19	10.99+0.2 666+1.1 1354 189 49.16
3791	Nelson, Tyler/UCSB'19	10.99+1.0 622+1.2 1467 192 50.47
3749	Ose, Ben/Dartmouth'19	11.12+0.2 700+1.3 1163 186 49.50
3703	Williams, Paris/Kennesaw St'20	11.08+0.2 651+2.1 1215 192 50.04
3692	Card-Childers, Charlie/Rice'19	11.31+1.0 664+1.1 1325 198 52.51
3592	Walder, Wade/Butler'20	11,28+0.2 653+1.1 1286 180 50.25
3448	Oewns, Ayden/USC-PUR'22	10.55+0.2 708+1.1 1348 nh 47.10
2949	Fassina, Simone/Kansas St-ITA'20	11.38+1.0 688+2.5 1322 189 dnf
Dnf	Swaby, Noah/Penn St'22	11.16+1.0 685+1.4 1366 186 dns
Dnf	Powell, Hunter/Colorado St'19	12.77+0.2 withdrew 24s,22f.



NCAA indoor winner, Harrison Williams of Stanford (l) and Kent State junior TJ Lawson (r) stood 2-3 after day #1.