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ERM's 8352...ENOUGH SAID

Even Worse Weather Upsets Good Scores on Day Two

Hello Again.... Hot and muggy was the SOP for day #2 of the 50th NCAA decathlon at Mike Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas, Austin. The weather took its toll on day one with a pair of withdrawals: Hunter Powell/Colorado St and Noah Swaby/Penn St. 22 returned for day #2.

The major question was whether Estonian Johannes Erm/Georgia had mastered enough of the 2nd day events to hold off the challenge of Stanford senior Harrison Williams. The break differential was 79 points. Another topic of discussion was whether Kent State junior TJ Lawson could challenge the 8000 point barrier. The answer to the first was yes, in spades.....to the second...no. Here;s the tale.



50th NCAA D-I Champs
Mike Myers Stadium
University of Texas
Austin, Texas
June 5-6, 2019

110 m Hurdles: [1:00-1:14 pm]

With slight tyrrailing winds and 185 spectators on hand, day two got underway with 5 hurdle sections. Three additional withdrawals were quickly announced: Paris Williams, Tyler Nelson and Simone Fassina.

Surprising Jack Lint won the first race with a career best 14.49 clocking over Isaiah Martin (14.87) and Ben Ose's legal PR 14.92.



21 year old Georgia soph Johannes Erm (Tallinn, EST) celebrates his 8352 win at the 50th NCAA meet in Austin. Rear left...Denim Riogers and Charlie Card-Childers. Rear right: Harrison Williams and Ben Ose.

In the second race TJ Lawson (in lane 2) bopped the 2nd hurdle and crashed into the 3rd, and went down on his right shoulder. Gone was a great score. He withdrew. Wade Walder/Butler won the section in 14.79 seconds.

The 3rd race saw Gary Haasbroek (14.81) and Max Vollmer (14.93) both PR, aided by a 1.1mps tailwind. The 4th race (seeded section) witnessed Ayden Owens lead wire-to-wire in 14.09 seconds, into a 1.3 mps headwind. Harrison Williams ran cautiously after witnessing Lawson's demise and recalling his own crash and burn in the same event a year earlier in Eugene. He faltered as Erm raced by, 14.32 to 14.55. The latter gained another 29 points.

Section #1 (wind: -1.3 mps) (s-t-g: 1.33 sec)

pl	name	affiliation	lane	pr	time	pts
1.	Owens, Ayden	USC	2	13.91	14.09	963
2.	Johannes Erm	Georgia	4	14.19	14.32	934
3.	Williams, Har	Stanford	6	13.88	14.55	905
dns	Williams, Paris	KenneSt	8			

Axel Hubert and Denim Rogers virtually dead-heated in the final race in 14.51.

After Six: Erm 5279, Will 5171, Roge 4981, Lint 4909, Haasm 4871.

Discus: [1:49 – 2:13 pm and 6:23-6:39]

Clever seeding placed athletes in section via their vault capability, so the first discus section included the better vaulters. But the competiotn was a mess. Thru two



New star Denim Rogers, 20, a soph at Houston Baptist, struggled only with the discus. His 7596 total included 4 individual career bests.

rounds half the attempts were fouls...foot faults....into the net....out of bounds. This section looked more like a development camp than a nationals. Ultimately Erm won with a 44.42m/145-9 toss as three including Williams went into the last round without a mark. The Stanford senior eventually spun 39.30m/128-11 giving up another 105 points. At the completion 47% (14 of 30) of the attempts were negated by fouls. Yet this group was lucky because the first raindrops came minutes later. Local lightning forced officials to clear the stadium. By 2:30 pm it was pouring and the stadium was surrounded by lightning. The delay lasted 1 hour and 45 minutes. One overheard quip in the pressbox during the storm.... “well its only a 30%

chance.” Drying the competition venues was a major chore.

Group #2 had but 8 athletes left. They resumed the discus warmups at 4:15 pm and were within 8 minutes of starting when *another* annoucement evacuated the stadium because of resumed lightning. Aggh !!!

When Group #2 finally got under way we were three hours late. The competition itself was an anticlimax and the group was won by Gabe Moore/Arkansas at 46.21m/151-7. USC freshman Ayden Owens continued to struggle. His 42.13m/138-2 toss was his only fair effort.

After Seven: Erm 6034, Will 5821, Moor 5662, Lint 5575, Roge 5546.

Pole Vault: [6:30 – 7:57 pm and 8:36 to 9:54pm]

Section # 1 got underway at 6:30 pm, 3 ½ hours late. Australian Gary Haasbroek immediatley nh’d. He would take javelin



Dartmouth senior Ben Ose, was 3rd in the vault at 4.91m/16-1¼. He’ll use a final year of indoor eligibility newxt winter at Minnesota while doing graduate work.

warmups but then headed to the sidelines.

By the time the bar went to 4.91m/16-1¼, only three remained. All three, Dartmouth’s Ben Ose, Williams and Erm negotiated the height quite easily on first tries. Sveral thousand spectators were on hand, anticipating the evening sessions. At 5.01m/16-5¼ Ose dropped and Williams passed. Erm was over nicely. Only the Stanford senior managed the next bar, 5.11m/16-9 ¼ but he could go no higher. The section

lasted 87 minutes with 62 attempts and 26 clearances.

Group #2 found Denim Rogers/Houston Baptist and Aaron Booth/Kansas St tie at 4.71m/15-5½ which was a career best for both. Their performances guaranteed top 8 places.

After Eight: Erm 6947, 6765, Lint 6397, Moor 6396, Roge 6368.

Javelin: [8:43 9:02–pm and 9:36 to 9:54pm]

Conditions were actually quite good for Group #1 as Vollmer won the section at 62.35m/204-6, before twisting his back on his 3rd try. Erm added a few inches to to career best, now 56.27m/184-7, clearly hsi weakest event. Dartmouth's Ose improved on his PR by 8 feet managing a 58.98m/193-6 spear. Williams faltered here with a 47.91m/157-2 mark.

Moore solidified 3rd place with a PR 59.53m/195-3 effort to win Group #2. By this time Erm margin over Wiliams had grown to 306 points and the title was his.

After Nine: Erm: 7629, Will 7323, Moor7127, Lint 7027, Voll 7003.

1500 meters: [9:26 –pm]

The decathletes had to wait through the women's 10,000 meters final and three 4x400m relays semifinals before taking to the track at 10:40 pm. They had been on and off the field for nearly ten hours. Much of the crowd remained. At least 2000 witnessed this race. At racetime it was still a bit muggy with temps in the mid-70s. It felt so much nicer than the afternoon furnace. Erm needed at 4:33+ clocking for the World champs and Olympic qualifier of 8350. He led throughout and got 4:33.38 for a 8352 score.....mission accomplished. Missing the school record by 4 points was only a minor disapointment. Williams ran just fast enough to assure an 8k result and few places changed during the race.

Three of the top six were foreign collegians. PR scores were achieved by Erm, Lint, Rogers and BYU's Brian Matthews.

After Ten: Erm 8352, Will 8010, Moor 7780, Lint 7738, Voll 7703.

RESULTS:

**6/5-6 50th NCAA I Nationalo Champs,
Myers Stadium, U of Texas, Austin,
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8352	Erm, Johannes/Georgia-EST'21	10.88+1.0
	772+1.7 1469 195 47.40 14.32-1.3 4442 501 5627	
	4:33.38	
8010	Williams, Harrison/Stanford'19	10.85+0.2
	732+1.7 1384 201 47.19 14.55-1.3 3930 511 4791	
	4:39.01	
7780	Moore, Gabe/Arkansas'19	10.99+0.2
	701+0.6 1473 192 49.45 15.02-0.1 4621 441 5953	
	4:44.34	
7738	Lint, Jack/Michigan'19	11.10+1.0
	711+2.0 1366 192 48.60 14.49-0.2 4007 471 5282	
	4:35.22	
7703	Vollmer, Max/Oregon-GER'22	10.92+0.2
	694+1.9 1436 183 48.53 14.93+1.1 3905 451 6235	
	4:36.86	
7680	Booth, Aaron/Kansas St-NZL-20	11.12+0.2
	722+1.5 1300 195 49.73 15.32+0.5 4154 471 5666	
	4:35.13	
7596	Rogers, Denim/Houston Baptist'21	10.79+0.2
	710+1.5 1195 204 48.56 14.51-0.1 3505 471 4977	
	4:46.01	
7516	Nytes, Trent/Wisconsin'19	11.16+0.2
	693+1.7 1317 207 49.85 15.01+1.1 3818 451 5470	
	4:48.28	
7445	Ose, Ben/Dartmouth'19	11.12+0.2
	700+1.3 1163 186 49.50 14.92-0.2 3383 491 5898	
	4:38.38	
7398	Martin, Isaiah/Purdue'22	11.23+1.0
	726+1.2 1236 192 49.12 14.87-0.2 3641 411 5670	
	4:36.27	
7394	Matthews, Brian/BYU'20	11.11+0.2
	686+1.5 1449 189 50.76 15.00+0.5 3988 421 5800	
	4:46.79	
7365	Card-Childers, Charlie/Rice'19	11.31+1.0
	664+1.1 1325 198 52.51 15.07+1.1 4189 461 6050	
	4:54.63	
7348	Hite, Nathan/Texas A&M'19	10.99+0.2
	666+1.1 1354 189 49.16 15.46-0.2 3831 471 5120	
	4:46.58	
7329	Johnson, Ben/Wichita St'19	10.99+0.2
	678+1.4 1487 192 50.48 14.78-0.1 3968 441 4040	
	4:39.76	
7090	Walder, Wade/Butler'20	11.28+0.2
	653+1.1 1286 180 50.25 14.79+0.5 4007 441 4690	
	4:40.07	
dnf:	Owens, Ayden/USC-PUR'22	10.55+0.2
	708+1.1 1348 nh 47.10 14.09-1.3 4213 441	
	withdrew	
dnf:	Haasbroek, Gary/UTSA-AUS'22	11.09+0.2
	740+1.5 1239 195 49.05 14.81+1.1 3783 nh	
	withdrew	
dnf:	Hubert, Axel/Texas Tech-FRA'22	11.26+1.0
	708+1.6 1484 192 50.85 14.51-0.1 3500	withdrew
dnf:	Lawson, TJ/Kent St'20	10.83+0.2
	741+1.0 1490 198 49.57 dnf 4116 1 st day	
dnf:	Nelson, Tyler/UCSB'19	10.99+1.0
	622+1.2 1467 192 50.47	withdrew

dnf	Williams, Paris/Kennesaw St'20	11.08+0.2
	651+2.1 1215 192 50.04 withdrew	
dnf:	Fassina, Simone/Kansas St-ITA'20	11.38+1.0
	688+2.5 1322 189 dnf withdrew	
dnf	Swaby, Noah/Penn St'22	11.16+1.0
	685+1.4 1366 186 dns withdrew	
dnf	Powell, Hunter/Colorado St'19	12.77+0.2
	24s,15f.	