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## NCAA FIRST DAY



### Tonnesen's Leads Uibo by 21 Points

**Hello Again...** The youngest field in meet history (only 5 seniors) gathered at Hayward Field for the 46th NCAA I decathlon. It might be pretty tough to qualify for next year's meet with 19 returnees.

Georgia's Maicel Uibo, 22, Polva, Estonia looked every bit the defending NCAA champion until the last 100 meters of the day's final event when he gave up the first day lead to Arizona's Pau (rhymes with now) Tonneson, 22, Tempe, AZ, and he trails by 21 points (4230 – 4209) at the break. Only 100 points separates places 3-4-5 (Scott Filip/Rice, Stephen Soerens/Princeton and Dakotah Keys /Oregon). Nine scores exceed 4k in sunshine and high temps at the University of Oregon's historic Hayward Field. 23 started (NCAA indoor winner Luca Wieland/Minnesota-Germany) withdrew before the 100 meters and 3 others did not make it to the 400m.... Washington State's Dino Dodig and a pair of Georgia teammates, early season leader Garrett Scantling and teammate Devon Willialms. 19 will start day 2. Here's the tale of day one in sunny and hot Eugene.



At this point the 46th NCAA I decathlon was just 4 seconds long for (l-r) Dakotah Keys/Oregon, Nathanael Franks/Arkansas and Pau Tonnesen/Arizona.

state homecoming since it featured Arkansas's Nathanael Franks (Damascus, OR), and a pair of Ducks, Dakotah Keys (Sweet Home, OR) and Joe Delgado (Ontario, OR) in the field. Yet it was unheralded Joshua Mulder/ Kennesaw St junior in only his 3rd career ten eventer, who edged Keys, 11.06 to 11.07 in a very close and well-seeded race in which only 6/100ths separated one thru six. Franks, a Rhodes Scholar finalist, was 8th. Conditions were optimal....aiding wind +3.2 mps.

The 2nd section was the fastest seeded race with no one having run slower than 10.88 during the spring season. It was a young field with 7 of 8 being sophs/freshman. Mississippi State soph Zach Taylor scampered away from this fast field winning in a nice 10.66 seconds. The details:

**46th NCAA D-I Champs  
Hayward Field  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, OR  
June 10-11, 2015**

**100 meters:** [11:29 – 11:39 am]

Weather and crowd size

The first race had defending champ Uibo in lane 8 but it really seemed like an in-

<i>Pl</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>affiliation</i>	<i>lane</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>points</i>
1.	Taylor	Miss St'17	3	10.66	938
2.	Filip	Rice'17	6	10.74	919

3.	Williams	Stanford'18	5	10.83	899
4.	Mahler	Texas'17	8	10.89	885
5.	Ijah	E Mich'16	7	10.92.	878
6.	Modin	Oregon'17	1	10.96	870
7.	Wasik	UCLA'18	2	11.02	856

Dns Wieland Minn'18

[wind +1.2mps; set-to-gun 1.42 seconds]

The 3rd race saw Scantling edge South Carolina's Markus Lemett/Estonia (either 20 or 21 depending whether one trusts IAAF records or USC media guide), 10.98 to 10.99 seconds. Buffalo's Mike Morgan was 4th in 11.05 in a bit of redemption since a year ago he was injured in the very same race. (Wind +1.1 mps).

*After One: Tayl 938, Fili 919, Will 899, Mahl 885.*

**Long Jump:** [12:15 – 12:58 pm]

Tonnesen opened with a smooth looking 7.49m/24-7 PR and held the lead in Group #1 until's Uibo's 7.54m/24-9 effort near the end of round #2. It held up as the event winner and was, in fact, Uibo's lone fair attempt. Michigan State soph Tim Ehrhardt bulled a 7.45m/24-5½ in the second round. Surprising Stephen Soerens of Princeton PR'd in round # at 7.36m/24-1 ¾.



The first day's pleasant surprise was the performance of Princeton's Stephen Soerens who is 350 points up on his Heptagonal winning 7319 pace.

Keys led off Group #2 with a fine 7.26m/23-10 leap and improved in round #2 at 7.34m/24-1. Morgan's 7.42m/24-4¼ won the group. A 7.32m/24-¼ mark by Filip pushed him to the overall lead. Conditions were uniformly good and the jumpers were aided

with consistent tailwinds. 15 surpassed 7 meters. Eastern Michigan's Solomon Ijah recorded 3 toe-board fouls. Georgia's Devon Williams and Serbian Dino Dodig of Washington State withdrew.

*After Two: Fili 1810, Uibo 1783, Ehrh 1783, Tonn & Tayl 1768.*

**Shot Put:** [1:33 – 2:01 pm]

Tonnesen kept the pressure on with 3 solid puts ending with a winning 15.17m/49-9 ¼ in Group one. Soerens (14.86m/48-9) and Keys (13.78m/45-2½ PR) also made noise.

Uibo easily won Group two at 14.38m/47-2¼ as Scantling faltered here. Stanford's Harrison Williams got a 2 foot PR at 13.29m/43-7¼. There were surprisingly few fouls, just 9 in 63 attempts.

*After Three: Tonn 2560, Uibo 2565, Soer 2517, Fili & Scan 2481.*

**High Jump:** [2:47 – 4:19 pm]

Buffalo's Morgan unexpectedly faltered managing just 1.93m/6-4. The expectations was for at least 5 higher bars. In Group #1 the battle was between Uibo and Tonnesen after Keys was eliminated, unable to clear 2.05m/6-8¾. The grid tells the tale:

<u>Name</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>best</u>	<u>pts</u>
Uibo	o	o	o	o	o	xo	xxx	214	934
Tonnesen	xo	p	xo	xo	xxx			208	878

Uibo' tries at 2.17m/7-1½ were consistently interrupted by the start of other races. In a rhythm event, it had to hurt. He was eliminated near 4 pm with a crowded infield and a lot of action on the oval. Yet the event was far from over.

In Group #2 UNC- Charlotte's K'Vonte Scott, who jumped at nearly every bar starting at 1.81m/5-11¼ was still jumping at 2.05m/6-8¾, career best attempts. In all he jumped 14 times. He won the group at 2.02m/6-7½ and was seemingly not bothered by all of the clutter and crowd surrounding him (heptathletes throwing the shot, dozens of officials, and athletes ring sprint and circular races) at the south end. It was the proverbial 3 ring circus.

Uibo had literally leaped back to the overall lead while the steady Soerens put in another solid effort at 1.96m/6-5, clearing several bars on 3rd trys. In all, officials moved the event along smartly finishing 193 attempts (83 clearances) in the two pits in just 92 minutes. Solomon Ijah withdrew.

*After Four: Uibo 3469, Tonn 3446, Soer 3284, Keys 3278.*

**400 meters:** [5:58 -- 6:05 pm]

The meet ran 14 minutes behind schedule. There was some drama in the first section when the yellow flag was raised on the second turn resulting in a 'dq' for local Mitch Modin. The first 4 (!) PR'd here as Harrison Williams ran down and then held off Texas soph Wolf Mahler, 47.16 to 47.20 with Ehrhardt (47.99) and Filip (48.17) also getting career best marks.



**Stanford freshman Harrison Williams showed notable speed winning the 400m in an eye-opening 47.16 PR.**

Leemet held off Morgan to capture the 2nd race, 49.12 to 49.34. Iowa State junior Taylor Sanderson got a PR at 49.83.

Scantling inexplicably did not show for the 3rd race. UCLA frosh Steele Wasik got the win in 49.17 over Keys (50.46) and Tonnesen (50.68) who ran much of the race alone in lane 8. Here Uibo faltered managing just a 51.65 clocking (out of lane 1) and ended the day sprawling onto the track surface. Tonnesen had regained the lead by making up 44 points in the event.

*After Five: Tonn 4230, Uibo 4209, Fili 4176, Soer 4091, Keys 4072.*



## RESULTS:

4230	Tonnesen, Pau/Arizona'16	11.11+3.2	749+1.8	1517	208	50.68
4209	Uibo, Maicel/Georgia-EST'16	11.10+3.2	754+1.4	1438	214	51.65
4176	Filip, Scott/ Rice'17	10.74+1.2	732+0.7	1306	199	48.17
4091	Soerens, Stephen/ Princeton'15	11.11+3.2	736+2.3	1486	196	50.16
4072	Keys/Dakotah /Oregon'15	11.07+3.2	734+3.1	1378	202	50.46
4057	Williams, Harrison/Stanford'18	10.83+1.2	698+2.3	1329	190	47.16
4027	Leemet, Marcus/S Carolina-EST'17	10.99+1.1	713+1.2	1392	193	49.12
4017	Morgan , Mike/Buffalo'16	11.05+1.1	713+1.2	1392	193	49.12
4007	Scott, K'Vonte/Charlotte'15	11.23+1.1	717+2.4	1266	202	48.73
3980	Ehrhardt, Tim/Michigan St'17	11.00+1.1	745+1.3	1189	187	47.99
3916	Nyamadi, Atsu/ Mid TennSt-GHA'16	11.20+3.2	719+1.5	1352	196	50.90
3914	Wasik, Steele/UCLA'18	11.02+1.2	692+3.2	1260	196	49.17
3886	Sanderson, Taylor/Iowa St'16	11.19+1.1	721+1.8	1257	193	49.83
3866	Taylor, Zach/Mississippi St'17	10.66+1.2	707+3.0	1082	187	48.70
3802	Mulder, Joshua/Kennesaw St'16	11.06+3.2	701+1.7	1203	184	48.81
3792	Delgado, Joe/Oregon'18	11.12+3.2	682+1.4	1267	190	49.75
3654	Franks, Nathanael/ Arkansas'15	11.33+3.2	684+1.0	1271	181	50.25
3119	Modin, Mitch/ Oregon'17	10.96+1.2	710+1.0	1217	199	dq
dnf	Scantling, Garrett /Georgia'15	10.98+1.1	727+2.4	1415	199	withdrew
dnf	Ijah, Solomon/ E. Michigan'16	10.92+1.2	nm	1287	nh	withdrew
dnf	Dodig, Dino/Washington St-SRB'17	11.25+1.2	685+1.5			withdrew
dnf	Williams , Devon/Georgia'17	11.62+1.1	nm			withdrew
dns	Wieland, Luca/ Minnesota-GER'17					23s,19f.