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TAIWO, WEATHER HOT at USA Hardee, ZZ in Contention



HELLO AGAIN....The Centennial anniversary USA nationals at Eugene's Hayward Field was as hot as the weather. A field of 14 started -- injuries claimed local favorite Dakotah Keys as well as Georgia's Garrett Scantling both of whom declared early in the week, but neither appeared at the sprint starting line.

The athletes suffered thru 90+ temperatures under cloudless skies with a peak of 96°F at 3 pm. At 12:45 there were 500+ spectators on hand for the first event. By 6:30 pm, the crowd was estimated crowd of 3500, a bit disappointing for the national federation. Veterans Trey Hardee and Jeremy Taiwo as well as Wisconsin redhirt junior Zach 'Double Z' Ziemek took turns trading the lead on day one. Here's the steamy story of a pair of PRs for Taiwo in the shot and 400m while ZZ tied with Curtis Beach for the long jump win while getting career bests in the 100 and shot.



Jeremy Taiwo, Ballard, WA, had a career 1st day at the Centennial national decathlon with a 4447 first day score that included a winning and PR 14.89m/49-½ shot put.



**100th Anniversary Meet
USA National Champs
Hayward Field
University of Oregon
Eugene, OR
June 25-26, 2015**

100 meters: [12:45 -12:51 pm]

Keys and Scantling were scheduled to run in the first race which was whittled down to 6 starters. Buffalo's Mike Morgan had no trouble with the first race, running a huge PR of 10.86 seconds, aided with a 2.1mps breeze.

The second race was as good as it gets. After a pair of false starts, Trey Hardee (lane 7) and Wisconsin's 'Double Z' Zach Ziemek both had a step on the field at 40 meters. Only Curtis Beach was close (lane 1) but he couldn't close and Hardee pulled away at 70 meters to win in 10.48 seconds. ZZ's 10.57 was a marginal PR and Beach was 3rd in 10.72. Jeremy Taiwo posted an unseen but solid 10.89 for 7th. No one ran slower than 10.90 and Hardee exhibited little effects from

a spring ankle injury. If anything he was only bothered by rust having competed little.

The actual running time for Ziemek was faster than Hardee (10.330 to 10.333) by Ziemek's reaction time was sluggish. So too were the reactions of Modin and Taiwo.

| <i>Pl</i> | <i>name</i> | <i>lane</i> | <i>time</i> | <i>points</i> | <i>reaction</i> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1... | Hardee | 7 | 10.48 | 980 | 0.147 |
| 2 | Ziemek | 3 | 10.57 | 959 | 0.240 |
| 3. | Beach | 1 | 10.72 | 924 | 0.150 |
| 4. | Ijah | 6 | 10.80 | 906 | 0.169 |
| 5. | Modin | 4 | 10.83 | 899 | 0.228 |
| 6. | Mahler | 8 | 10.86 | 892 | 0.166 |
| 7 | Taiwo | 5 | 10.89 | 885 | 0.218 |
| 8 | Moss | 2 | 10.90 | 883 | 0.183 |

After One: Hard 980, ZZ 959, Beac 924, Ijah 906.

Long Jump: [1:33 –1:57 pm]

Contested in adjacent pits, conditions were hot but with aiding winds. In round #1 of Group #1 Beach summoned 'oooohs' from the crowd with a sparkling 7.69m/25-2¾ leap and Double Z immediately followed with a 7.71m/25-3½ jump. Hardee was on the board in round #2 managing 7.42m/24-4¼ and Taiwo followed at 7.54/24-9 after a first round toe-board foul. Winds in the first two rounds were consistently in the +2 to +3mps



Wisconsin's Double Z, Zach Ziemek used this 7.71m/25-3½ to tie for the long jump victory and move to the overall lead after two events. range.

ZZ, now with the overall lead in his pocket, passed his remaining jumps while Hardee improved to 7.61m/24-11¾. Beach then covered 7.71m/25-3½ of Lane County



Defending national champ Trey Hardee showed a bit of rust on day one, finishing with a 4369 score at the break. real estate in round #3 to tie ZZ for the pit win. Mike Morgan's 7.26m/23-10 was noteworthy.

Thomas FitzSimons captured Group #2 with a 2nd round leap of 7.07m/23-2½. All of the jumping was completed in 22 minutes. And thank goodness for it was that hot... verrrry unusual for Eugene where former resident decathlete Jeff Bannister once remarked, you can suffer from rust here. *After Two: ZZ 1946, Hard 1942, Beac 1911, Taiw 1830.*

Shot Put: [2:35 –2:57 pm]

Ex D-III winner Kurtis Brondyke got the nod in Group #1 shot with a PR 14.44m/44-5 toss. Beach struggled here but managed 12.55m/41-2¼ in the final round. Most of the action was in Group #2 where ZZ opened with a 2 foot PR, 14.07m/46-2. Hardee matched him identically so after round #1 their margin remained 4 points. Hardee improved in round #2 to retake the lead getting 14.55m/47-9 but it was Taiwo who drew most of the attention with a PR 14.93m/49-½ toss. Ziemek then reclaimed the lead with yet another PR, 14.77m/48-5½ and a 4 way battle among Hardee, Taiwo, Beach and Ziemek emerged.

Temps on the infield were sweltering, 96 °F. Whew.

After Three: ZZ 2722, Hard 2704, Taiw 2615, Beac 2551.

High Jump: [3:45 – 4:43 pm]

Group #1 represented the higher seeded jumpers and here ZZ and Taiwo dominated as the only jumpers remaining after 2.00m/6-6¾. Moragn, Hardee, Beach and Azusa's D-II champ Justin Balczak all cleared 1.97m/6-5½ but could go no higher. Ziemek managed 2.06m/6-9 on a 2nd try but went no higher leaving Taiwo to compete in very crowded conditions. At one point I counted 22 officials, cameramen and photographers in front of or surrounding pit #1. It appeared cluttered. It was.

Jeremy passed 2.09m/6-10¼ and handled 2.12m/6-11½ on his 2nd attempt. He had only one decent try at 2.15m/7½ before the event ended at 4:43pm ...58 minutes, 52 jumps and 22 clearances.

In the concurrent Group #2 FitzSimons, Modin and Brondyke all cleared 1.94m/6-4¼. 50 attempts, 24 clearances.

Ziemek's lead over Taiwo was now 51 points.

After Four: ZZ 3581, Taiw 3530, Hard 3480, Beac 3327.

400 meters: [6:26 – 6:37 pm]

An hour and 43 minutes break ensued and the temps were in the low 90s during the 400m with a backstretch wind. In the first of a trio of seeded sections Ziemek had things pretty much his way winning comfortably in 51.31. All reaction times were lethargic.

The backstretch breeze seemed to particularly bother section #2 where only Modin could break 50 seconds. As the Bend soph came racing down the home straight he was passed on the parallel long jump runway by another Bend native, Ashton Eaton who was in round #3 of the long jump. Modin clocked a nice 49.09, less than 3/10ths from a PR.

The third race had most of the drama, but it came *after* the race. Curtis Beach found Himself alone in lane 7 and saw no one during the entire race. He ran smoothly and strongly thru 300m and then raced down the home stretch to clock a nifty 47.02, a



Curtis beach ran a fine 47.03 400m to win his race but was Dq'd for a lane infraction. No word on any appeal as we go to press/post.

winner by 8/10ths over late charging Taiwo who PR'd at 47.83. Hardee ran the final 100m in earnest and clocked 48.41 for 5th.

For the moment Beach's 4284 1st day score would be good for 4th overall. But a yellow flag had been raised and he was subsequently dq'd for a lane infraction negating his winning effort. The event win then went to Taiwo who won 3 first day events (shot, high jump, 400m) and his 4447 score at the break was 59 points up on his recent Götzis 8303 PR pace.

The Beach DQchanged the complexion of day two giving Ziemek a clear lane to a spot on the world's team if he can score 8075. Beach already has a qualifier. *After Five: Taiw 4447, Hard 4369, ZZ 4336, Moss 4003.*

RESULTS:

6/25-26 100th Anniversary USA National Champs, Hayward Field, Uof Oregon, Eugene, OR

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|------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|------|-----|-------|
| 4447 | Taiwo, Jeremy/Chula Vista OTC | 10.89+2.0 | 754+2/2 | 1493 | 212 | 47.83 |
| 4369 | Hardee, Trey/Nike | 10.48+2.0 | 761+3.4 | 1455 | 197 | 48.41 |
| 4336 | Ziemek, Zach/unat | 10.57+2.0 | 771+2.4 | 1477 | 206 | 51.31 |
| 4003 | Moss, Miller/unat | 10.90+2.0 | 710+3.3 | 1369 | 188 | 48.66 |
| 3999 | Morgan, Mike/Buffalo | 10.86+2.1 | 726+1.2 | 1286 | 197 | 50.40 |
| 3972 | Modin, Mitch/Oregon | 10.83+2.0 | 708+4.0 | 1246 | 194 | 49.09 |
| 3906 | Ijah, Solomon/E Michigan | | | | | |



10.80+2.0 679+1.9 1464 185 50.37
 3877 Fitzsimons, Thomas/SBTC
 11.12+2.1 707+2.3 1274 194 50.03
 3784 Brondyke, Kurtis/TheOtherGuys
 11.24+2.1 672+1.5 1444 194 52.01
 3781 Mahler, Wolf/Texas
 10.86+2.0 668+3.5 1186 182 48.02
 3672 Balczak, Justin/Azusa Pacific
 11.48+2.1 682+2.0 1243 197 51.73
 3542 Dalton, Chase/unat
 11.45+2.1 691+3.7 1108 191 52.49
 3542 Masterson, Derek/unat
 11.62+2.1 649+2.0 1482 182 52.66
 3327 Beach, Curtis/Nike
 10.72+2.0 771+2.5 1455 197 dsq(47.02)
 14s,14fs

3738 Pacheco, Chase/Hartnell
 10.99+1.0 692+2.1 1198 188 50.78
 3730 Toliver, Travis/NW Flyers
 11.20+1.0 647+1.9 1449 188 51.02
 3655 Henshaw, Liam/Oregon'18
 11.55+1.6 678+0.6 1236 203 52.76
 3644 Bloom, Alex/Cincinnati'18
 11.47+1.0 691+1.9 1178 200 52.65
 3579 Oliver Jr, Muhammad/NX Level
 11.13+1.6 648+1.9 1268 173 49.52
 3547 Pullin, Aaron/unat-Centralia,WA
 11.16+1.0 621+1.6 1212 188 50.76
 3454 Rodeman, James/unat-Yelm, WA
 11.44+1.6 673+2.0 1166 182 52.37
 3416 Enerson, Ryabn/N Dakota St'18
 11.65+1.6 614 0.0 1332 188 52.69
 3231 Ghizzone, Andrew/Colorado'18
 11.63+1.6 623+2.3 1076 176 51.55
 12s.12f

Harrison Williams Leads Junior Meet

The 43rd USA national junior meet was also conducted at Hayward Field and Stanford freshman Harrison Williams, 18, Memphis, held a comfortable 338 point first day lead over a small field. Virginia freshman John Lint is the runner-up at the break at 3760.



Stanford's Harrison Williams was on his way to defending his USA national junior title.

Williams won both running events (10.78 & 48.76). Olympia, WA prep Ryan Chase was the long jump victor at 7.14m/23-5¼, Texas signee Travis Toliver was the shot winner at 14.49m/47-6½ and Oregon frosh Liam Henshaw zinged the locals with 3 high jump PRs ultimately settling for 2.03m/6-8.

6/25-26 43rd USA National Junior Champs, Hayward Field, U of Oregon, Eugene, OR

4098 Williams, Harrison/Stanford'18
 10.78+1.0 705+1.6 1361 197 48.56
 3760 Lint, John/Virginia'18
 11.21+1.6 680+1.1 1286 194 50.95
 3753 Chase, Ryan/unat, OlympiaWA
 11.10+1.0 714+1.1 1232 191 52.14