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8037 AJrR at PAN AM for WILLIAMS Thorpe Cup Next

Hello Again....Stanford freshman Harrison Williams, 18, Memphis, had a final chance for the U.S. Junior record (with international junior implements) at the Pan American Junior Champs in Edmonton, CAN. And he did not disappoint. Day one, aided by nice winds, produced a score (4184) well ahead of record pace [10.67+2.9 698+3.7 1371 203 48.28]. His 10.67 century and 2.03m/6-8 high jump were career bests.

Texas signee Travis Toliver was 2nd, 379 points back in the six man field.

But the weather on day two turned ugly (lots of rain early) and chances for the record (8018 by Gunnar Nixon while winning the 2012 IAAF World juniors-Barcelona) dissipated. Thunderstorms and lightening delayed competition after a rain drenched hurdles (14.41 win for Williams over 39' barriers giving him 5 wins in 6 events)

A modest discus was followed by a near disaster in the vault. Williams started vaulting after the remainder of the field had finished, opening at 4.60m/15-1. After a pair of misses he recovered and ultimately managed 5.00m/16-4³/₄.

By the time the vault ended the meet was already two hours behind schedule. A weak javelin by Williams (51.77m/169-10, 15 feet off a PR) made the record chances problematic with Williams needing a 4:32.15 clocking to put his name in the record books.

Scheduled for 7:00 pm, the final event went off at 9:00 pm and this time Harrison had some company in the form of Canadian Nathaniel Mechler who led



Stanford frosh Harrison Williams concluded his junior career with an American Record 8037 score to win the Pan-American Junior Champs in Edmonton.

Harrison thru splits of 49.1 (3 laps to go), 2:01.5 (2 laps to go), and 3:17.7 (bell lap). It was perfect pacing and Williams mustered a 71.4 last 400m to clock a marginal PR of 4:29.20, 3 steps behind Mechler. His 8037 PR was also the meet record. Toliver's 4:51.79 gave him a silver medal 7346 score, 301 better than Mechler.

Results:

7/31-8/2 Pan American Games Junior Champs, Edmonton, ALB, CAN

8037 Williams, Harrison/USA-Stanford'18 10.67+2.9
698+3.7 1371 203 48.28 14.41-1.0 3968 500 5177 4:29.20

AJrR

7346 Toliver, Travis/NW Flyers/Texas'19 11.21+2.9
656+2.3 1483 188 50.20 15.17-1.0 4107 440 5660 4:51.79
7045 Mechler, Nathaniel/CAN 11.16+2.9
681+2.8 1200 185 48.85 15.61-1.0 3523 410 4793 4:27.75
7022 Costa, Hellerson/BRA 11.02+2.9
670+3.7 1353 176 50.50 15.04-1.0 3814 430 4742 4:50.93
6744 Johnson, Kayden/CAN 11.16+2.9
694+1.9 1418 179 51.17 15.16-1.0 3722 340 3941 4:41.30
dnf: Cesar, Jofre/CHI 11.31+2.9
661+2.7 1395 withdrew
6s,5f.



Harrison Williams won 3 of the four running events at the Pan-American Junior Champs in Edmonton including this 14.41 hurdle race.

Thorpe Cup Next



The 22nd USA vs Germany dual is next up, scheduled for Bernhausen, GER Sat-Sun, August 8-9. Azusa Pacific head coach Kevin Reid heads the USA delegation.

| | <u>SB</u> | <u>PR</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Curtis Beach/Nike-ex Duke | 8081 | 8083 |
| Miller Moss/unat-ex Clemson | 7743 | 7996 |
| Mike Morgan/Buffalo'16 | 7555 | 7699 |
| Mitch Modin/Oregon'17 | 7578 | 7578 |
| Kurtis Brondyke/TOG-ex Central | 7689 | 7689 |
| Solomon Ijah/E Michigan'16 | 7862 | 7862 |
| Thomas FitzSimons-SBTC-exMSM | 7791 | 7791 |

Team USA leads the series, 13-8.

Results will be available at:

www.zehnkampfteam.de

