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GERMANS DOMINATE FIRST DAY Team USA Down 708 Points at Thorpe Cup

Hello Again....News from day one at the 22nd Thorpe Cup meeting in Filderstadt /from Bernhausen is not good. With the host nation holding down the top 4 spots and 6 of the top 9 Team USA finds itself down 708 points at the break, a significant margin.

Veterans Jan-Felix Knobel (4176) and Rene StauB (4175) lead the host's point parade. Only Solomon Ijah (4066) and Miller Moss (4011) have cracked 4k. Team USA had the upper hand in the two running events but Germany dominated in the field. The American team got back 180 points in the day's final event (400m) but will have its work cut out on Day Two. Stay tuned.



22nd Thorpe Cup USA vs Germany Team Decathlon Bernhausen, GER August 8-9, 2015

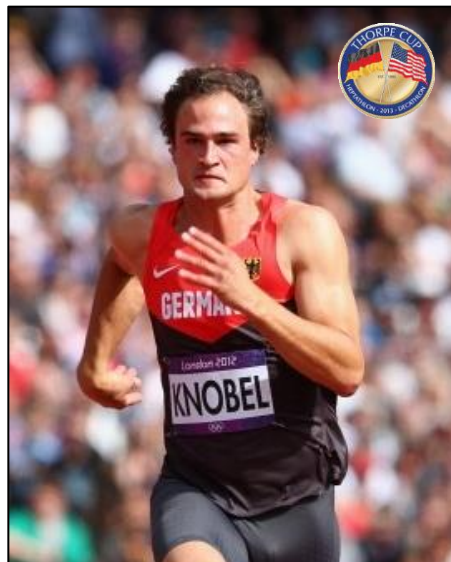
100 meters: [

Oregon soph Mitch Modin got the meet off to a fast start by capturing the first sprint section by putting Pattock Scherfose, both getting a 11.02 clocking (wind +0.2). Buffalo's Mike Morgsn ran a solid 11.10 for 5th.

Eastern Michigan junior Solomon Ijah out raced Michard Schrader, prepping for the upcoming world championships, 10.75 to 10.77 giving him the team lead. Curtis Beach was 3rd in 10.92 seconds (wind: +0.9)

*After One: Ijah 917, Mert 892, Beac 878, Schr 874
Team: USA 4350, Germany 4348, +2.*

Long Jump: [



London Olympian Jan-Felix Knobel led the host nation's day one efforts at the 22nd Thorpe Cup with a 4176 score.

In Group #1 Nico Beckers led a 1-2-3 sweep with a 3rd attempt 7.39m/24-3. Ijah posted a first round 7.06m/23-2, an outdoor best, and then passed his other attempts. The wheels came off the wagon for Kurtis Brondyke, who after getting a near PR in the

100m, fouled on 3 occasions. In fact, 1/3 rd of all jump attempts were fouls.

In Group #2 come-backing Jan Felix Knoebel edged Curtis Beach, 7.37m/24-2¼ to 7.34m/24-1 as German WC contender Kai Kazmirek leaped 7.43m/24-4½. Mike Morgan was a solid 7.30m/23-11½ for 4th. The fine jumping by the hosts pushed them to the overall team lead by 136 points.

After Two: Beck 1780, Beac 1774, Knob 1748, Ijah 1745

Team: Germany 8686, USA 8550, -136.

Shot Put: [

If the long jump changed the direction of the team battle, the shot solidified the host nation's hold on the cup.

Notwithstanding Solomon Ijah's remarkable 2nd round 16.01m/52-6½ the host team then took 7 of the next 8 places to open a whopping 672 point team lead. Knobel's 15.68m/51-5½ third round toss led the parade and the Germans averaged 14.61m/47-11½. In no other event would they be so dominant. Team Zehnkampf stood 2-8 in the overall standings. Enough said.

Of note: Kurtis Brondyke managed a career best 14.81m/48-7¼ but Mike Morgan posted a pair of fouls and had to settle for just 11.23m/36-10¼.

After Three: Ijah 2597, Knob 2580, Brug 2501, Beck 2500.

Team: Germany 12,558, USA 11,886 -672

High Jump: [

In Group #1 Ijah opened at 1.78m/5-10, passed the next bar but inexplicably went no higher. Mitch Modin won handily with a PR 2.02m/6-7½ performance. In Group #2 (the higher seeded pit) vet Rene StrauB and Mike Morgan battled with their German getting the nod, 2.08m/6-9¾ to 2.02m/6-7½. With the top four on the leader board the hosts held an 888 point lead.

After Four: Knob 3374, Stau 3361, Brug 3268, Beck 3267.....5th Ijah 3207.

Team: Germany 16,456, USA 15,568 -888

400 Meters [

Team USA gained a measure of redemption in the day's final event by winning all three 400m sections. Ijah captured the first section in 49.04 and Modin's 49.85 was good for the win in the 2nd race. Preping for Beijing, non-scoring Kai Kazmirek outlegged Curtis Beach in the 3rd race 47.69 to 48.17 with Moss close at 48.44.

After Five: Knob 4176, Stau 4175, Brug 4134, Beck 4101, Ijah 4066.

Team: Germany 20,556, USA 19,848 -708

RESULTS:



8/8-9 22nd Thorpe Cup (USA vs Germany), Filderstadt/Bernhausen, GER

4176	Knobel, Jan Felix/GER	11.07+0.2	737+0.9	1568	199	50.28
4175	StauB, Rene/GER	11.09+0.2	719-0.5	1489	208	50.02
4134	Brugger, Mathias/GER	11.02+1.3	721+0.9	1486	196	48.91
4101	Beckers, Nico/GER	10.95+0.9	739+0.8	1387	196	49.59
4066	Ijah, Solomon/USA-E Mich'16	10.75+1.0	706+0.9	1601	178	49.04
4011	Moss, Miller/USA-unat	10.99+0.9	697+0.1	1331	196	48.44
3971	Beach, Curtis/USA-Nike	10.92+0.9	734 0.0	1247	184	48.17
3970	Merten, Nils/GER	10.86+1.3	705+0.5	1478	184	49.99
3954	Scherfose, Patrick/GER	11.03+0.2	722+0.1	1438	190	51.03
3916	Morgan, Mike/USA-Buffalo'16	11.10+0.2	730-0.1	1123	202	50.10
3884	Modin, Mitch/USA-Oregon'17	11.03+0.2	687 0.0	1195	202	49.85
3658	FitzSimons, Thomas/USA-SBTC	11.44+0.2	668+0.2	1187	196	50.58
3038	Brondyke, Kurtis/USA-TOG	11.15+1.3	nm	1481	187	50.52
dnf:	Schreiner, Aron/GER	10.84+0.9	708 0.0	1381	184	dns
Team Score (top 5)		Germany:	20,556			
		USA:	19,848			

