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NCAA DAY ONE

Hayward's New Look....Tilga Leads at Break

Hello Again....The track world got a look at its newest cathedral (actually 4400 spectators did) and WOW, what a site. The NCAA champs are underway and the decathlon came off like clockwork. There were few surprises under clear skies early. Karl Tilga of Georgia, prohibitive favorite, took the overall lead during the long jump and was never headed. The competition has fallen away and Tilga, the indoor winner, has a clear path going to day two with the CR in jeopardy. The tale.



The impressive and spanking new Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon hosted the 51st NCAA D-I decathlon



NCAA Div I T&F Champs Hayward Field, Eugene, Oregon June 9-10, 2021

100 Meters [1:00 pm]

Arkansas's Markus Ballengee took the first race equaling a career best 11.04 seconds. Jamaican junior Asani Hylton/SF Austin out-leaned favorite, Estonian Karel Tilga/Georgia as both clocked 10.94 seconds. PRs for both. In the 3rd (seeded) section Michigan junior Ayden Owens out-legged surprising Will Daniels/Iowa, 10.64 to 10.73. Iowa freshman Austin West was close in 10.81.

After One: Owen 942, Dani 922, West 903, Voll 888.

Long Jump [1:40 pm]

Tilga, a 21-year old soph, had the three best jumps with his 7.51m/24-7¾ second round leap which pushing him to the overall lead by 6 points in front of Daniels (7.29m/23-11). Only two, Oregon's Max Vollmer and Minnesota's Teddy Fri, records

career bests, 7.16m/23-6 and 6.94m/22-9¼ respectively.

After Two: Tilg 1811, Dani 1805, Owen 1796, West 1769, Voll 1740.

Shot Put [2:55 pm]

In round one Vollmer, the crowds favorite pushed a career best of 15.68m/51-5½. It held up as the event winner and moved him into 2nd place overall. Tilga continued his hot streak, also getting a PR in round one at 15.49m/50-10. The Razorback pair of Ballengee and Daniel Spejcher got lifetime bests in 4th and 5th, 15.14m/49-8¼ and 14.52m/47-7¾.

After Three: Tilg 2631, Voll 2572, Owen 2532, Dani 2519, Neug 2476.

High Jump [4:10 pm]

The jumping was universally good as 9 of 21 had career best leaps. Flight #1 was won by Purdue soph Isaiah Martin at 2.01m/6-7.

But the news was in Flight #2 where the 6-7 Tilga scraped over a career equaling



Estonian Karel Tilga produced career bests in the 100m, shot, high jump and 400m to lead after day one.

2.10m/6-10¾. Hylton and Michigan freshman Heat Baldwin managed 2.07m/6-9½. Having won both jumps and PR'd in 3 of 4, Tilga was now clear of the field. The athletes had nearly a 2 hour break before the 400m.

The event was finished before the rains came around 5:45 pm. And it rained hard. Welcome to Eugene in June.

After Four: Tilg 3527, Dani 3359, Owen 3317, Neug 3316, Voll 3277.

400 Meters [7:26 pm]

The rain stopped and a rainbow graced the eastern sky over Hayward at 6:42 pm. The track was dry but air temps was but 64 °degrees for the first single lapper. Ayden Owens had things pretty well in hand in section #1, the top seeded race and clocked 47.30 running out of lane 8. Josh Farmer ran strongly in the stretch for 2nd, PRing in 48.61.

In the 2nd race Marquette's Joe Keys chased down Hylton for the win, 49.84 to 49.92.

In the final race many of the major players appeared. Tilga took the lead on the back straight and maintained form to clock yet another PR, 49.10. Arkansas footballer Daniel Spejcher was runner-up, 49.75, a step ahead of teammate Ballengee (49.93). The top five places did not change during this event. 20 of 24 declared (23 starters) completed day one. Six of the first seven were foreign athletes.

After Five: Tilg 4384, Voll 4296, Owen 4260, Dani 4129, Neug 4105.

Results:

6/9-10 NCAA D-I National Champs, Hayward Field, Eugene, OR

4384	Tilga, Karel/Georgia-EST'238484 10.94-0.6 751+2.2 1549 207 49.10
4296	Vollmer, Max/Oregon-GER'237695 10.88+0.3 716+0.6 1568 189 48.40
4260	Owens, Ayden/Michigan-PUR'238238 10.64+0.3 717-0.1 1413 198 47.30
4129	Daniels, Will/Iowa'217864 10.73+0.3 729+1.1 1342 204 50.97
4105	Neugebauer, Leo/Texas-GER'247793 11.14-0.6 714+0.8 1515 204 50.56
4084	Hylton, Asani/SF Austin-JAM'227536 10.94-0.6 701+0.3 1366 207 49.92
3985	Spyridonidis, Alex/Auburn-GER'227618 11.12+0.6 708+0.6 1402 198 50.25
3966	Farmer, Josh/UC Irvine'237648 10.94+0.3 691+1.0 1379 189 48.61
3957	Baldwin, Heath/Michigan'247611 11.28+0.6 687+2.3 1434 207 51.25
3949	Ballengee, Markus/Arkansas'227895 11.04+0.6 661+0.5 1514 195 49.93
3941	Martin, Isaiah/Purdue'237708 11.16-0.6 718+3.1 1286 201 50.51
3928	Booth, Aaron/Long Beach S-NZLT'227520 11.05-0.6 713+0.6 1326 198 51.22
3903	Spejcher, Daniel/Arkansas'237707 11.05+0.3 689+2.6 1472 186 49.75
3870	Keys, Joe/Marquette'227537 11.13-0.6 721+1.2 1267 189 49.84
3857	Rogers, Denim/Houston Baptist'217541 11.08+0.3 674+2.6 1222 195 49.54
3852	Torney, Jordan/Connecticut'237492 11.05+0.3 706+0.8 1237 186 48.90
3781	Frid, Teddy/Minnesota'217482 11.24+0.6 694+2.0 1213 195 50.64
3767	Walder, Wade/Michigan St'217493 11.26-0.6 661+0.4 1381 189 49.93
3738	Swaby, Noah/Penn St'237517 11.23+0.6 666+1.0 1395 186 50.53
3614	Vorkink, Dallin/BYU'237501 11.61-0.6 646+3.1 1341 195 51.53
dnf	Boon, Scott/Houston Baptist-NED'227602 11.20+0.6 nm 1023 183 dns
dnf	Berthenet, Damien/Cincinnati'217686 12.38+0.6 611+1.3 1359 dns
dnf:	West, Austin/Iowa'247805 10.81+0.3 722+0.4
dns:	Turner, Jack/UTSA-GBR'247659