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NCAA DAY TWO

Tilga's 8261 Completes Indoor-Outdoor Sweep.

Hello Again....Karel Tilga (at 6-7) became the tallest NCAA D-I decathlon winner since Drake's Rick Wanamaker (6-9½ won the initial ten-ender in 1970!

After a very hot first day Tilga/Georgia cooled off on day two but had enough skill to turn back challenges from Michigan's Ayden Owens and Markus Ballengee of Arkansas. The 23-year old soph from Estonia suffered thru a weak vault performance but recovered to win the javelin and took a 210 point lead into the 1500 meters. His 4:35.77 clocking sewed things up.



Tilga won both eh NCAA indoor and outdoor CE titles. He repeated the double sweep last achieved in 2018 by Tim Duckworth of Kentucky in 2018 and by Ashton Eaton/Oregon in 2010.



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

110m Hurdles

[9:30 am]

Purdue's Isaiah Martin out-leaned Will Daniels/Iowa to win the first of five races(running non-adjacent lanes), 14.62-14.63. In the 2nd race Ayden Owens/Michigan led Markus Ballengee/Arkansas to the finish , 14.19 to 14.31, Ballengee's clocking was the event's lone PR. He moved from 10th to 7th overall. As for Owen's he'd have to wait until Tilga's race for his standing after six.

The 3rd race was captured by Marquette's Joe Keys in 14.94. In the 4th Asani Hylton/SF Austin caught Teddy Frid/Minnesota, 14.75 to 14.79.

Karel Tilga, who led the field by 88 points at the break, need to clock 15.19 or

better to maintain his lead. He managed 15.20 in the 5th race good for 825 points and, given Owen's time in the 2nd race, fell to second overall by a single point.

After Six: Owen 5210, Tilg 5209, Dani 5024, Voll 4980, Hylt 4964.

Discus

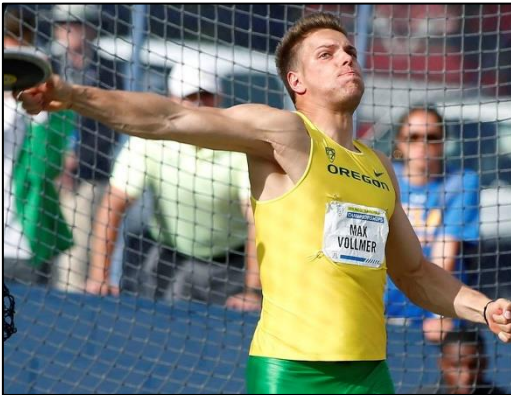
[10:20 am]

A reinvigorated Ballengee won the event in the first round with a nice 50.14m/164-6 toss. No one caught him. Tilga's 46.46m/152-5 effort was three meters better than Owens so he retook the overall lead. German Leo Neugberger, a Texas frosh, was 2nd here at 47.77m156-8. Only Aaron Booth/Long Beach St-NZL and Hylton PR'd.

Ballengee had moved to withing 5 points of 3rd place.



The discus proved a big event for Markus Ballengee/Arkansas (above) who won and moved into contention. But Max Vollmer/Oregon (below) was not as fortunate and he fell out of contention.



After Seven: Tilg 6066, Owen 5936, Neug 5762, Ball 5757, Dani 5659.

Pole Vault [11:30 am]

The event was a clear disappointment for Tilga whose career best is 4.96m/16-3¼. He struggled to clear 4.51m/14-9½ in Flight #1 but could not manage the next bar, 4.61m/15-1½. In Flight #2 (weaker vaulters and starting an hour later) Owens started at 4.01m/13-1¾ and worked his way to 4.51m/14-9½ which he wiggled over on a 3rd try, thus maintain the 130 point margin with Tilga. When he scaped over 4.61m/15-1½ on a 3rd try he closed within 40 points of the lead.

Yet there was just as much drama in Flight #1 as Ballengee opened at 4.81m/15-9¼ with a miss. But when he nailed the height on his second try he was clearly into 3rd place overall, 160 points behind the Estonian. He

would go no higher in the chilly and windy setting.

After Eight: Tilg 6769, Owen 6729, Ball 6609, Neug 6584, Dani 6422.

Javelin [2:00 pm]



Ayden Owens (left) could not match Tilga's javelin effort but was solidly in 2nd place.

The 1st flight of the javelin began while the vault's 2nd flight was still in progress. Tilga solidified his hold on the lead by winning the group at 63.11m/207-0. Michigan State Wade Walder was 2nd at 58.66m/195-9. The javelin is the Achilles heal for Ballengee who managed a 50.75m/166-6, dropping out of contention and making an 8k score unlikely.

When Flight #2 started Owens needed a 65.74m/215-8toss to take the overall lead from Tilga, a tall order since his career best was ten meters less. He speared 51.77m/169-10 and went into the final event 210 down.

After Nine: Tilg 7554, Owen 7344, Ball 7209, Neug 7087, Voll 7072,

1500 Meters [5:56 pm]

18 started in dry and cool conditions. Owens needed a 30 second cushion for the win (unrealistic) but he took the lead a towed the field for 3 laps. Ballengee, trying for a 7900 auto Trials score stayed with the peleton leaders for 2½ laps before fading. Tilga stuck in the middle of the pack keeping a wary eye on Owens who passed 800m in 2:24.

On the final lap BYU's Dallin Vorkin jumped Owens who finally responded in the homestretch for the victory with Joe Keys 3rd. Tilga, under control clocked 4:35.77 and

Ballengée 4:44.59. Only two records PR scores here: Alex Spyridonidis and Aaron Booth.

The only Americans placing in the top eight were Ballengee (3rd) and Daniels (7th).
After Ten: Tilg Owen Ball Neug Voll Dani

Results:

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

8261 Tilga, Karel/Georgia-EST'238484 10.94-0.6 751+2.2 1549 207 49.10 15.20+0.1 4646 451 6311 4:35.77
 8114 Owens, Ayden/Michigan-PUR'238238 10.64+0.3 717-0.1 1413 198 47.30 14.19-0.7 4302 461 5177 4:26.21
 7861 Ballengee, Markus/Arkansas'227895 11.04+0.6 661+0.5 1514 195 49.93 14.31-0.7 5014 481 5075 4:44.58
 7697 Neugebauer, Leo/Texas-GER'247793 11.14-0.6 714+0.8 1515 204 50.56 15.14+0.2 4777 471 4416 4:51.55
 7665 Spyridonidis, Alex/Auburn-GER'227618 11.12+0.6 708+0.6 1402 198 50.25 14.99-0.5 3897 501 5369 4:48.30
 7644 Booth, Aaron/LongBeachSt-NZLt'22752011.05-0.6 713+0.6 1326 198 51.22 15.35+0.1 4216 471 5724 4:39.95
 7635 Daniels, Will/Iowa'217864 10.73+0.3 729+1.1 1342 204 50.97 14.63+0.7 3854 451 5242 4:55.02
 7633 Vollmer, Max/Oregon-GER'237695 10.88+0.3 716+0.6 1568 189 48.40 15.08+0.2 3548 461 5921 4:59.72
 7565 Walder, Wade/Michigan St'217493 11.26-0.6 661+0.4 1381 189 49.93 15.07+0.1 4052 491 5966 4:42.28
 7542 Martin, Isaiah/Purdue'237708 11.16-0.6 718+3.1 1286 201 50.51 14.62-0.7 4073 431 5359 4:30.14
 7522 Baldwin, Heath/Michigan'247611 11.28+0.6 687+2.3 1434 207 51.25 14.58-0.7 3272 451 5867 4:42.48
 7479 Keys, Joe/Marquette'227537 11.13-0.6 721+1.2 1267 189 49.84 14.94+0.2 3614 431 5706 4:26.83
 7428 Swaby, Noah/Penn St'237517 11.23+0.6 666+1.0 1395 186 50.53 15.21-0.5 4586 441 5510 4:39.53
 7330 Frid, Teddy/Minnesota'217482 11.24+0.6 694+2.0 1213 195 50.64 14.79-0.5 3853 471 4416 4:34.74
 7233 Rogers, Denim/Houston Baptist'217541 11.08+0.3 674+2.6 1222 195 49.54 14.76-0.7 3732 441 5200 4:59.12
 7206 Farmer, Josh/UC Irvine'237648 10.94+0.3 691+1.0 1379 189 48,61 17.15+0.1 3762 451 4901 4:40.37

6388 Vorkink, Dallin/BYU'237501 11.61-0.6 646+3.1 1341 195 51.53 15.71+0.2 3822 nh 5170 4:26.93
 6230 Torney, Jordan/Connecticut'237492 11.05+0.3 706+0.8 1237 186 dsq 15.03+0.7 3773 432 4273 4:54.42
 dnf Hylton, Asani/SF Austin-JAM'227536 10.94-0.6 701+0.3 1366 207 49.92 14.75-0.5 3634 nh dns
 dnf Spejcher, Daniel/Arkansas'237707 11.05+0.3 689+2.6 1472 186 49.75 14.91+0.7 4093 nh dns
 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

Farmer's....CE a family tradition

Overlooked in Eugene was a family milestone for our event. For the first time at D-I we had a father-son D-I combination. In 1991 Matt Farmer, the Big West Champ, was 13th at the NCAA (also in Eugene). He was the former National



USATF Junior champ. His son, Josh (above), who also competes for UC-Irvine placed 16th in spite of a fall in the hurdles.

The Farmer's follow in the legacy of grand-father Dixon, a 6399 performer (on '85 tables) in 1961 when he was US ranked 6th. There are no challenges to their US grandfather-father-son record.

6399	Dixon Farmer	Orinda, CA	1959
7435	Matt Farmer	UC Irvine	1991
7648	Josh Farmer	UC Irvine	2021
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