

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## JUNIOR OLYMPICS DOMINATE Tokyo Olympic Games Next

**Hello Again...**Late July is normally the national Junior Olympics phase of our schedule. There were 124 decathlon entries at the two competing organizations which offer a JO national. The USATF version went first (July 27-28) at U of North Florida in Jacksonville. 15-year old Neil Howard III/NY Minute TC used an unusually well balanced effort of 6316 to win by over 500 points in the 15-16 age category.

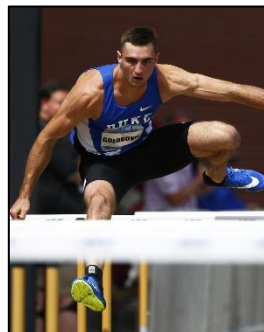


The major news came in the 17-18 category where 18-year old Jaxon Bair, (2 years earlier the 15-16 winner) of Kimberly, Idaho (TNT TC) ran up the season's top prep score of 7496 for the win. His brother Peyton (a Mississippi State signee) had won the same title in 2019. For Jaxon four PRs certainly helped to win over a 34 man field but the vault was a major disappointment where he cleared only his opener (4.00m/13-1½) since he has a 4.70m/15-5 career best. He improved on a 7213 early season best. His career bests total more than 7800.

Only 49 points separated 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places with 18-year old David Frasier/Track 757, who posted a 6383 score, taking the silver.



At the AAU Junior Olympics national in Humble Texas, 16-year old Brayden Richards came from well back (using a 4.25m/13-11¼ vault and a 50.20m/164-8 javelin) to win the 15-16 category with a 5481 total.



**Dan Golubovic (left), now competing for Australia, scored 8223 in June. Jaxon Bair (right) won the USATF JO with a season leading 7496 ecore.**

The 17-18 age group turned into a 3 man affair. 17 year old Brock Lewis/Borne, Texas held an 11 point lead after 8 events. But Jaden Schilling/Santa Rosa, CA took over with a 54.33m/178-3 javelin and led Javin Richards/Madison, OH by 34 digits with Lewis another 12 back after nine.

As we approach the Tokyo Games (Fri-Sat Aug 6-7) there is one overlooked effort to mention. In mid-June Duke grad Dan Golubovic, who has dual citizenship but now competes for Australia, (father born in Australia) at 8223. managed his first 8k score winning the Festival of Athletics in Townsend at 8223.

### Toyko Olympic Games Field



All eyes will be on the Tokyo field later this week with Zach Ziemek, Garrett Scantling and Steven Bastian representing USA. Here is the 23-man field:

Dubler, Cedric/AUS  
Moloney, Ashley/AUS  
Zhuk, Vitaliy/BLR  
Van der Plaetsen, Thomas/BEL  
dos Santos, Felipe/BRA  
LePage, Pierce/CAN  
Warner, Damian/CAN  
Mayer, Kevin/FRA  
Helcelet, Adam Sebastian/CZE  
Sykora, Jiri/CZE  
Erm, Jphannes/EST  
Tilga, Karel/EST  
Uibo, Maicel/EST  
Kaul, Niklas/GER  
Kazmirek, Kai/GER  
Victor, Lindon/GRN  
Roe, Martin/NOR  
Wiesiolek, Pawel/POL  
Shkureniov, Ilya/ROC  
Urena, Jorge/ESP  
Ziemek, Zach/USA  
Bastien/Steven/USA  
Scantling, Garrett/USA