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AMERICAN RECORD FOR GRAY

Women's Decathlon Mark Falls

Hello Again... This is the 2nd Newsletter for the third weekend of June. Just too much positive news. On Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23, the nascent Women's Decathlon Association (WDA) held their (now annual) championship meet at the College of San Mateo in San Francisco's Bay area. Kennesaw State senior Jordan Gray, (23, Ball Ground, GA) fresh from a 7th place finish at the recent NCAA I champs in Austin (PR 5846) was in the Bay area specifically to take a crack at Tiffany-Lott-Hogan's 18 year old AR of 7577.

Since the initial women's decathlon (men's events adjusted for implement weights and hurdle distance/height) in 1979 the occurrence of the event has been sporadic here and almost non-existent in the rest of the world. The IAAF and USATF recognize official record scores. The world mark was set in the USA, the American record in Germany. In 2001 the IAAF approved scoring tables for a women's decathlon and the current world best (8358) is held by Austra Skujytê, a former Kansas State athlete from Lithuania who was still competing last year internationally at age 38. Her record was set at the Walton meet at the University of Missouri, Her record used the standard IAAF format: 100m-discus-pole vault-javelin-400m for day one: 100m hurdles-long jump-shot put-high jump-1500 meters for day two: that is, the field events for each day are switched, a decision made by the IAAF nearly two decades ago while believing that the women's dec would soon replace the heptathlon and the



Recent Kennesaw State grad Jorday Gray, who was the NCAA I indoor pentathlon runner-up, tacked on 344 points to the American decathlon record in San Mateo.

new order would make it easier for meet directors to schedule a men's and women's dec over two days. But the women's decathlon never caught on internationally and occasionally resurfaces in the US, especially at the prep level in several states. As for the world list, only Skujytê's 8358 and 8091, as well as an 8150 by France's diminutive Marie Collenville are better than the score fashioned by Gray last weekend.

In 2001, in Lage, Germany, US Olympic heptathlete Tiffany Lott-Hogan tried the event, and with considerable hurdle/javelin skills, came away with a 7577 score using the standard men's event configuration. For record purposes there does not seem to be any 'acceptable' configuration.

It was Lott-Hogan's mark that Gray was after last weekend in San Mateo when she faced nine others of modest credentials. She had no problem, posting 7921 points



Ex Kansas State star Austra Skujytė (left) holds the women's dec WR at 8346. Tiffany Lott-Hogan (r) was the American record holder at 7577.

making her the #3 all-time performer and the score the #4 all-time performance, as well as being the American and collegiate record. Her margin of victory was @ 1600 points or two events.

Gray started with a career best in the 100 meters, 12.16 and followed with an AR in the long jump (6.19m/20-3½). She concluded the day with a 57.41 one lap career best and a gaudy 4146 score. One day two the vault (3.71m/12-2) and 1500m (5:26.14) were PRs as she pressed bests in all of the other events. Whether she'll make a future attempt at 8000 is conjecture at the point. She'll contest the USATF heptathlon in des Moines next month.



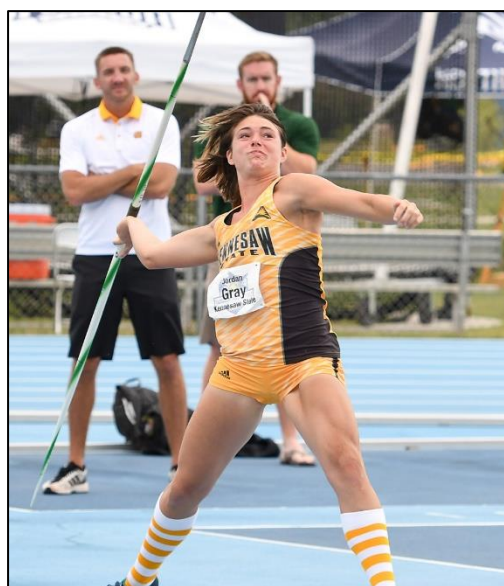
Jordan Gray may be the most versatile T&F athlete in US colleges today. Her career bests now include:

60m	7.81	HJ	1.73m/5-8
100m	12.16 +0.5	PV	3.71m/12-2
200m	25.01 +0.8	LJ	6.45m/21-2
400m	57.41	SP	14.66m/48-1¼
800m	2:19.55	DT	40.98m/134-5
1500m	5:26.14	JT	39.97m/139-2
Mile	5:47.86	Ham	35.00m/114-10
55m H	8.33	pent	4412
60m H	8.57	hept	5846
100m H	13.83 -1.1	dec	7921

6/22-23/19 WDA|Women's| Decathlon, College of San Mateo, San Mateo, CA

7921	Gray, Jordan/Kennesaw St'19	12.16+0.5 618-0.4 1286 165 57.41 14.10+1.1 3909 371 3983 5:26.14 AR,CR
6330	McGregor, AnnaLee/San Francisco	13.18+0.5 511-0.3 1004 159 59.10 15.49+1.1 2294 331 2624 5:02.21
6202	Bakel, Amy/Denver	14.79+1.0 471-1.9 1382 156 64.21 16.42+1.0 4620 321 3526 5:43.79
5513	McPhee, Hanna/San Francisco	12.71+0.5 434-1.2 767 144 59.36 16.02+1.1 1789 351 1760 5:22.53
5499	Stately, Brysun/Citrus Hts, CA	12.78+0.5 465-2.1 984 135 63.14 17.51+1.0 2757 391 2828 6:30.44
5293	Kuntz, Lauren/Pittsburgh	13.63+0.5 427-1.3 782 141 62.24 16.86+1.1 2262 351 2265 5:20.64

4830 Young, Lauren/Chico, Ca, 4512 Kameni, Floriane/Bellevue, WA, 3815 Permenter-Barnes, Jade/Chico, CA, 3500 Fisher, Karin/Menlo Pk, CA, 10s,10f. Gray: 4146+3775=7921, #3 performer, 4th performance all-time world.



Gray had 4 lifetime bests in San Mateo and was close in four others.

Progression of USA Women's Decathlon Records

4654	Galvin, Debbie/Ventura HS, CA	1 st annual, Ventura, CA 8/4-5/79 (5116 on '62 Tables)
6027	Jenny Stary/Pomona-Pitzer	2 nd annual, Ventura, CA 7/19-20/80
6999	Stacy Dragila/Rocky Mtn Elite TC	Occidental, LA 3/15-16/97
7577	Tiffany Lott-Hogan /adidas	Lage, GER 9/9-10/01
7921	Jordan Gray/Kennesaw St	San Mateo, 6/22-23/19

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USA Women's Decathlon List: [100 disc pv jav 400/100m lj sp hj 1500] order reported in standard IAAF format

7921	AR Jordan Gray	Kennesaw St	1	WDA, San Mateo	6/22-23/19
	CR	[12.16+0.5 3909 371 3983 57.41 14.10+1.1 618-0.4 1286 165 5:26.14]			
7577	Tiffany Lott-Hogan	Adidas	2	Lage, GER	9/9-10/01
		[12.31 3839 300 4693 58.01 13.57 577 1386 169 6:01.24]			
7186	Kim Schiemenz	Powerbar	1	Mt Sac R, Azusa	4/16-17/03
		[12.35 2909 284 3524 54.94 14.26 563 1186 174 5:32.01]			
7064	Breanna Eveland	Kansas St	2	Walton, Columbia	4/13-14/06
		[13.05+1.5 4037 430 3672 62.85 15.04+0.5 530 +0.7 1166 150 5:36.66]			
6999	Stacy Dragila	Rocky Mtn Elite TC1		Occidental, Los Angeles	3/15-16/97
		[13.01 2510 410 411258.32 15.15 573 1007 160 5:50.37]			
6838	Reidun Wallin	ASC-elite	1	ASC-McKinley, Alamosa	4/19-20/06
		[11.9h+2.6 2727 nh 4062 55.6h 13.9h+1.6 596+1.6 1196 166 5:23.0]			
6821	Eveland	Kansas St	2	Walton, Columbia	4/14-15/05
		[12.98+1.6 3903 410 3722 61.56 15.15+2.4 501+1.6 1119 145 5:39.36]			
6641	Lindsey Grigoriev	Kansas St	3	Walton, Columbia	4/14-15/05
		[12.90+1.6 4730 220 3805 60.45 14.81+2.4 522+0.5 1312 151 5:35.13]			
6539	Kasey Hill	ex-Boston College	1	exh, Burlington, VT	6/18-19/18
		[12.06 3647 182 3352 57.50 14.80 523 1249 155 5:30.70]			
6330	Anna Lee McGregor	unat, San Francisco	2	WDA, San Mateo	6/22-23/19
		[13.18+0.5 2294 331 2624 59.10 15.49+1.1 511-0.3 1004 159 5:02.21]			
6110	McGregor	San Francisco St	1	Kentfield, CA	10/8-9/14
		[12.84 2381 265 2461 56.84 16.24 483 943 161 4:50.8h]			
6202	Amy Bakel	unat, Denver	3	WDA, San Mateo	6/22-23/19
		[14.79+1.0 471-1.9 1382 156 64.21 16.42+1.0 4620 321 3526 5:43.79]			
6084	Paige Vadnais	U Albany	2	exh, Burlington, VT	6/18-19/18
		[12.85 1504 332 2513 58.43 15.12 517 741 165 5:24.10]			
6027	Jenny Stary	Pomona-Pitzer	1	2 nd annual, Ventura	7/19-20/80
		[13.72 3738 247 3482 61.56 17.00 531 1222 159 5:44.55]			
6019	Liz Young	Missouri	4	Walton, Columbia	4/14-15/05
		[13.31+1.6 2369 330 2395 62.11 15.62+2.4 489+0.5 1023 169 5:23.46]			

(13 performers, 15 performances >6000)

Others:

5939	Griffiths, Morgan	U Kansas	1	Grass Valley, CA	6/30-7/1/18
5825	Elle Cruishank	Chico St.	1	Santa Barbara	6/9-10/07
5811	Linda Hightower	Coast Athletics	1	3 rd Annual, Ventura	7/18-19/81
5735	Grace Weisbecker	Vermont	1	Vt HS exh, Burlington	6/5-6/16
5689	Tiffany Fields	unat	2	Santa Barbara	6/9-10/07
5677	Mary Harrington	Ft Collins TC	1	Ft Collins	8/22-23/79
5676	HSR Kristie Leslie	Washington, MO	1	Great SW HS, Albuquerque	6/6-7/13
5644	Joan Russell	U Oklahoma	1	Ventura	7/19-20/07
5641	Sharon Hansen	Coast Athletics	1	4th Annual Ventura	1/7-8/82
5605	Lisa Holeman	unat-Western St	2	ASC-McKinley, Alamosa	4/18-20/06
5568	Kaija Bramwell	Queen Creek, AZ	1	Great SW HS, Albuquerque	6/5-6/15
5551	Lia Rotti	St Johnsbury, VT	1	Vt HS, Burlington	6/18-19/18
5540	Baily Murphy	Duke	1	Lisle, IL	6/4-5/10
5513	Hanna McPhee	San Francisco	4	WDA, San Mateo	6/22-23/19
5505	Laura Marty	Bishop Blanchet, WA	1	Wash St HS, Lake Stevens	6/5-6/15
5499	Brysun Stately	Citrus Hts, CA	5	WDA, San Mateo	6/22-23/19
5381	Emi Lawson	Lakeside, SeattleHS	1	Wash St HS, Lake Stevens	6/4-5/10
5320	Nai Sophusson-Smith	Nathan Hale HS, WA	2	Wash St HS, Lake Stevens	6/4-5/10
5297	Shanti Hiremath	Dartmouth	1	Carroll U, Waukesha, WI	6/8-9/19
5293	Lauren Kuntz	Pittsburgh	6	WDA, San Mateo	6/22-23/19
5275	Ryan Graham		2	Kentfield, CA	9/7-8/13

(34 performers)

[editors note: on short notice this USA all-time list likely is missing a few marks. Women's decathlons meets have been scattered geographically and chronologically since 1979. I have a good number of the results, but may be missing a few.]

USA Event Records (5000 minimum points)

100m	12.06	nwi	Kasey Hill/ex BC	Burlington, VT	6/17/18
Discus	47.37m/155-4		Lindsey Grigoriev/Kansas St	Columbia, MO	4/14/05
Pole Vault	4.30m/14-1¼		Breanna Eveland/Kansas St	Columbia, MO	4/13/06
Javelin	46.93m/153-11		Tiffany Lott-Hogan/adidas	Lage, GER	9/9/01
400m	54.94		Kim Schiemenz/Powerball	Azusa, CA	4/16/03
100mHurdles	13.57	0.0	Tiffany Lott-Hogan/adidas	Lage, GER	9/10/01
Long Jump	6.18m/20-3½	-0.4	Jordan Gray/Kennesaw St	San Mateo, CA	6/22/19
Shot Put	13.86m/45-5¾		Tiffany Lott-Hogan/adidas	Lage, GER	9/10/01
High Jump	1.82m/5-11½		Kasey Hill/ex BC	Burlington, VT	6/17/18
1500m	4:50.8h		Anna Lee McGregor/San Francisco St	Kentfield, CA	1/9/14
1 st day	4146 pts		Jordan Gray/Kennesaw St	San Mateo	6/22/10 [100-lj-sp-hj-400]
2 nd day	3775 pts		Jordan Gray/Kennesaw St	San Mateo	6/23/19 [100H- dt-pv-jav-1.5k]
1 st day	3877 pts		Jordan Gray/Kennesaw St	San Mateo	6/22/19 [100-dt-pv-jav-400]
2 nd day	4044 pts		Jordan Gray/Kennesaw St	San Mateo	6/23/19 [100H-lj-sp-hj-1.5k]
Score	7921 pts		Jordan Gray/Kennesaw St	San Mateo, CA	6/22-23/19 [12.16+0.5 3909 371 3983 57.41 14.10+1.1 618-0.4 1286 165 5:26.14]