


The website of the German “Zehnkampf-Team”: www.zehnkampfteam.de

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Introduction

Www.zehnkampfteam.de is the website of the Association of German Decathletes, their coaches, medical advisors, supporters and friends. The “Zehnkampf-TEAM” was founded in 1990 and has about 250 members. Its basic goal is to combine expert knowledge from the areas of training, competition and science as well as public relations to help German elite decathletes to produce world-class performances.

Form

The website is very clearly structured with the buttons “News”, “Statistiken” (“statistics”), “Galerien” (“picture galleries”), “Termine” (“dates”), “Zehnkampf” (“decathlon”), and “Das TEAM” (“the TEAM”) appearing directly below the association logo.

When scrolling down the page, users will find information about current events illustrated with pictures, a list of the currently ten best German decathletes, some links to additional decathlon news found in the internet, information about the TEAM’s festival planned for October 2013, and information about the TEAM’s calendar and how to order it. At the bottom of the page, there is a menu with buttons leading to the contents of the website.

When clicking the “Archiv” (“archive”) link included under the “News” button, users will find information about events back to August 2012. When clicking the “mehr” (“more”) links at the



Figure 1: “Zehnkampf-TEAM” entry page

end of each short piece of information, users are presented more details about the respective event.

The “Newsletter” button leads to an order form for subscribing to the TEAM’s newsletter which appears in irregular sequence.

The “Statistiken” (“statistics”) button includes sub-links leading to the lists of the best German decathletes from 2007 to the present (“Bestenlisten”) and to the 2012 competition

results ("Wettkämpfe"). Unfortunately, the results of earlier competitions are neither found here nor under the "Archiv" button. However, pictures from competitions back to the year 2009 can be accessed in the "Galerien" ("galleries") section by clicking the "Bilder" ("pictures") sub-link. The "Videos" sub-link provides access to only one video, namely an interview with the German decathlete Michael Schrader from 2013.

When clicking the "Termine" ("dates") button, one gets important dates from the year 2013.

The "Zehnkampf" ("decathlon") button is mainly for users who are interested in the history and judging of the decathlon ("Geschichte", "Highlights" and "Wertung" sub-links). When clicking the "Disziplinen" ("events") sub-link, unfortunately the description of only the first event, the 100m race, appears. The "Ewige

Bestenliste" ("all-time list") button leads to lists of the 20 top German and 10 top international decathletes ever.

The "Das TEAM" ("the TEAM") button includes sub-links leading to information about the TEAM's goals ("Verein"), its vision (keywords: "readiness for top performances", "TEAM spirit in spite of individualism", "stamina and ambition", "goal-directed behaviour", "acceptance of rules", "respect of the opponent", "greatness in victory and defeat", "consciousness of tradition"), current measures or projects conducted by the TEAM ("Maßnahmen"), activities of the decathlon community ("Gemeinschaft"), e.g. meetings of former decathletes, successes ("Erfolge") of members of the Zehnkampf-TEAM since 1991, the managing board ("Vorstand") of the TEAM, the medical support team ("Med-Team") and the partner institutions of the TEAM ("Partner").

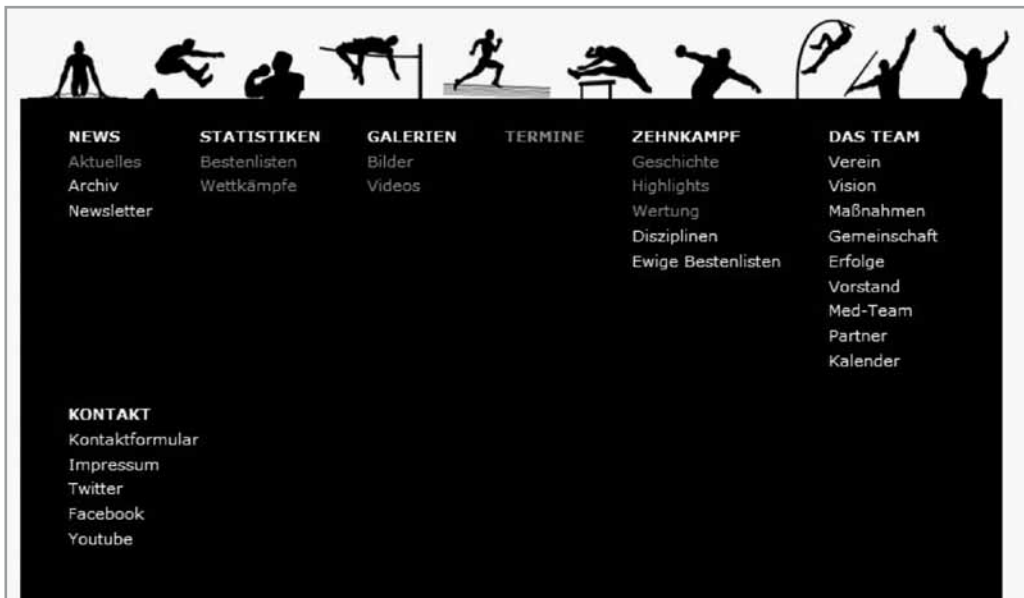



Figure 2: "Zehnkampf-Team" contents menu



Die gemeinsamen Werte des Zehnkampf-TEAMS – wie zeigen sich besonders beim Thorpe Cup (Foto: Harry Becke • sport.de)

Visionen und Werte

Eine solide Basis von jungen Talenten und erfahrenen Zehnkämpfern in der deutschen Spitze lässt uns positiv in die Zukunft schauen. Damit diese Zehnkämpfer sich weiterentwickeln können und wir junge Sportler für den Zehnkampf begeistern können, gibt es eine Vielzahl von Maßnahmen des Zehnkampf-TEAMS, die alle auf einer gemeinsamen Wertebasis fußen:

- Bereitschaft zur Höchstleistung
- TEAMgeist trotz Individualismus
- Ausdauer und Ehrgeiz
- zielgerichtetes Handeln
- Akzeptanz von Regeln
- Respekt vor dem Gegner
- Größe in Sieg und Niederlage
- Traditionsbewusstsein

Diese Wertebasis, die Erfolge in der Vergangenheit und das Ziel, auch in Zukunft erfolgreich zu sein, drückt sich aus in der Vision des Zehnkampf-TEAMS:

Zusammen die Sportart Zehnkampf in seiner erfolgreichen Tradition leben und die Werte des Zehnkampfs fördern und fördern.

Figure 3: "Zehnkampf-TEAM" vision

Conclusion

The "Zehnkampf-TEAM" website is clearly structured, well arranged, and easy to navigate. It contains a variety of information mainly of importance for German decathletes and people interested in the decathlon from a German point of view. However, the factual and historical information about the decathlon and decathletes in general is not very extensive and detailed. Information about how to train for the decathlon or how to plan and to behave

during decathlon competitions is not provided. Neither are there any links to online available technical texts dealing with the decathlon. To sum it up then, although the "Zehnkampf-TEAM" website is a useful networking tool for the German decathlon community, it is of only limited value for people with a more general or technical interest in decathlon history, competition and training.

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