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HUSKERS CLICK in ARIZONA

Texas Relays Blown Away

Hello Again.....The weather was both warm and sunny at the weekend's two major meetings, the *Jim Click Shootout* at the University of Arizona and the Texas Relays in Austin. But they were poles apart in one respect. In Austin (4/1-2) the winds were, at times, both furious and unpredictable. The breezes in Tucson (4/2-3), on the other hand, were mostly mute.

Tall Texan Camile Vandrendriessche (6-9 and 2X D-II decathlon winner), France's senior at Abilene Christian was the least affected in Austin and posted a near PR 7531 winning score in a 20 man field. Vandy used negative splits (3719 1st day, 3812 2nd day). Behind him the field accounted for ten NCAA D-I provisional scores (6900+), led by certain qualifiers (7300+) Dan Kinsey/Akron, Corey Roberts/SE LA and Trinity Otto/Texas A&M.

During day one in Austin winds varied from -0.7 to +1.8mps during the sprint, +0.9 to +5.2 mps during the long jump, and played havoc for the 400 meters. Yet, compared to day two, the first day was simply calm. Successive sections of the 110m hurdles, for example, recorded -1.8 and +6.0 mps. Gusts were so violent during the afternoon that meet managers postponed the vault for 4 hours, resuming at 6 pm. The field coped as best it could. In the decathlon, if you live by the wind, you can also die with it.

Meanwhile, 450 miles west in calm Arizona,



Above (left): Camile Vandrendriessche, Sr, Paris, won the Texas Relays title at 7531. Middle: Akron's Dan Kinsey, soph, E Liverpool, OH posted a 7385 effort in Austin for 2nd. Right: A&M's Trinity Otto, 22, Sr, Lindsay, TX was 4th at 7355.

Asics's Jake Arnold did a few individual events (6.97m/22-10½ long jump, 14.49m/47-6 ½ shot & 1.96m/6-5 high jump on 1st day). But the major story was the Nebraskan Huskers: freshman Bjorn Barrefors and senior Skyler Reising where the wind was no hindrance to their PR and NCAA provisional qualifiers, 7448 and 7325. The winds never



Nebraska's Bjorn Barrefors, 21, Stockholm and Skyler Reising, 22, Lincoln were 1-2 at Arizona's Click Shootout



Corey Roberts/SE LA St, 6-1 junior from Meraux, LA, posted a school record and PR 7364 at Texas Relays using a PR 4.65m/

rose above +0.7 in the 100m and +1.9 mps in the long jump. Barrefors, 21, Stockholm, who was 3rd at the recent NCAA indoor heptathlon in College Station (5795) added 43 points to his lifetime best in his first collegiate effort. Reising, 22, a homegrown product from Lincoln, NE, added 35 digits to his own PR, a mark that is virtually certain to ticket him to Fayetteville in June.



In other weekend affairs Kyle Steiner, (left) 2008 D-III runner-up while at Wisconsin-Stevens Pt, added 86 points to his PR while winning Linerty's Collegiate

Invt in Lynchburg (7212). Western State's Jeremy Bubb won the Colorado State in Pueblo with a D-II provisional qualifier of 6591. Alex Stake/Augustana won a D-II affair at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA with a 6099 score, a D-III provisional mark.

The University of Connecticut announced last week that they will red-shirt a trio of sophomore decathletes during the 2009 spring season including 2x Big East indoor heptathlon winner Aaron King.

Soph	Aaron King	Wharton, NJ
Soph	Dylan Dombroski	Breezy Pt, NY
Soph	Kyle Rowbotham	Scotch Plains, NJ