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BUSY WEEKEND = FINE SCORES

Conference Champs Report # 1

Hello Again: This will be the first report covering the busiest weekend of the 2018 season.

Mid-week

Texas State soph Ben Collerton cruised to an easy win at the Sun Belt champs (5115) in Birmingham on Monday and Tuesday. The Southland Conference took over Crossplex for the next two days and Tyler Adams, a Sam Houston State senior who already has a 6017 score to his credit, also cruised (5544 to 5238) over Hunter Key of SF Austin.

Thurs-Fri

Clemson hosted the deep Atlantic Coast Conference affair and Oregon transfer Joe Delgado of Louisville edged up his PR with a nifty 5653 effort while seven surpassed 5k. Duke freshman Jacob Sobota showed no weaknesses in 5516 performance.

The Mountain West Conference in Albuquerque was the most competitive meet as only 56 points separated the top trio. Fast improving New Mexico junior Beau Clifton opened eyes with a 75 point first day lead over heavy favorite Nick Kravec, a 5507 performer from Colorado St. When the latter pushed over a hurdle to open day two Clifton had an opportunity for the upset. But senior teammate Daniel Lam of Holland took the lead for good when he cleared 4.40m/14-1¼ in the vault then held off Clifton and speedy Air Force senior Calvin Berstler who ran 2:40.57 at altitude. The final tally: Lam/Clifton/Berstler: 5387-5339-5331.



Tyler Adams/Sam Houston State (left) and Joe Delgado/Louisville (right) won the Southland and ACC crowns respectively and both are likely to contest for the NCAA D-I title in College Station.

Grand Canyon soph Grant Carpenter had an easy time while winning the WAC title (5135) in Nampa, ID, while in Flagstaff, AZ Portland State soph Donte Robinson PR'd at 5248 for the victory. The day's lone non-D-I meet, the Minnesota Intercollegiates at Macalester University in St Paul, was won by St. Thomas(MN) freshman Preston Huddleston (4757).



New Mexico's Beau Clifton (l), Duke's Jacob Sobota (c) and Donte Robinson (r) all produced significant PRs. This is the busiest week/weekend of the indoor campaign. 7 meets were completed by Friday (Feb. 23) producing (16+ Big Sky 5000+ marks. 20 more began on Friday.