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HIGH FLYING DUCK at NCAA DAY ONE Duckworth's 3594 Score a First Day Record

Hello Again....Day one at the 14th NCAA Div I indoor Heptathlon in College Station, Texas saw a number of new faces 'step up' with big marks and anyone of 4 athletes could be in for mthe win. First day leader Tim Duckworth (3594), a junior at Kentucky, was in the drivers seat with a gaudy 3594 score, 83 points up on hometown favorite Lindon Victor (3508)with Georgia senior Devon Williams (3435) another 86 back.

2017 appeared to be a "makeover" year as the top three finishers from a year earlier had graduated (although '15 champ Zach Ziemek was in attendance) and seasonal leader and '15 champ Luca Wieland/ Minnesota had withdrawn early in the week. Only six starters from a years earlier returned.

Also with fine first day efforts were Illinois junior Joanthan Wells (4th-3418), Georgia junior Karl-Robert Saluri (5th-3345). Michigan senior Steven Bastien (7th-3221), and Stanford's Harrison Williams who stands 11th (3142) but has significant 2nd days skills should not be overlooked. Here's how it went on day one:

14th NCAA I Heptathlon
Gilliam Indoor Track
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX
March 10-11, 2017



Day One

60 Meters: [Noon- 12:07 pm]



Kentucky junior Tim Duckworth, born in Phoenix but who competes for Great Britain, ran up a collegiate record 3594 first day points and finds himself in the drivers seat at the NCAA D-I break in College Station.

With 188 spectators in the seats at Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium the sprint went off exactly at noon. The two 8 man sections were well seeded with the top eight clocking coming in the 2nd and top seeded race. In the first race rans steadily, and under control, clocking 7.02 seconds, 8/100ths off his best on a straightaway not known as super fast. The remaining seven runners all dipped at the tape simultanwously with only 5/100ths separating BYU's Kevin Neilsen in 2nd (7.12) and Cornell's Austin Jamerson in 8th at 7.17 seconds. There were no career bests. In the first race:

<i>Pl</i>		<i>lane</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>points</i>
1.	Williams, Harrison/Stanford	3	7.02	875
2.	Neilsen, Kevin/BYU	1	7.12	840
3.	Wells, Jonathan/Illinois	2	7.13(7.121)	837
4.	Seals, John/George Mason	8	7.13(7.126)	837
5.	Modin, Mitch/Oregon	4	7.13(7.130)	837
6.	Wasik, Steele/Texas	7	7.14	833
7.	Moore, Gabe/Arkansas	6	7.15	830
8.	Jamerson, Austin/Cornell	5	7.17	823

False starts:none

In the second, and top seeded race, Estonian Karl-Robert Saluri held a nominal halfway lead before tall Tim Duckworth zipped by clocking an eye opening facility record of 6.77 seconds. In was the event's lone PR. The Georgia pair of Saluri and Williams went 2-3 as five others were in reasonable range of career bests.

<i>Pl</i>	<i>lane</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>points</i>
1..	Duckworth, Tim/Kentucky	7 6.77	966
2.	Saluri, Karl-Robt/Georgia	4 6.79	958
3.	Williams, Devon/Georgia	2 6.88	925
4.	Mahler, Wolf/Texas	1 6.94(6.937)	904
5.	Price, Huner/Colorado St	8 6.94(6.938)	904
6.	Bastien, Steven/Michigan	3 6.96	897
7.	Victor, Lindon/Texas A&M	5 6.99	886
8.	Veith, Hunter/Wichita St	6 7.00	882

False starts:none.2

After One:Duck 966, Salu 958, Wil/D 925, Mahl 904, Pric 904.

Long Jump: [12:40 - 1:11 pm]



Georgia senior Devon Williams used a collegiate record 7.83m /25-8¼ long jump to move to 2nd overall .

Flight #1 contained the top four leapers. Duckworth opened at 7.77m/25-6, just an inch off his best. He took a 2nd jumo getting just 7.69m/25-2¾ then passedhis 3rd attempt. Devon Williams won the event in round #3 with a perfect step and PR 7.83m/25-8¼ , a collegiate and meet record moving him back to 2nd place. Saluri's 7.58m/24-10½ 3rd round effort kept him in 3rd while Wichita State's Hunter Veith managed a nifty 7.55m/24-9 ¼ effort in round #2. So good was the jumping in Flight #1 that 8th (and last) was 7.22m/23-8¼.

Wells won flight #2 on the opening attempt, a 1cm PR 7.44m/24-5. Lindon Victor (7.23m/23-8¾) and Mitch Modin (7.10m/23-3 ½) both improved in round #3. Mahler had a cerrer best of 7.00m/22-11¾).

Approach steps proved a problem only for Arkansas soph Gabe Moore who posted a pair of fouls before taking a verrrrry concervative final leap, 6.69m/21-11½.

After Two: Duck 1968, Wil/D 1942, Salu 1913, Veit 1829.

Shot Put: [1:50 – 2:21 pm]

The shot was contested in two sections at the west end and moved along rapidly. In Flight #1 Wells again



Texas A&M's Lindon Victor, the '16 NCAA outdoor champ, puseh the 16 lb ball 16.55m/54-3 ¾ for a new collegiate and meet record.

came up with a career best, 13.67m/44-10. Three other also got PRs including Duckworth whose 2nd round toss of 13.09m42-11½ kept him in contention. John Seals/GMU and Steven Bastien/Michigan also had lifetime bests, 12.35m/40-6¼ and 13.12m/43-½ respectively.

In Flight #2, the top seeded section, Devon Williams was well off his best but he moved into the lead since this was not one of Duckworth's better events. Most of the energy now centered around Victor whose paltry 15.71m/51-6½ first effort and much longer foul in round two had spectatros buzzing. He made sure he stayed within the circle on his final toss and the ball covered 16.55m54-7¾ of College Station real estate, a meet record. The effort moved him from 8th to 4th overall and withing a single point of Duckworth who stood third.Wow!

After Three: Wil/D 2677, Salu2666, Duck 2641, Vict 2640.

High Jump: [3:10 - 4:32 pm]

When seasonal leader and '15 champ Luca Wieland withdrew the NCAA NT&F

Committee added the next athlete on the annual list, Illinois junior Jonathan Wells who has significant high jumping skills (PR 2.20m/7-2½). With the meet record standing at 2.15m/7-½ this event had a buzz. A trio of his foes, no slouces either, had 7 foot credentials (Duckworth, Seals & Price). After a competitive hour, with the bar at 2.13m/6-11¾, Wells, Duckworth, Seals and Jamerson remained. Both Wells and Duckworth snuck over on 3rd tries and the bar went to a meet record 2.16m/7-1. Duckworth equalled his career best here on his 2nd attempt and Wells, whose rapidity to the bar could pass for a long jump approach, cleared on his 3rd. Both were close at 2.19m/7-2 ¼ and the event seemingly ended here. But wait, the lower seeded pit (flight #2) continued when local favorite Lindon Victor (he had a lot of fans in the stands) won the pit at 2.01m/6-7, and then PR'd on a 3rd try at 2.04m/6-8¼, then PR'd AGAIN on his first try at 2.07m/6-9½. The Grenadian Olympian had a great attempt at 2.10m/6-10 ¾ but the bar rolled off. Mahler and Jamerson also recorded high jump PRs.

Flight One.....

	198	201	204	207	210	213	216	219	best	ft-in	pts
Wells	p	o	o	o	o	xxo	xxo	xxx	216	7-1	953
Duckworth	o	o	o	o	o	xxo	xo	xxx	216	7-1	953

Flight Two.....

	189	192	195	198	201	204	207	210	best	ft-in	pts
Victor	o	o	o	xo	o	xxo	o	xxx	207	6-7	813



Tim Duckworth/Kentucky(left) and Jonathan Wells/Illinois (above) both got a share of the

high jump meet record with 2.16m/7-1 clearances.

When the dust cleared Duckworth's first day, which included three career bests and a 4th that missed by an inch, pushed his 4 event total to 3594 points, 33 better than

Oregon's Ashton Eaton's first day meet record while on the way to a world record 6499 back in 2010. This is heady territory but recall that Eaton had off the charts 2nd day skills (7.77, 5.10m and 2:32). Still, this was the Duck's day and he held an 86 point lead over Victor and a 159 point margin over Devon Williams. He is 55 points up on his 6006 PR pace which included a 3:10 1k clocking. Hold onto your hats.....day two may be one for the books and anything could happen.

After Four: Duck 3594, Vict 3508, Wil/D 3435, Well 3418

Results- Day One

3/10-11 NCAA I Champs, Gilliam Indoor Track, Texas A&M, College Station, TX

3594	Duckworth, Tim/Kentucky-GBR'18	6.77	777	1308	216
3508	Victor, Lindon/TexasA&M-GRN'17	6.99	723	1655	207
3435	Williams, Devon/Georgia'17	6.88	783	1411	195
3418	Wells, Jonathan/Illinois'18	7.13	744	1367	216
3345	Saluri, Karl-Robert/Georgia-EST'18	6.79	758	1441	186
3314	Price, Hunter/Colorado St'18	6.94	730	1327	204
3221	Bastien, Steven/Michigan'17	6.96	743	1312	192
3220	Jamerson, Austin/Cornell'17	7.17	722	1247	210
3218	Veith, Hunter/Wichita St'18	7.00	755	1241	195
3168	Seals, John/George Mason'19	7.13	697	1235	210
3142	Williams, Harrison/Stanford'18	7.02	703	1334	195
3110	Modin, Mitch/Oregon'17	7.13	710	1316	195
3107	Wasik, Steele/Texas'18	7.14	685	1372	198
3095	Neilsen, Kevin/BYU'18	7.12	734	1191	195
3078	Mahler, Wolf/Texas'18	6.94	700	1238	192
3027	Moore, Gabe/Arkansas'19	7.15	669	1351	195



Azusa's Chatto Win's DII meet

Birmingham (March 9-10)

Azusa soph Shakiel Chattoo 's first day lead stretched to 187 pooints and was highlighted by an eye-opening 6.79 sprint. The defending champ was never out of the

lead, but there would be no photo finish as last year's affair in Pittsburg, Kansas when



Azusa Pacific U went 1-2 at the NCAA D-II meet in Birmingham. Jamacian soph Shakiel Chattoo (left) defended with a fine 5474 score.

only 16 points separated the top three. Seasonal leader Tanner McNutt/Pittsburg St, who was 2nd last year, was stopped by an injury and was never a factor. He withdrew after the hurdles.

On day two Chattoo tured in a super 7.93 hurdle clocking and a solid 4.15m/13-7¼ vault allowing him to cruise in the 1000m (3:09.57). More significantly, his teammare Corey Reid, nephew of Azusa Coach Kevin Reid, moved from 10th to 2nd with terrific vault (4.95m/16-2¾) and 1k (2:41.16) efforts.

The apparent 5th place finished Trey Everett (5312) was disqualified in the 1000m and fell to 13th place.

RESULTS:



3/9-10 NCAA II Champs, CrossPlex, Birmingham, AL

5474	Chattoo, Skakiel/Azusa Pacific-JAM'19	6.79 709 1325 196 7.93 415 3:09.57
5382	Reid, Corey/Azusa Pacific'19	7.14 616 1130 193 8.34 495 2:41.16
5342	Landis, Kodiak/C Washington'17	7.07 705 1252 181 8.77 465 2:48.36
5331	Obst, Florian/TAMU-Commerce-GER'20	7.21 653 1403 184 8.63 475 2:50.16
5263	Cornelius, Devin/C Missouri'17	7.10 652 1173 193 8.45 425 2:44.51
5201	Frid, Teddy/Sioux Falls'19	7.20 665 1136 193 8.32 405 2:45.49
5160	Foster, D'Angelo/Colo Mesa'18	7.17 649 1159 178 8.52 455 2:45.20
5133	Smith, Austin/Colo Mesa'19	7.03 648 1308 175 8.50 415 2:47.48
5119	Turner, Travis/Alaska-Anchorage'17	7.29 632 1151 190 8.37 425 2:45.83
4974	Sisneros, Triston/Colo Mines'19	7.25 676 1197 190 8.40 345 2:51.60
4944	Sullivan, Robert/Wayne St'19	7.40 668 1206 196 8.49 395 3:04.79
4861	Braga, John/Merrimack'17	7.32 673 1168 190 9.07 405 2:58.70
4523	Everett, Trey/Findlay'18	7.37 704 1188 208 8.72 415 dsq
dnf	McNutt, Tanner/Pittsburg St'18	[2:47.78 =5312]
		7.24 635 1157 177 8.99 withdrew
	14sm [final qualifier = 5076]	