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SMALL COLLEGES COMPLETE

Obst, Flood, Gandy Win National Crowns

Hello Again.....The second day of the USA small(er) college weekend is complete with a trio of new champions. The D-II meet in Bradenton was a high scoring affair with German Florian Obst's 7576 effort getting the nod over Tanner McNutt's 7406. Central Missouri senior Blake Seitz came on with a rush placing 3rd at 7362. All three scores were personal bests.

Cortland senior Jack Flood survived a few scares but held up to win the D-III meet in Geneva, OH while scoring 6998 points.

The NAIA nationals saw a shuffle of places in the last few events but Central Methodist senior Drew Gandy finished strongly to win at 6855. Southern Oregon's Joe Dotson used a 4:22.18 last event to nip first day leader Winston Lawson/Vanguard for the silver medal.

As I head to Mosle Stadium for the start of the 43rd Hypo-Bank meeting in Götzis, here is a summary of the USA action.

NCAA II

*Bradenton, FL.....*The very competitive NCAA D-II affair I was settled during the pole vault when Texas A&M freshman (24!, Emmeling, Germany) Florian Obst turned back Tanner McNutt, a junior at Pittsburg St (KS). Any chance of derailing the high flying German would have to occur here but Obst's 4.90m/16- $\frac{3}{4}$ PR was a bar higher than McNutt and the meet was over, not uncommon because a recent study indicated that, after 9 events at major decathlons, there are no



Left: Drew Gandy/Central Methodist U, was the NAIA winner; Center: Jack Flood/Cortland St won the NCAA D-III crown; right: Florian Obst/TAMU-Commerce captured the NCAA D-II title.

changes in the order of the top three places 86% of the time.

Even more important in Bradenton, FL (high of 87°, light breezes all day) were those who did not get to the finish line. Seasonal leader Phill Bailey/Chico State and Azusa Pacific soph Corey Reid, both projected high finishers, suffered injuries and dnf'd.

Obst's final tally was a PR 7576 while McNutt also came up with a career best 7406 score. Chico State, projected for big team points here placed 5th (Jason Dunn) and 7th (Lane Andrews).



Results:

5/25-26 NCAA II Champs, Bradenton, FL

7576	Obst, Florian/TAMU-Com-GER'20	11.02+1.6
682+2.0	1500 187 49.97 15.06-0.3 4140 490 5490	4:56.38
7406	McNutt, Tanner/Pittsburg St'18	11.00+1.6
733+1.9	1146 190 48.69 15.60+0.6 3674 480 4832	4:37.27
7362	Seitz, Blake/C Missouri'17	11.35+1.5
688+1.7	1267 196 51.16 15.96 0.0 4209 430 6233	4:37.21
7065	Maslen, Harry/Angelo St'19	11.25+1.5
697+2.7	1170 184 49.67 15.47+0.6 3418 450 4818	4:35.28

7008	Dunn, Jason/Chico St'17	10.91+1.6
690	0.0 1297 181 49.95 16.65+0.6 4183 400 6049 5:11.78	
6982	Black, Sam/Saginaw Valley'19	11.26+1.5
669+2.4	1321 205 50.48 15.79 0.0 3071 400 5068 4:42.72	
6889	Andrews, Lane/Chico St'18	11.49+1.5
674+2.4	1125 190 50.22 16.16 0.0 3616 450 5010 4:32.60	
6885	Smith, Austin/Colorado Mines'19	10.81+1.6
671+2.1	1307 175 49.92 15.80-0.3 3729 420 4304 4:47.03	
6841	Page, Jared/Pittsburg St'19	10.91+1.6
684+2.0	1194 178 48.85 15.13-0.3 3045 410 3978 4:34.96	
6823	Calvert, Lachie/W Texas A&M'19	11.18+1.6
642+2.9	1193 181 50.37 16.90 0.0 3150 450 4987 4:20.08	
6754	Eilers, Teigan/Humboldt St'17	11.19+1.5
710+3.1	1070 193 51.21 15.76+0.6 3186 480 5189 4:48.31	
6703	Frid, Teddy/Sioux Falls'19	11.31+1.5
680+1.6	1165 193 50.28 15.04-0.9 2680 400 4233 4:40.38	
6475	Martin, Aaron/Chico St'17	11.61+1.5
683+3.1	1223 181 53.47 19.65-0.3 3939 430 6021 5:07.83	
dnf:	Owens, Joe/Angelo St'17	10.99+1.6
635+3.0	1098 175 52.18 15.93-0.9 3418 430 4789 dns	
dnf:	3651 Reid, Corey/Azusa Pacific'19	11.07+1.5
632+2.4	1218 190 49.92 dnf dns	
dnf:	Bailey, Phill/Chico St'17	11.08+1.6
615+2.6	1062 dns	
16s,13		

NCAA III



Geneva, OH...Day two of the NCAA D-II champs in Geneva, OH were met with rain, temps no higher than 63°. Cortland senior Jack Flood, who narrowly escaped a long jump mishap yesterday, lost his overall lead to teammate Connor Christopherson during the discus, regained it during the vault and went on to a solid 6998 win. Williams junior Tobias Muellers edged Christopherson for 2nd.

Most of the second day attraction came in the vault where Johns Hopkins senior Andrew Barnett dominated. He was no longer a contender after a hurdles 'DQ' but went on to clear a meet record 5.30m/17-4½.

Results:

5/25-26 NCAA III Champs, Geneva, OH

6998	Flood, Jack/Cortland St'17	11.76-1.3
645+0.7	1261 208 52.46 14.83+1.7 3456 420 5388 4:45.99	
6870	Muellers, Tobias/Williams'18	11.47-1.5
692+0.8	1151 166 48.95 15.71+2.3 3484 430 4933 4:28.28	
6818	Christopherson, Connor/Cortland St'17	1.41-1.5
627+2.2	1198 193 50.34 14.78+1.7 3720 400 4471 4:45.71	
6787	Elfgaard,Rasmus/North Park-SWE'18	11.61-1.1
643+1.6	1157 178 51.65 15.95+1.1 3745 470 5932 5:02.26	
6669	Frazier, Isaac/Simpson'17	11.53-1.1
630+1.3	1238 193 51.47 14.94+1.7 3796 370 4514 4:49.46	

6612	Cooper, Dylan/Wisc-Eau Claire'20	11.70-1.3
658+1.9	1123 196 51.93 15.50+1.1 3327 420 4334 4:45.31	
6585	Van Grinsven, Leif/Wheaton(IL)'19	11.88-1.3
646+3.4	1135 190 51.06 15.73+1.7 3251 430 4257 4:34.31	
6566	Newman, Nate/Ohio Wesleyan'18	11.63-1.1
663+1.1	1109 184 52.30 15.35+1.1 3154 440 4980 4:58.27	
6451	Faust, Cody/Wisc-Platteville'18	11.76-1.5
651+1.3	1007 172 50.78 16.48+1.6 3518 420 5107 4:37.03	
6369	Salveson, Kevin/Wisc-Stout'17	11.50-1.1
655+1.6	1155 181 50.31 15.72+2.3 3933 370 3761 5:04.69	
6346	Spicer, Seth/Alfred'18	11.85-1.5
610+1.2	1242 172 50.50 16.21+2.3 3882 400 3683 4:35.29	
6284	Lee, Jeremy/Wisc-Stevens Pt'19	11.88-1.5
665+1.9	1054 178 52.64 17.68+1.6 3362 430 4455 4:29.09	
6164	Kruse, Ryan/ Central(IA)'18	11.97-1.3
599+2.0	1228 181 54.97 16.47+3.2 3894 400 5218 5:10.32	
6052	Avery, Noah/Lewis & Clark'19	11.82-1.3
665+1.5	1172 184 55.25 16.99+3.2 2954 420 4777 5:13.33	
5995	Meeteer, Noah/Wisc-LaCrosse'19	11.39-1.1
604+2.6	1128 175 51.41 16.39+1.6 3245 420 3926 5:25.96	
5725	Schepp, Jackson/Concordia-Moorhead'18	12.06-1.5
542+2.1	1025 196 53.51 17.65+1.6 2976 350 4014 5:04.38	
5571	Canchola, Alex/George Fox'18	11.78-1.3
659+1.5	1049 nh 51.09 16.11+3.2 3266 350 5482 5:10.79	
5488	Koch, John/George Fox'17	11.65-1.1
593+1.1	990 175 50.32 16.04+3.2 3189 400 4390 dnf	
5349	Barnett, Andrew/Johns Hopkins'17	11.49-1.5
638+1.8	951 184 50.03 disq 3247 530 4243 dnf	
dnf	Riley, Tommy/Williams'18	11.36-1.1
654+1.2	1053 184 52.26 15.90+1.1 3160 withdrew 20s,19f.	

NAIA....



Gulf Port, AL....sunny weather prevailed but Vanguard senior Winston Lawson (Santa Ana, CA) lost his bid to win the oldest collegiate nationals (began in 1969, one year before the NCAA, so next year will be their 50th meet) whn Central Methodist senior Drew Gandy leaped 4.60m/15-1, 8 bars higher in the vault.

Southern Oregon soph Joe Dotson raced the second place with a terrific 1500m effort, nipping Lawson by 3 points. Interestingly Dotson did not win the final event....Pieter Top, a Westmont freshman (Wiolsonville, OR) did in 4:21.07.

A year ago Doane's Kale Wolken had broken the meet record with an eye-opening 7830 score. Nothing like that this time around, but the 6-3 Lawson seemed to have things well in hand after leading at the break and fashioning a nice 14.66 hurdle race. But a

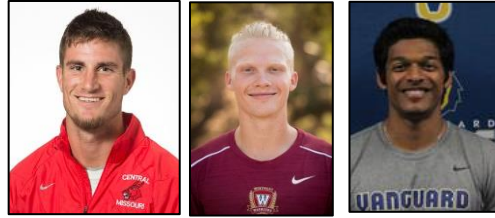
3.80m/12-5½ muted his score. Idaho State transfer Nikola Andjelic, a Croatian junior at Rio Grande, was 4th



Results:

5/25-26 NAIA Champs, Gulf Shores, AL

6855	Gandy, Drew/C Methodist'17	11.30+1.2
662+0.7	1102 172 49.62 15.33+1.1 2927 460 5301 4:34.54	
6732	Dotson, Joe/Sn Oregon'19	11.53+1.2
635+1.3	1153 169 50.95 16.20+3.0 3923 430 4937 4:22.18	
6729	Lawson, Winston/Vanguard'17	11.35-2.5
650-0.5	1120 184 50.26 14.66+3.0 3171 380 5087 4:41.31	
6697	Andjelic, Nikola/Rio Grande-CRO'18	11.39+1.2
643+0.4	1119 178 51.87 14.85+3.6 3352 430 4763 4:39.34	
6693	Gretz, Seth/Oregon Tech'18	11.42+1.2
651+1.0	1003 187 52.23 15.25+3.0 3275 470 4294 4:38.17	
6479	Top, Pieter/Westmont'20	11.09-2.5
665+1.0	1009 172 50.02 15.11+2.6 2747 370 4064 4:21.07	
6448	Bracken, Jason/Corban'18	11.80-2.5
595 0.0	1287 196 52.82 17.41+3.6 4473 350 5531 4:57.79	
6427	Fox, Philip/Bethel(IN)'19	11.42+1.2
687+1.9	1020 175 51.21 16.39+1.1 3576 400 4452 4:50.54	
6391	Schmidt, Michael/Corban'20	11.66-2.5
635 0.0	992 175 50.86 16.16+3.6 3371 420 4162 4:25.45	
6183	Przystupa, Michael/BritColumbia'17	11.57+1.2
633+1.1	1081 181 51.75 15.17+2.6 2877 390 3711 4:49.53	
5918	Connell, Cole/St Ambrose'19	11.88-2.5
622+1.3	929 184 52.85 15.82+2.6 2909 410 3608 4:55.61	
5645	Ney, Brooks/Col Idaho'18	12.09-2.5
583+1.6	1120 169 54.34 16.64+3.0 3161 370 3912 4:49.71	
5403	Korver, Calvin/Northwestern(IA)'20	11.77-2.5
614+2.6	1066 193 dsq 15.64+3.6 2757 370 4345 4:52.08	
5286	Bolt, Matt/Dordt'17	12.31+1.2
546+1.4	1317 175 54.24 18.95+1.1 3861 340 4083 5:41.49	
dnf	Sudbeck, Levi/Doane'20	12.10-2.5
591-1.4	952 190 54.99 15.31+1.1 3223 nh withdrew	
dnf:	Nemitz, Jackson/Westmont'18	11.59+1.2
626+1.9	1054 169 dns	
16s,14f.		



Weekend principals: left: Blake Seitz/Central Missouri senior who PR'd at D-II; center: Westmont's Pieter Top who had the weekend's top 1500m performance; right: Winston Lawson/Vanguard U, place 3rd at NAIA.