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NEILSEN RATINGS

BYU junior *Again* Leads Week's Scoring

Hello Again.....

The 3rd week of January was no different than the second. That is, Brigham Young junior Kevin Neilsen (Granite Bay, CA) led the nation's CE scorers with a 5412 win at Colorado's Air Force Academy. Seven days earlier he won a home meet in Provo with a 5525 score and now owns the 3rd and 5th best collegiate scores of the season. At the Air Force Academy he won the long and high jumps and turned back teammate Jackson



Kentucky senior Ibn Short won at home with a 5319 score.

Walkers' 17 5254 effort. The 24 year old junior has a PR of 5640 set a year ago. Outdoors Neilsen was 3rd at the 2012 USA juniors (7225).

Fourteen meets were held during the third weekend of January with few surprises. Over 130 athletes started and ten 5000+ scores went into the books. Kentucky senior Ibn Short (21, Hershey, PA) won the McCravey meet in Lexington turning back an old Central Pennsylvania foe, Penn State graduate student Robert Cardina (22, Lancaster, PA), 5319 to 5295. Cardina led thru six events by Short's margin in the 1k was more than 4 seconds, enough for the 23 point win. Cardina had scored 7666 outdoors back in 2014.



BYU junior (left) and Penn State grad student Robert Cardina (right) posted top scores. For the second consecutive week Neilsen led the national scoring results.

In other weekend action Colorado State's Josh Cogdill (senior, Longmont, CO) won over teammate Nick Kravec (junior, Fort Collins, CO) at the Kansas State Steve Fritz heptathlon in Manhattan, 5217 to 5107. Former Binghamton star Joe Miceli won at Cornell with a nice 5279 effort over Cortland's Connor Chrostopherson's 5140, the top D-III score thus far in 2017.

The upcoming week will be the first major week of indoor hepts with significant seven-eventers scheduled for Seattle (UWash), Minneapolis (Johnson), Cedar Falls (Jennett), Fayetteville (Razorback), Houston (Ryan) and Fairfax, VA (Patriot). One can expect a rewriting of the 2017 USA lists. There are 24 meets on the docket.