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KENTUCKY'S HIGH FLYING DUCK

Big Scores at Husker, Akron, Wichita, A&M

Hello Again.....Kentucky, heretofore notables for thoroughbreds and wildcats, can now claim a high flying duck....Tim Duckworth, 21, Phoenix, opened some eyes while pasting a top field at the Husker –Sevigne affair in Lincoln, NE over the first weekend in February, 2017. The Kentucky junior who competes for Great Britain, ran up a gaudy 3593 first day score, cruised the 1000m and finished with a 6006 score. Duckworth cranked out 3 first day PRs (missing a 4th by 1cm in long jump) and opened the second day with two more. His marks:

[6.81 763 1302 216 8.10 512 3:10.75 – 6006 pts]

Virtually unnoticed was a terrific second day effort (2733 points) by Stanford junior Harrison Williams (20, Memphis, TN) who stood only fourth at the break, 498 points in arrears. He made up all but 178 points on Duckworth with performances that included a PR 5.32m/17-5½ vault clearance.

Illini indoor specialist Jonathan Wells, 20, Fox Lake, IL and Texas junior Wolf Mahler , 22, Belton, TX used different paths to accumulate significant scores., 5685 and 5654 respectively. Wells had a big 1st day (3329 points including a 2.10m/6-10 high jump). Mahler 2:38.84 1k capped a 2699 2nd day.

A pair of other meets netted top scores. Michigan senior Steven Bastien, 22, Saline, MI, started with a speedy 6.84 dash at the Akron Invitational. He followed with six steady marks to net a 5843 PR win. Kent State soph TJ Lawson, Stow,OH, and



Kentucky's Tim Duckworth was hot at the Sevigne-Husker meet in Lincoln, NE. His 2.16m/7-1¼ high jump led to a 3529 st day total and a 6006 final score.



High scores came from Alex Bloom/Cincinnati (left), Jonathan Wells/Illinois(center) and Harrison Williams /Stanford (right) on top and Wolf Mahler/Texas (left), TJ Lawson/Kent St(center) and Tim Ehrhardt/Michigan St (right) on bottom row.



Michigan State junior Tim Ehrhardt, 21, Allison, IL. followed with 5666 and 5628 scores.

And, at College Station, TX, Cincinnati junior Alex Bloom, Seymour, WI, put up a 5604 PR score. While vet Austin Bahner netted 5715 in Wichita.

The weekends' 27 meets produced 28 5000+ scores. Technically the week's highest scoring meet was at.....Ithaca College (D-III), NY where 29 (!!!) starters produced over 112,000 points. In a perfect world we'd have more meets like the Ithaca Bomber Invitational at the Athletics and Events Center on campus b/c it introduces CE to a bigger audience. Go Bombers!

Next week promises to be low key with less than a dozen meets scheduled. The following two weeks will produce over fifty (!) collegiate conference meets and another rewriting of the collegiate qualifying lists.

At NCAA Div-I, and even through the top 5 indoor qualifiers from last year have graduated, it appears that the final and 16th qualifying mark will escalate, likely to over 5700 points. The 16th qualifier a year ago was 5663. Currently there are already 11 marks higher.