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FRENETIC WEEKEND BEGINS

Seven Collegiate Meets Produce Fine Scores

Hello Again....This will be the first of three weekend newsletters covering the frantic attempts of collegians to qualify for the NCAA (all levels) indoor championship heptathlons. In the first few days of Feb 20-24, seven league meets, mostly on the D-I levels, produced an avalanche of terrific scores, but oddly, no qualifiers at the D-I level.

Birmingham's Cross Plex facility was kept busy. On Monday and Tuesday the Sun Belt held their annual indoor affair which was won by German Franz Beyer/Louisiana-Lafayette who held off teammate Angus Sinclair of Scotland, 5269 to 5209. Both totals were PRs and all of the leagues' medalists were foreign born.

On Wednesday and Thursday the Southland Conference took over at CrossPlex and Sam Houston State junior Tyler Adams (Buffalo, TX), added 186 points to his PR to finish with a 5463 win.

On Thursday and Friday the Atlantic Coast Conference meet saw a ding-dong battle between Carolina senior Paul Haley (Ellicott City, MD) and Virginia junior Jack Lint (Westerville, OH). The latter used a four second margin in the 1000m to win narrowly, 5546 to 5508. Both efforts were career bests. The meet produced nine 5k scores.

In Winston-Salem, NC, Paul Williams (Alpharetta, GA), a talented freshman at Kennesaw State won the Atlantic Sun title handily. At a six man Mountain West Conference affair in Albuquerque Colorado State senior Josh Cogdill



Colorado State senior Josh Cogdill used a 2.03m/6-8 high jump to propel him to a 5546 score and the Mountain West title.

(Longmont, CO) exactly matched Lint's score to hold off teammate Nick Kravec.

The huge (20 starters) Big Sky Conference meet in Pocatello, ID resulted in a 5340 win for Mason Storm, a senior at Montana St.

There are 21 (!) additional meets underway (Friday-Saturday) as we post this newsletter. A number of major conferences (SEC, Big 10, Big 12, MAC and Mountain Pacific) are likely to produce scores that will rearrange the collegiate lists.



Tyler Adams/Sam Houston St (left), Paul Haley/North Carolina (center) and Jack Lint/Virginia (right) all put up career best numbers in league meets.