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CONFERENCE WEEKEND

Qualifying Lists Rearranged

Hello Again....A frenetic weekend of US college championship meets rearranged many of the national championship lists during the final days of February. 35 (!) heptathlons were conducted from Feb 23 thru Feb 29, and all but two were college league affairs. Twenty-one NCAA D-I conferences held their annual indoor title meets and nearly 400 athletes went to the starting line. Consider: 103 5000+ performances went into the books, almost all of them at the D-I level. Only The new American Athletic Conference affair is outstanding.

The weekend's highest *collegiate* total (remember, the USA champs were won at 6075 by Curtis Beach) came in at 6003 by Georgia senior Garrett Scantling at the SEC meet in Fayetteville.

As to NCAA D-I qualifying, most with 5700+ scores already in the books (Tonnesen, Abdullah, Uibo, ZZ, and Harrison Williams) did not compete since their ticket to Birmingham had appeared safe.

But the Mountain Pacific Federation meet in Seattle added a pair of new qualifiers (Steele Wasik/UCLA and Mitch Modin/Oregon). Texas A&M junior Lindon Victor and Georgia's Karl Saluri (a New Orleans transfer) both moved into qualifying positions at the SEC meet. And Michigan junior Steven Bastien annexed the Big Ten crown with a nifty 5801 performance. All five bounced others from qualifying. At this point, with one week remaining for D-I qualifying (the only major will be the IC4A affair which has a significant field) 5663 points (by Dylan



Steven Bastien (left), a Michigan junior, won the Big Ten crown, while Steele Wasik (right) annexed the Mountain Pacific title, both with weighty D-I qualifying marks.

Anderson, an Indiana senior) stands #16 on the qualifying list.

There was little movement in the D-II qualifying. Merrimack junior John Braga was 2nd at the New Englands with a significant 5307 total. And the tough MIAA provided even *higher* scores for Jayce Thomas, a Missouri Southern senior (5615) and Pittsburg State soph Tanner McNutt (5559). The 13th and (we believe final) D-II qualifier is Central



John Braga, a Merrimack (MA) junior and Jayce Thomas, a senior at Missouri Southern, will meet at the D-II meet.

Missouri senior Blake Seitz at 5154.
The weekend provided no NAIA
action and D-III schools have another week
to post marks. Up to date qualifying lists can
be found at the TFRRS page

<https://www.tfrs.org/lists>