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Indoor Season Launched Wieland's 6089 PR Opens Eyes

Hello Again.....The 2016-17 Indoor campaign got underway with at least 14 CE meets spread across the nation. 25 year old Austin Bahner, coming off a 5th place at last year's national indoor affair, got the ball rolling with a 5283 effort at his alma mater in Wichita. The score will remain the top American total after the season's first weekend.

A day later, at a low key affair (he won by 1583 points) in Brookings, SD, 2015 NCAA indoor champ Luca Wieland (4 days shy of 22nd birthday) surprised with a 6089 win. The Minnesota senior from Saarbrucken, Germany, had near PRs in 4 of the 7 individual events.

Wieland's 6089 marks:

| 60m | LJ | SP | HJ | 60H | PV | 1000m |
|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|---------|
| 6.92 | 746 | 1483 | 210 | 8.23 | 480 | 2:46.39 |

Given that 4 of last season's top six have graduated, Wieland will be one of the collegiate favorites in College Station. He won the affair in 2015 and was 5th last March in Birmingham.

This is a great start to the season for Luca, and it's what we've come to expect from him week-in and week-out," said coach Steve Plasencia. "It doesn't matter if it's the first meet of the season or the NCAA championships, Luca is going to push himself to be the absolute best no matter what." The 6089 is a Gopher school record and Wieland now owns the top three hept scores on Minnesota's all-time list.



2015 NCAA indoor king Luca Wieland opened the 2016-17 season with a terrific 6089 PR effort at a low key meet at South Dakota State U in Brookings.

Also noticeable on week one were the large number of collegiate freshman competing and the size of the CE teams..... Both Wichita State and Southern Connecticut State started seven (!) in their openers. North Dakota State and Doane each kicked off with four.

A trio of D-II athletes posted 5k scores: Kodiak Landis/Central Washington, Devin Cornelius/Central Missouri and Ryan Thomsen/Hillsdale.

Vet Austin Bahner/Shocker TC, won the season's initial meet in Wichita with a 5283 score.

