

A WINDY TEXAS RELAYS Wienstock Over Williams

Hello Again.....”Live by the wind, die by the wind.” The 88th edition of the Texas Relays drew a strong decathlon field and no doubt the friendly Longhorn breezes were the overriding attraction. But sometimes there can be too much of a good thing. In particular the winds presented second days problems.... being pushed too close to hurdles, causing discus flight glitches, step and penetration problems in the vault. All bedeviled the athletes in Austin. Complicate all of this with computer scoring problems and one has a recipe for confusion. The scoring glitches were even more apparent in the women’s heptathlon where everyone was awarded a 280 point bonus on final scores. Several of the major dec contenders were missed in the vault results and Stanford freshman Harrison Williams was the announced winner for 24 hours. When all the results were correctly tallied the winner was ex-Brown athlete Evan Wienstock.

But the overriding story was the wind. On the second day 40 mph gusts made it problematical to vault causing several ‘no-heights’ and numerous athletes starting in the 10-0/10-6 range just to make a height. When the dust cleared it was Wienstock, 23, the 2013-14 Heptagonal champ, who won with a PR 7557 score from a field that included six recent NCAA I indoor qualifiers, a former NCAA I winner and 8229 Dutch performer Ingmar Vos, 29, who now trains in Austin. Yet it was Wienstock who prevailed collaring the win by 39 points in the 21 man field.



Ex-Brown athlete Evan Wienstock(left) and Stanford freshman Harrison Williams (right) posted 1-2 7500 scores.

Williams was 2nd with the early season’s top collegiate score, 7518.

Day one started with an eye-catching PR 10.52 (+3.8mps) clocking by Longhorn sophomore Wolf Mahler. But it would be his only event. Miller Moss put 3 solid marks up before a high jump ‘nh.’ First day leader Thomas Cheval, a soph transfer from Cerritos to Oklahoma (4104 pts) was one of the vault casualties. Day one’s highlight was a nifty 47.99 400m clocking for Williams.

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Dutchman Ingmar Vos, 29, who trains in Austin, was 4th at 7135 w/o a 1500m.



There were a dozen other week/weekend meets and North Dakota State soph won the

UC-Riverside Spring Break meet at 6723 and Abilene Christian's junior Luke Woods captured the Texas State Bobcat Invt at 6710.

2x IAAF world champ Trey Hardee/Nike contested a trio of open events at the Texas Relays managing 5.05m/16-6¾ in the vault, 10.46 seconds (+2.9mps) in the century and 37.85m/124-2 in the discus, with a pair of fouls.