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PAC-12 is the STORY

Tonneson Solid at 7823, Williams Runner-up

Hello Again..... This week the Pac-12 meet is the dominant story as five of the nation's top collegians did battle at Drake Stadium on the UCLA campus. 3x champ Dakotah Keys, 23, Sweet Home, an Oregon senior appeared in the drivers' seat when he came a cropper in the vault and fell out of contention (nb. opening height 4.53m/14-10½). That left Arizona junior Pau Tonneson, 22, Tempe, AZ, and Stanford frosh Harrison Williams, 19, Memphis, to battle for the title. When the lanky Tonneson (6-5) vaulted 4.93m/16-2, 3 bars higher than Williams, he pushed his lead to 189 points and appeared safe. His final winning margin was 144 as both Tonneson (7823) and Williams (7669) recorded career bests. Late charging Marcus Nilsson/UCLA was just 16 back of Williams.

Tonneson led at the break with a 4096 score, 30 up on Williams.

There were 13 meets nationwide, most being conference meets. Stephen Soerens, 21, a Princeton senior from Fayetteville, AR, last year's Heptagonal runner-up, easily won the Heptagonals in Philadelphia with a PT 7319 score. Cornell's Austin Jamerson'17 moved up from 4th getting 7070 points. Indoor champ Nico Robinson, Dartmouth'17 suffered a broken arm in April.

On Saturday the Sun Belt league meet in Gulf Port, AL, saw UL Monroe senior Isaac Grieder using a 5.07m/16-7½ vault to turn back Arkansas State senior William Oliver, 7301 to 7126. Cody Rhodes, SF



Arizona junior Pau Tonneson used a 7823 PR effort at the Pac-12 affair in UCLA to stamp himself as one of the NCAAs top contenders.

Austin senior, repeated as the Southland champ with a 7061 score in Hammond, LA. In D-II wars Florida Tech/German transfer



Princeton's Stephen Soerens (left) and TAMU-Commerce's Hendrik Nungress (right) won the Heptagonals and Lone Star meets.

Hendrik Nungress, now a soph at TAMU-Commerce, used three fine throws (15.27/50-1, 48.94m/160-7 discus and a whopping 70.39m/230-11 jav to open eyes at the Lone



UL –Monroe senior Isaac Grieder was the Sun Belt winner with a 7301 PR score.

Star Conference meet in San Angelo, TX and make him a D-II contender. His 7542w stands #2 on the D-II national list.

The top D-III effort came at the Iowa Intercollegiates in Indianaola where Wartburg senior Jacoby Firkins scored a 6544 win. In a non-conference meet, the annual Claremont Colleges Classic, only one of 8 starters got to the 1500m finish line.

Next week most of the major conferences will dominate the news. More than 30 (!!) collegiate leagues will provide decathlons.