

DUCK OPENS WITH 6071 SCORE

Indoor Season Gaining Momentum

Hello Again: Yep, it's the start of our 43rd (!) season and the 2017-18 indoor campaign is gaining momentum in mid January. The major news (no, not a Federal Government shutdown) was a clash between a pair of ex-NCAA DI indoor runnerups at the Clemson U Invitational and both came away with 6K scores. Kentucky senior Tim Duckworth/GBR, last year's D-I runner-up, came away with a fine 6071 total placing him at the top of the collegiate list. Maicel Uibo/EST, the 2014 second-place finisher, made up 242 points in the final two events but fell 32 points short. Former 2x NCAA indoor champ ('12, '14) Curtis Beach completed just three events.

Two other likely NCAA D-I qualifiers were posted over the weekend as well. At the US AirForce Academy CEs, Wichita State junior Ben Johnson PR'd with a smart 5615 winning effort while Iowa's William Dougherty totatled 5572 to win at home at the Wierczorek meet in Iowa City. '16 NCAA indoor champ Zach (aka 'Double Z') Ziemek/adidas had the latter meet well in hand when he came a cropper in his speciality, no-heighting in the vault. Heretofore he posted marks of 6.95 7.21m 13.97m 1.96m and a huge 8.10 PR before the 'nh' at 5.20m/17-½. An opening height clearance and a normal 1k clocking would have placed him in the 6100 range. Ah fate! There were eleven 5k scores of the



Kentucky's Tim Duckworth came away with a 6071 total while winning at Clemson.

weekend's eight CE meets. The next best effort came from Air Force senior Calvin Berstler at 5418. A busy week ensues and most collegians get back into action as 29 meets will rewrite all the qualifying lists.



Computer issues have been at the heart of the delays in getting *Newsletters* to you. I think/hope those issues are now in the rear view mirror.
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