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INDOOR SEASON UNDERWAY

Mines' McClean Posts Top Score

Hello Again.....this *Newsletter* will wind up our 44th year. It provides early results of the 2019-20 indoor campaign. Twenty-one CE meets were conducted during the first two weeks of December and a trio of NCAA D-II meets highlighted the card.

The first weekend saw Colorado School of Mines senior Connor McClean win a heptathlon on his home facility with the season's top score, a 5591 effort. That amounted to a 431-point improvement although he has eschewed CVs in recent years in favor of the vault where he was the NCAA II 4th place finished in 2018 at 5.26m/17-3.

In Golden he used his vault skills (here 5.10m/16-8¾) to turn back '18 Colorado grad Andrew Ghizzone (5506). McClean's winning effort included 4 PRs and two others that just missed.

Yet the eye-opening mark of the Golden meet came in the shot where versatile Eric Lundgren, a soph at Colorado State and a 6794 outdoor performer who was 4th at last year's Mountain West indoor CE meet, blasted 16.24m/53-3½ in the shot. It was just two feet shy of the 38-year old collegiate and American record (16.88m/55-4¾ by LSU's Bruce Reid). Lundgren (Cheyenne, WY) will be the Ram's leader in 2020 as Colorado State prepares to defend it's 2019 Webb Cup.

In other significant D-II action, and on the same two days, Pittsburg, Kansas saw TAMU-Kingsville senior Jonathan Harper post a decisive 57-point victory over D-II outdoor champ Alex Spyridonidis/Angelo St'21, the D-II outdoor king. (5505-5448).



Colorado Mines senior Connor McClean (Highlands Ranch, CO) led the '19-'20 USA list at year's end with a PR 5591 score at Golden, Colorado.

Individually the news featured a world class high jump by Tiffin OH, Sandusky, OH senior Cameron Burrows (2.19m/7-2¼), a PR.

The top Individual marks of December:



Tejaswin Shankar/Kansas St (7-3¾ & 4137) (l), Cameron Burrows/Tiffin (7-2¼) (c) and Eric Lundgren/Colorado State (53-4)(r) posted the top individual marks of the early season.

on the way to a 5381 score. He had been the bronze medalist at last year's NCAA D-II indoor champs And yet that was not the top CE high jump of the month! India's Tejaswin Shankar, a junior at Kansas State and the NCAA I outdoor runner-up (PR 2.29m/7-6) managed 2.23m/7-3¾ on the way to a 4137 win at Kansas State's Winter Pentathlon.

Fine score came from Storrs, CT. Penn's Evan Lee'20 (5507) and UConn's Jordan Torney'21 (5423) went 1-2 at UConn's Challenge CE.

And, at Doane's Holiday Hept in Crete, NE, improving Central Missouri soph Trey Miller (5411) raced away from NAIA champ Levi Sudbeck'20 (5260) of the host school in the 1k as both PR'd.

In all December offered 27 5000+ scores. We'll return in the New Year.

Happy Holidays.