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CALM BEFORE STORM

K-State's Silky Highlights Drowsy Weekend

Hello Again.....The recent past combined events weekend (Feb.13-15) was the final low key weekend of the indoor season. Consider:

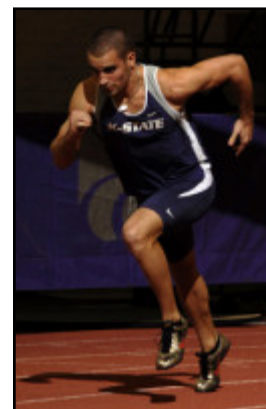
- only ten meets were scheduled
- one (All Ohio Champs) was cancelled for a lack of entrants.
- two additional meets drew only 3 entrants.
- in three other heptathlons athletes with huge 1st day leads failed to finish (2 hj nh's)

The major news came from Ames, IA where Kansas State's 19 year old freshman Mantas Silkauskas/Lithuania posted a PR 5406, an NCAA I provisional mark. He finished nearly 300 digits up on Cliff Miller of Michigan State.

Silky, one of a deep stable of multi-eventers in Manhattan, KS, used a 6.83 60 meters along the way. He and 19 time Junior Andre McDonald/Kansas City (7-0 hjm 13,96 H) join a pair of Wildcat sophs, Moritz Cleve/Germany and Rok Derzanic/ Slovenia, both NCAA indoor qualifiers as freshman. Cleve already has a 5606 effort on the 2009 books. NCAA high jump champion Scott Sellers (PR 7-7¼) won the Robinson pentathlon in December with 4013 points. Another senior, Adam Fretwell, was an NCAA outdoor qualifier in 2007. Only Derzanic has been relatively inactive during the indoor campaign. At this time it is uncertain how many will start at the Big 12 meet in College Station (Feb 27-28).

Lithuania's Mantas Silkauskas, 19, a freshman at Kansas State, was a big winner at Iowa State, managing an NCAA provisional score

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The rest of the past weekend was filled with adversity, notable as much for who did not finish meets than for who did.

Hampton's Brandon Jones, 6-6, Newport Beach, VA (6.82 in 60m!) was sailing along at the MEAC champs in Landover, MD when he no heighted in the high jump. Ditto for Savvas Diakonikola, former Boise Stater from Rhodes, Greece, who was an Olympic Trials long jump qualifier a year ago at 7.85m/25-9¼ .



L-R-Savvas Diakonikola/Bronco TC, Brandon Jones/Hampton and Dan Newell/Liberty all came up short after posting big 1st day leads.

He had things his way in Nampa, ID when he too nh'd in the high jump. In Lynchburg Liberty's Dan Newell, attempting to improve on an early season provisional score, also dnf'd. Thus 3 potential heavy scores evaporated.

The beneficiaries of these affairs turned out to be Daka Taylor-Watson/Morgan State at MEAC (4893), Eric Demers/Boise St in Nampa (4781) and Tom Fitzsimons/Mt St Mary's in Lynchburg (5043).

A trio of Div III pentathlons (Ithaca, NY, Wesleyan, CT and River Falls, WI netted no additional qualifiers although interest in the pentathlon at D-III appears to be high if size of the fields is any indication (21 starters at Coca Cola meet in River Falls).



Mantas Silkauskas, K-State's freshman, has a junior decathlon best of 7097.

The final two weekends in February will be anything but low-key. Thirty one conference championship meets are on the dock and we expect the NCAA's qualifying lists to be rewritten.

More than 400 athletes have competed thus far during the 2009 indoor season. As we go to post 34 have reached D-I provisional status (5300), 16 at D-II (4500) and 9 at D-III (3400 pent).

2009 USATF indoor heptathlon qualifiers
[March 7-8,2009, Chapel Hill, NC]

-From 2008 USA Outdoor List-		
8832	Clay, Bryan USOT	NIKE 6/30
8534	Hardee, Trey USOT	NIKE 6/30
8511	Pappas, Tom USOT	NIKE 6/30
8191	Arnold, Jake vs Germany	unat 8/3
8175	Abdur-Rahim, Mustafa vs Germany	ASC-elitevs 8/3
8143	Helwick, Chris vs Germany	Team Wick-Set 8/3
8122	Eaton, Ashton USOT	Oregon 6/30
8066	Randolph, Chris Fox, Newberg	Club NorthWest 6/13
8025	Addy, Jangy USOT	Tennessee 6/30
7907	Cebulski, Joe TGA, Dallas	Tri Valley 6/08
7877	Olkowski, Ryan Deacon, Winston-Salem	unat 5/15
7861	Detmer, Joe vs Germany	unat 8/3
7803	Morrison, Mike Mt Sac R, Azusa	Florida 4/17
7800	Hoskins, Brandon Tex R, Austin	Liberty 4/3
7787	Moody, Ricky Tex R, Austin	Washington St 4/3
7765	Edmonds, Lysias USOT	Ariz Puma 6/30
7723	Boyles, Chris vs Germany	CBO 8/3
	16	
-Additions from 2008 USA indoor list-		
6008	Donovan Kilmartin Nampa	unat-Texas 2/2
5906	Raven Cepeda Cedar Falls	Northern Iowa 2/2
5795	Adcock, Nick Lincoln	Missouri 3/1
5794	Moore, Stephen Chapel Hill	unat 3/9
5836	Hudstedt, Josh Fayetteville	Stanford 3/15
5586	Harris, Stephen University Park	unat 1/26
5572h	Hynes, Duane Princeton	Princeton 1/26
5613	Clark, Mat Fayetteville	Northern Iowa 3/15
5623	Johnson, Justin Fayetteville	CSU-Northridge 3/15
5532	Jellison, Mark Nampa	unat 2/2
5525	Shotwell, Frank Akron	Michigan 2/2

5511	Dickman, Chris Cedar Falls	3/2	Wichita St
5506	Strang, John Boise	2/29	Utah St
5504	Burke, Patrick Lincoln	3/1	Nebraska
5495	Gearman, Derek Minneapolis	1/26	unat
5467	Reising, Skyler Lincoln	3/1	Nebraska
	16		
-Additions from 2009 USA indoor list-			
5605	Keller, Dan Chapel Hill	1/31	North Carolina
5590	Ayers, Michael Clemson	1/31	Tennessee
5542	Broadbent, Eric Lewisburg	1/31	unat

5511	McGinnis, RJ Minneapolis	1/24	Minnesota
5459	Moss, Miller Clemson	1/31	Clemson
5454	Hilton, Jon Johnson City	3/7	Okla Baptist
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5448	Creekmur, Ceith Kent	12/5	unat
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4013	Sellers, Scott Manhattan	12/12	Kansas St
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- top men performers and women performers all time
- all time top performances men and women
- national and international records
- indoor rankings 2008, all time and national records
- 2008 and all time world junior rankings
- world rankings according personal records in individual events
- 10 best rankings all time per event
- who is who in combined events

The book contains 216 pages with information of combined events.

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