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GEORGIA HAS TOP (BULL)DOGS

Scantling, Uibo, ZZ, Williams Make Noise

Hello Again....In a rarity, perfect weather greeted the 2014 Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta and the nearby Bulldog decathlon in Athens where the early season's top three collegiate scores were turned under blue bird conditions. Georgia junior Garrett Scantling, 21, Jacksonville, grabbed the lead during the javelin and registered an 8169 score becoming the 72nd American over 8000 points (Claus, please note...3 more than Germany). Sophomore teammate Maicel Uibo, 20, Polva, Estonia, closed the gap during the 1500m but fell 46 points shy for second place. Wisconsin junior Zach Ziemek, 21, Itasca, IL held the lead through the hurdles and ultimately managed a 240 point PR of 7860 points. Scantling registered PRs in all second day events but the vault. Uibo's career bests came in the shot and high jump (2.16m/7-1). The speedy Double Z, not to be outdone, also posted four new career bests (shot, high jump, discus and 1500m).

The meet in Athens was one of 16 weekend ten eventers. Noteworthy was the deep Arcadia Prep decathlon, Arcadia, CA where Stanford bound Harrison Williams, 18, Memphis U School, TN, ran up the 3rd highest score, 7525 points, using prep implements. Three broke 7k and nine scored over 6500 points. Arcadia's Tim Duckworth was runner-up with a 7122 score, while John Lint, Gahanna, OH was third at 7067. All three are seniors. Williams will be one of the pre meet favorites at the USA Junior champs in Sacramento in June, the qualifier for July's



Georgia's Garrett Scantling (left) edged teammate Maicel Uibo (right), 8169 to 8123 in Athens.

world junior affair in Eugene, OR. Amazingly Williams did not win the vault (only 4.70m/15-5, 50cm under his PR). That honor went to Duckworth at 4.85m/15-11. Large vertical jump fields induced officials to use 5cm high jump and 15cm vault increments(!?)

In other meets Wichita State's Austin Bahner, a 7847 performer in 2013, won the windy Varsity Apartments meet in Wichita



Harrison Williams/Memphis, TN (left) and Zach Ziemek/Wisconsin (right) put up PR totals in Arcadia and Athens respectively.

with a 7331 total. Recovering from a slight hamstring strain that slowed him indoors, Bahner led eight (!) teammates. The Shockers went 1-2-3-4. At the Emporia (KS) Multis host school's Payson Maydew posted the 4th best D-II score getting a windy 7202 total. Portland State senior Nevin Lewis won the Sac State Mondo Mid Major (7268), Seth Pearson/Angelo State won the David Nobles meet in San Angelo (7046) and Ottawa's Pat Arbour captured the 3 man Jim Click Shootout in Tucson (7182).



Wichita State's Austin Bahner (left) and Emporia State's Payson Maydew (right) won meets in Kansas.