

KEYS WINS 3rd PAC-12 TITLE

Mid-Majors, No Heights Dominate

Hello Again.... The Pac-12 decathlon at Washington State in Pullman was the week's headliner. Hungarian junior Viktor Fajoyomi /USC showed marked improvement in many of the technical events and high jumped 2.14m/7- $\frac{1}{4}$ to hold a 217 point first day lead over Oregon's 2-x champ Dakotah Key's, 22, Sweet Home, OR (4181-3964). Keys made up most of the differential (which had grown to 215 points) in the vault. But it was the jav that did in the USC senior. After a pair of fouls he safed a 37.87m/124-3 toss while Keys was spearing a winning 63.26m/207-6, and just like that, Key's margin was a notable 207 points.

In the final event Fajoyomi fell just shy of 7500, but his 7489 score was a 50 point PR. He'll sweat it out next week to see if it holds up as a D-I qualifier.

Keys left nothing to chance and running with teammate Alec Fellows and nailed a 4:30.06 time and his total of 7801 gave him a 3rd consecutive Pac-12 crown. Six scored over 7000 points.

The middle "conference champs" period is reserved primarily for NCAA D-I mid-majors. There was plenty of action and five leagues provided plenty of good scores and storylines. But no D-I qualifiers. The Sun Belt League meet, in San Marcos, TX, saw Holland's Harald-Peter Bust, 3 weeks shy of 22 and a first year student at UL-Lafayette, run up an eye-opening 3821 first day score. Given his background a qualifier appeared likely. But a weak 1500m relegated him to a 4th place 6930 total and out of the medals. By



Oregon's Dakotah Keys captured a 3rd consecutive Pac-12 crown in Pullman, WA, using a 7801 score.

mid-second day it appeared that Isaac Greider, a junior at UL-Monroe had control. A 17-0 vaulter and 195' javelin thrower, Greider was well on his way to a NCAA qualifier when inexplicably vaulted at his opener (4.54m/14-10 $\frac{3}{4}$) and finished with a deflated 6396 score. Arkansas State senior Ethan Turpen, Hot Springs, AK won with a 7292 total.

The Southland Conference meet in Conway, AR promised a big score from Estonian Karl-Robert Saluri, a 20 year old



20 year old Estonian Karl-Robert Saluri/New Orleans (left) Sun Belt effort was a victim of a vault 'nh.' Viktor Fajoyomi (right), 23 year old USC senior from Hungary, held on for the silver at the Pac-12 meet in Pullman, WA.



Ethan Turpen, (left), Arkansas State senior from Hot Springs, prevailed at the Sun Belt while Harald-Peter Bust/UL-Lafayette (center), a 1st year Dutch student, saw a big 1st day lead evaporate. At the Southland meet Cody Rhodes/SF Austin (right), Celina, TX, hung on for the win.

first year student at New Orleans with a 7583 junior implements PR. Saluri's first day included huge PRs in the 100m (10.54) and 400m and netted a nifty 4022 point total. Yet a vault no height (for Estonian teammate Markus Leemet as well) diminished him to a final of 6787 and 3rd place. SF Austin junior Cody Rhodes won at 6878.

The Big West decathlon in Davis, CA was captured by Garrett Demirjian of Long Beach State (7014) and the all divisions New Englands in Westfield, MA was won by D-II standout Nick Lebron/Southern Connecticut St (7178).

The final mid-major, the Heptagonals (Ivy League) in New Haven, Connecticut was a repeat of 2013 as Brown's Evan Weinstock, 22, Las Vegas, NV once again topped Princeton junior Stephen Soerens, 20, Fayetteville, AR, 7381 to 7291. Soerens held a significant first day margin over Weinstock (156 points) but the Brown senior made up 126 of those in the hurdles alone and it was over by the vault. Cornell junior Mike Rabbitt's 7264 was good for third place.

A pair of open meets netted nice scores. The University of Virginia Challenge, a de facto ACC deca *repêchage*, was won again by Marietta College coach Tim Wunderlich (7357) and the Caremont Classic was captured by Thomas Fitzsimon at 7468.

In all ten meet were conducted during the first full week of May. The annual Samford U Multis were cancelled. The major

conference week/weekend coming up will feature two dozens meets, mostly all D-I majors. Hold onto your hat as more than 200 collegiate decathlete will try to rewrite the 2014 national qualifying lists.

Some recent open results:

5/3/14 Longhorn Invt. Austin, TX

Trey Hardee: 100m 10.38 +3.0
pv 5.20m/17-¾
disc 49.18m/161-4

Miller Moss: 400mH 55.47
pv 4.75m/15-7
disc 44.43m/145-9

5/9/14 Oregon Twilight. Eugene, OR

Ashton Eaton: 110mH 13.47 -0.4
4x400m 3:08.03

Next race, 400mH, Austin, TX, May 23, 2014

5/8-9/14 Claremont Invt Multis, Claremont, CA

Gunnar Nixon: sp 14.40m/47-3
400m 48.63
110mH 14.13 +3.0 pr
disc 35.72m/117-2



Evan Weinstock, Las Vegas, NV, a senior at Brown, (left), and Stephen Soerens, Fayetteville, AR, a Princeton junior (right), repeated their 2013 1-2 Heptagonal finish.

Hexham Meeting Invite: 30/31 August 2014.

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50% if the performance is 7800-8099pts (6000-6099pts in heptathlon)

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