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WARUCH'S 7587 THE HIGHLIGHT

Hardee Spins Discus 51.59m/169-3 !

Hello Again....Fourteen decathlons were conducted during the 2nd weekend of April, 2012, while a number of Tornadoes tore thru the nation's heartland bring wild weather to some of the meets. The major score came from Storrs Connecticut on April 11-12 where Connecticut junior Jake Waruch, 22, Kerhonkson, NY, made a significant return from a red-shirt season and posted a fine PR of 7587, at a home meet in Storrs. "In Jake's first decathlon in two years, he showed how far he has come. His focus over that time has been being healthy and fundamental development in each of his events," stated Associate Head Coach Rich Miller. "Going into the meet, the plan was to be disciplined in the fundamentals he has been working on." His score, with ten solid marks, is the 6th best collegiate effort thus far, and assured him a trip to the NCAA D I affair in Des Moines.

Meanwhile the U of Georgia Bulldog Opn in Athens provided mixed results. Ex-Bulldog Tommy Barrineau, 10th at last year's World University Games in Shenzhen, CHN, notched a nifty early season score to win with 7508 points, 150 down on his '11 SEC PR. Barrineau now represents Finland internationally and Finnish teamamate Sami Itani was 2nd in 7455 while talented 6-3 Georgia frosh Garrett Scantling, 18, Episcopal HS, Jacksonville, FL, managed a PR 7410.

The next 3 places were disappointing. Last year's NCAA 6th place finisher Michael Ayers (7903 PR) was 3rd in Athens with 7365



Georgia frosh Garrett Scantling (left), Central Missouri grad assistant Tim Wunderlich (center) and UConn junior Jake Waruch (right) grabbed most of the weekend's headlines and all three recorded career best scores.

and teammate Cory Holman, an NCAA indoor scorer, was 5th with a 7298 score after a whopping 4087 first day. 2010 USA junior champ Neaman Wise, South Florida, nh'd in the vault while on the way to a high 7200 score.

Central Missouri assistant grad coach Tim Wunderlich, 25, former Ivy League champ at Dartmouth, negative split his score and rode a 67.20m/220-6 javelin best to easily handle the field at Emporia, KS, with a 200+ PR, 7401. In other meets, Darius Draudvila/LTH won the rain drenched KT Woodman's meet in Wichita (7133) and Lake Superior State's Justin Balczak captured the Sea Ray Relays (6917)



crown. The weekend's most significant individual mark was Trey Hardee's discus series at the Texas Invt in Austin.... 35.33m/115-11, 51.59m/169-3, foul. 169-3! 3 feet shy of a PR!

Tommy Barrineau, left, had the weekend's 2nd best score.