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BARRO, FELIX WITH BIG SCORES

Foreign Collegians Win at ACC, Mt SAC

Hello Again....Florida State senior Gonzalo Barroilhet, 25, and Boise State senior Kurt Felix, 23, punched tickets this past weekend to represent their nations in August at the London Olympic Games decathlon. Barroilhet, Chile, was the Atlantic Coast Conference winner in Charlottesville, VA with a PR 8065, the season's #2 collegiate mark. He turned back Duke junior Curtis Beach (7764) and several talented Carolina frosh.

Felix pushed his PR to 7972, a 51 digit improvement, in winning the Mount Sac Relays title at Azusa, CA. The Azusa field saw a spate of good scores, including Eric Broadbent's career best, 7750. Five collegians qualified for the NCAA I affair in Des Moines, yet another half dozen ran into vault no-height or hurdle issues and will rely on national qualifying at their respective collegiate conference meets.

The ACC's killer B's, barro and beach, waged a terrific struggle at Uva but a pair of substandard events for the latter (shot and high jump), paved the way for Barro's relatively easy win. The Chilean Olympian (dnf in Beijing) was solid in all ten which included an =PR 5.30m/17-4½ vault. Some of Beach's marks were more spectacular (PRs in LJ at 7.56m/24-9¾ and 400m- 46.96) but consistency conquers in this sport.

At Azusa Pacific University Felix and Broadbent were only half of the story. A large collegiate contingent arrived looking for big



Florida State's Chilean Olympian Gonzalo Barroilhet, 25, won the ACC crown with a PR 8065 score.

marks. Minnesota's Jack Szmanda (7663), Arkansas frosh Gunnar Nixon (7660), Wisconsin's Jay Cato (7616), teammate Dave Grezsiak (7595) and Montana State's Jeff Mohl (7525) all earned PRs and NCAA invites. Yet half-a-dozen others struggled in one event or another. Arkansas frosh Nathanael Franks ran up a big 1st day score but was dq'd in the hurdles. A trio of last year's NCAA field *all* vault nh'd (USA junior champ Kevin Lazas/Arkansas, UCLA's Marcus Nilsson and New Mexico's Richard York.). Amazingly, all are 16' vaulters. The meaning: the collegiate conference championships (especially the Big Ten, Big 12, SEC and Pac-10) will be the final opportunity to produce national qualifying numbers for D-I decathletes. With so much at stake the meets will not be dull.



Boise State senior Kurt Felix, 23, Grenada, was the Mount Sac Relays winner with a PR 7972 score.

In other weekend meets: Nebraska's Bjorn Barrefors, 6th at the '10 NCAA meet, won the wet Kansas Relays with a 7308 total. His new conference affair will be in Madison, WI as the Huskers have moved to the Big Ten. Montana State's Asa Staven, an NCAA indoor qualifier, edged Azusa's Casey Stevick at the Cal Invitational at Azusa, 7355 to 7227. The latter is the NAIA's top score. Jordan Goffena, Miami (OH), was the All Ohio king (7314) while Thomas FitzSimons won a home track meet in Maryland (7440).

A pair of decathlons required a second glance at the results. The Larry Ellis meet at Princeton reported incorrect scores for everyone. It seems that the wrong set of scoring tables were used, but should not detract from Nick Huber's now correct 7529 total. That should get the Cornell senior back to the NCAA affair. In addition Rice U. held a twilight decathlon but no one finished all ten events!

And we are also on a 'Big 3' Open Watch. We are keeping an eye on Bryan Clay, who tossed the javelin 69.82m/229-1, the shot 14.94m/49-1/4 and leaped 7.17m/23-6 1/4 at his meet at Azusa. Across town (well, Walnut is not *that* close) Ashton Eaton raced a 10.36 (for 3rd, wind +1.2) century, long jumped an outdoor PR 8.05m/26-5 and disc'd 46.14m/151-4. He finished two days with a fine 13.52 hurdles race. Meanwhile Trey Hardee entered a few events at the Longhorn Invt in Austin with excellent results. He had step problems in the long jump, but his season opening vault event netted a 2nd attempt clearance at 4.75m

/15-7, and 1st attempt clearances at 4.90m/16-3/4 and 5.05m/16-6 3/4. He ended the day with a 48.13 400m clocking.

US Olympic Trials Watch

If the US Olympic Trials started tomorrow this would be the 18 man field. Auto standard is 7900. Qualifying period began 1/1/11

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		as defending Olympic champ
8729	Ashton Eaton	Ore e TC
		USA, Eugene, 6/23-24/11
8689	Trey Hardee	Nike
		Hypo-Bank, Götzis 5/28-29/11
8118	Mike Morrison	California
		NCAA I, Des Moines 6/8-9-10/11
8083	Curtis Beach	Duke
		NCAA I, Des Moines 6/8-9-10/11
8067	Isaac Murphy	Texas
		Texas R, Austin 3/28-29/12
8011	Ryan Harlan	unat
		USA, Eugene 6/23-24/11
7996	Miller Moss	Clemson
		NCAA I, Des Moines 6/8-9-10/11
7932	Wesley Bray	unat
		Texas R, Austin 3/28-29/12
7914	Gray Horn	Florida
		NCAA I, Des Moines 6/8-9-10/11
7903	Michael Ayers	Georgia
		NCAA I, Des Moines 6/8-9-10 /11
7846	Joe Detmer	unat
		Thorpe Cup, Chula Vista 8/13-14/11
7840	Chris Randolph	Sketchers
		Sam Adams, S Barbara 4/2-3/12
7802	Kevin Lazas	Arkansas
		NCAA I, Des Moines 6/8-9-10/11
7750	Eric Broadbent	HPC-e
		Mt Sac R, Azusa, 4/18-19/12
7742	Jeremy Taiwo	Washington
		Pac 10, Tucson 5/6-7/11
7736	Chris Helwick	unat
		USA, Eugene 6/23-24/11
7682	Dakotah Keyes	Oregon
		Sam Adams, S Barbara 4/2-3/12