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FELIX's 5771 LEADS WEEKEND

Four Top 6K in Eastern Europe

Hello Again..... The 2nd weekend of February, under freezing conditions nationwide (but nothing like the current situation in Europe) provided few hot performances. One who was hot was Boise State senior Kurt Felix of Grenada whose 5771 NCAA qualifying score was the weekend's best. The 6-3, 205 Felix displayed terrific first day jumping skills (7.66m/25-1¾ and 2.14m/7-¼) and was never seriously threatened at the Boise Team Challenge in Nampa, site of next month's NCAA Div I affair. His final tally made him the 8th NCAA I auto qualifier. Eastern Oregon's Robbie Haynie relied on a 5.25m/17-2½ vault to post the leading NAIA seasonal score to place second overall with 5454.

The spanking new facility in Geneva, OH saw a Div I Challenge meet. Michigan's Kurt Reichenbach topped a small field with a 5319 total.

There were ten meets nationally. Low key meets were won by Logan Markuson /Minnesota (4906) at River Falls; WI, by Robert Webb/Indiana St (5140) at the GVS Big Meet in Allendale, MI, and by Adam Salzmann/unat (5238) at Iowa State.

International.....

There has been lots of international action in the old Soviet Union as athletes attempt to position themselves for an invite to the IAAF World Champs in Istanbul in March (world record holder Ashton Eaton and defending champ Bryan Clay have already been invited).



Kurt Felix, 23, St. Davids, Grenada and a senior at Boise State won an affair on his home facility with an NCAA I qualifier, 5771.

On January 28 Oleksiy Kasyanov/UKR won a heptathlon in Zaporizhzya with a world SL 6237 (6.83 762 1538 205 7.92 480 2:45.44). The day before come-backing Andrei Krauchanka (finally the correct spelling!) /BLR, the '08 Olympic silver medalist from Beijing, won in Gomel with a 6205 score (7.24 775 1491 210 8.09 500 2:41.22).

In Moscow on Feb. 7 a pair of Russians: Artem Lukyanenko- 6071 (6.99 726 1505 206 7.97 480 2:44.94) and Vasiliy Khatlamov 6043 (7.08 730 1575 194 8.25 520 2:44.36) got 6k efforts. Twenty years ago they would all would have been considered Soviets. Important since no more than two from any nation get a IAAF indoor heptathlon invite. Gunnar Nixon's 6022 stands 5th worldwide and first nationally.