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EARLY SEASON GRINDS AWAY

Lovell - Big D-III Score, Drouin's 7-3¼=CR

Hello Again....The early 2010 spring season grinds away. During the fourth week of March most of the news came from small, invitational decathlons. Weather is normally a problem but that has not been a problem so far this season. Of the ten meets (100 athletes) the most noteworthy was in Linfield, Oregon where the defending NCAA D-III decathlon champ, Josh Lovell, Sr, Vancouver, WA, posted a PR 7125 at his home invitational, 533 more than at the same affair a year ago. Twin brother Jeremy was 2nd at 6688. The two scores top the D-III early season list. Lovell's mark came just two weeks after he had placed 2nd at the NCAA D-III indoor pentathlon.

At the D-I level tall Ted Rud caught North Dakota State teammate Weston Leutz in the 1500 meters as both PR'd (7261 to 7190) by running 40 seconds faster (4:27 to 5:07) at the Florida State Relays in Tallahassee.



Linfield senior Josh Lovell (left) netted a fine 7125 effort at his own school's invitational. The mark makes him the favorite to repeat as the D-III champion.



Tall Ten Rud ran away from North Dakota State teammate Weston Leutz in the 1500m at the Florida State Relays. His 40 second differential was enough for a 71 point victory.

The week's eye-opening mark came at the Alabama Relays in Tuscaloosa. Although stocky soph Lee Martin/Mississippi State, Greenville, MS) won with a PR 6865 effort (he was 8th at SEC in 2009), it was Derek Drouin, 20, a Canadian soph at Indiana U, who drew the most attention. His 2.22m/7-3¼ equaled the



Lee Martin/Mississippi (left) and Derek Drouin/Indiana (right) made noise at the Alabama Relays.

collegiate record set in 1998 in Tallinn, EST by Kansas State's Atilla Zsivoczky of Kansas State. The 6-6 Drouin, Corunna, Ontario, had just captured the NCAA indoor high jump title with a PR of 2.28m/7-5¾.

Unlike most of the week's meets, the Cal Invitational started 27 athletes and resulted in the week's top score, a 7414 by post-collegian Mark Jellison.

The season picks up next week with nearly a dozen meets including the Texas Relays which will test the proposed IAAF wind rule.

Next week we'll begin to post USA and collegiate lists in our weekly Results Page.



Indiana's Derek Drouin dabbles at the decathlon. He won the NCAA D-I indoor high jump at 2.28m/7-5 ¾