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OUTDOOR SEASON UNDERWAY

Riley's 7437 Best Early Season Total

Hello Again.....The 2018 Outdoor decathlon season has been lumbering along for a month and is just about to heat up. Only 20 meets have been conducted since early February and Texas-San Antonio senior Adrian Riley tops the seasonal list with a 7437 total at his school's opener, the Roadrunner Invitational. The Jamaican led off with a 10.72 sprint and an eye-opening 7.80m/25-7¼ leap and was never headed. Windy conditions prevailed. His winning 7437 score is likely to be on the cusp of qualifying for the NCAA D-I champs in Eugene in June. 7471 was the final (24th) qualifier a year ago.

The current season opened in Bakersfield, CA on Feb 16 and there have been less than two dozen mostly minor, meets. The top D-II effort was posted by Central Washington senior Kodiak Landis, 7098, at the Sam Adams Classic in Spokane, WA (not to be confused with the up-coming Sam Adams CE at Westmont). In other meets, Tyler Grob (ex-Saginaw Valley State) won the opener in Wichita, KS with a nice 7209 score as the host Shockers rolled out seven (!) decathletes sans NCAA indoor runner-up Hunter Veith.

In other meets Grant Shurtiff was the Jim Klein winner at Westmont College with a rainy 6822 score. Significant rainfall hindered efforts in Santa Barbara. Azusa Pacific junior Chad Ponciano was the UC-Riverside Spring Break winner (6868) and Kennesaw State



Adrian Riley/Texas-San Antonio senior from Jamaica, has the top early season score (7437) aided by this 7.89m/25-7¼ effort, which was aided by a 7.0mps wind.

soph Paris Williams (6943) led a 1-2-3 sweep at the Asics Winthrop Invt in Rock Hill, SC. Earlier in the spring campaign Angelo State transfer Dragan Pesic (Montenegro) won at Kingsville, Texas (7033) and Chico's Lane Andrews was a home opener winner with 6611.

Generally, fields have been large, with as many as 23 starters but weather conditions have not been cooperative.

Next week will feature ten additional meets including the Texas Relays in Austin which has a loaded field of collegians looking for a nationals qualifier. The meet is scheduled for Wed-Thurs, March 28-29.