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VEITH a SHOCKER at TEXAS RELAYS 8046 Score is National Leader

Hello Again.....Wichita State senior Hunter Veith (23, Cheney, KS) carried his indoor fitness and success into the outdoor season with an eye-opening 8046 PR score at the annual Texas Relays in Austin. Thunderstorms delayed the day one (3/28) start for 3 hours. But as Mike Myers stadium dried out on Wednesday and blue-bird weather prevailed on Thursday the 17 starters produced outstanding performances.

Through seven events the battle shaped up between Veith and Scott Filip of Rice, a pair of seniors who will meet again at the NCAAs in June. Veith threw in a trio of 1st day event PRs--7.78m/ 25-6¼ long jump, 2.10m/6-10¾ high jump and a 48.66 one lapper. Filip was the model of consistency with five solid performances but trailed by 112 at the break (4398-4286).

Just as impressive on day one was Texas senior Wolf Mahler whose one foot long jump career best (7.37m/) and winning 47.98 400m gave him a 4159 score. He did not start on day two.

Filip's sub-par vault (4.40m/14-5¼) gave away 5 bars to Veith and that was that. Vet Solomon Simmons, inactive last year, slipped in between the pair to record a PR 7946, seventy points up on Filip. Yet what a terrific set of scores to start the year....8046, 7946 and 7876. Whew!



23 year old Hunter Veith, Wichita State senior , won the Texas Relays title with a PR 8046 score.

Veith becomes the 77th American to exceed 8000 points on the current tables. Simmons (who had 2 PRs here, LJ and disc) and Filip are likely to add themselves to that list before season's end.

In Austin, under clear second day skies, the good scores kept coming. German Florian Obst/TAMU-Commerce was 4th



Solomon Simmons (l) and Scott Filip (r) with 7946 and 7876, were 2nd & 3rd in Austin.



Liberty's 6-5 soph Markus Ballengee PR'd in all three flat events and ended with an eye-opening 7537 total.

with with a 7671 PR and Louisville grad student Joe Delgado showed new-found speed (career bests in 100m sp, 400 and hurdles), ending with a 7655 total. Liberty's rangy soph Markus Ballengee added 700 points to his best, 7537. The top 4 D-I collegians certainly earned national invites. Texas A&M senior Nathan Hite, 7th at 7491, will spend the season on the qualifying bubble. In all ten surpassed 7000 points.

In other weekend meetings Portland State junior Donte Robinson won the Boxer meet in Forest Grove, Oregon at 6838 and Spanish native Pablo Romero, a soph at High Point, won the Bill Webb meet at home with a 6599 effort.

Nineteen additional meets are on tap for next week including the key Sam Adams meet in Santa Barbara.

Notable has been the early gauntlet thrown don by the Wichita State Shockers. Note: six scores over 6000 by Wichita State undergrads and a 4- man total of 28,242 already in the books. All before April.



Joe Delgado, a grad student at Louisville after a career at Oregon, managed 4 PRs (100, shot, 400, 110H) in Austin and finished with a 7655 total.

Happy Easter