

## FILIP SWEEPS CONFERENCE USA Busy D-I Weekend Underway

**Hello Again.....**This will be the first of two weekend *Newsletters* covering the frenetic weekend of collegiate conference decathlons. There were 13 meets ending Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, mostly NCAA D-I conference affairs, with another dozen concluding over the weekend.

### Conference USA:

On Friday the top score was fashioned by Rice senior Scott Filip who won the Conference USA meet in Houston. His 7702 score was 126 up on UTSA Jamacian senior Adrian Riley who improved on an early season effort and got an NCAA qualifier. Rice junior Charlie Card-Childers ('Triple C') was third with a 7369 PR. For Filip (23. Bloomingdale, IL) the victory marked his 3<sup>rd</sup> conference outdoor crown to go along with 4 indoor titles.

### Atlantic Coast Conference:

After leader and favorite Joe Delgado, a Louisville grad student, nh'd in the vault there was a scramble for scoring places at the Atlantic Coast ConferenceC meet in Miami. Teammate Eric Fox, a senior who won the vault at 5.00m/16-4  $\frac{3}{4}$  and needed a 5 second margin in the 1500m just got it and won the meet (literally) by a step, 7273 to 7371 over Andreas Christodoulous (8 syllables!), a Miami soph from Cyprus. Delgado won the final battle, 4:20.71 and was 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6862.

### Other D-I meets:

The top scoring meets included the Big Sky champs in Moscow, ID where



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Portland State junior Donte Robinson prevailed with a 7307 effort, 146 points better than that of first day leader Mason Storm, a Montana State senior. Air Force senior Calvin Berstler was the Mountain West winner in Fresno with a PR 7203 total.

In other meets: Kent soph TJ Lawson cruised to the Mid-American title in Buffalo with 7032. Grand Canyon senior Grant Carpenter scored 6486 to win the Western Athletic Conf champs in Lawrence, Kansas. High Point's Gabriel Stainback won the Big South meet at home in 6792. Eastern Kentucky senior Yoshua Reed raised eyebrows with a 4046 first day score at the Ohio Valley meet in Cookeville, TN, but finished as a 6778 winner. North Dakota State placed 4 in the top 6 at the Summit

League champs in Tulsa. Senior Matt Neururer's 7152 effort was 45 points better than junior teammate Ryan Enerson.

The Southern Conference champs were won by Wofford junior Conrad Heinrich at 6401.

Notable first day scores were fashioned on Friday, especially at the Southeastern, Big 10 and Big 12 meets and we'll report on them at their conclusion later in the weekend.