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INTERNATIONAL LINEUPS

Filip Wins Pan-Am Cup

Hello Again.....The USA celebrated July 4th with a victory by Rice senior Scott Filip at the Pan-Am Cup in Ottawa. Filip (23, Bloomington, IL) cruised to a 7643 win over teammate and Oregon grad Mitch Modin (23, Bend, OR) who was 148 points back. Guest competitor Jack Flood, ex-Cortland State star, was 3rd with a PR 7376 effort. Texas junior Steele Wasik dnf'd.

An IAAF CE Challenge meeting, the annual Ottawa meeting also provides a late season opportunity for US collegians and post collegians and five additional Americans contested as did 8 Canadians. BUT, the meet was notable for its absence of anyone else. A single entry from South America and zero from the Caribbean nations in spite of nearly a dozen decathletes from island nations already schooling and training in the US. !?! In the past a dozen NACAC nations have been represented. This year not a single entry. There must be a story here. Yet nothing should detract from Filip's 2nd win in as many tries in Ottawa. No PRs but nine solid marks before coasting in the final event.

Notes on International competition:

2018 is a slowish year. No CEs are to be contested at the NACAC Senior Champs (August 10-12) in Toronto nor did the Europeans conduct their annual Euro Cup at 3 levels. Next up is the IAAF World u20 (junior) championships in Tampere, FIN.



Rice U senior Scott Filip won the APA Pan-Am Cup in Ottawa for the 2nd time in three years. His 7643 effort was 148 better than that of teammate Mitch Modin.

Three American citizens will compete but only one, Kyle Garland of Germantown, PA, for the USA. Garland won the USA junior title at 7562, the 6th best score of the entries in the 15 man field. The 4th best score (7717) belongs to Finley Gaio, a USA citizen who is schooled in Switzerland and who will compete for the Swiss. US high school leader Ayden Owens (North Allegheny HS, Pittsburg, PA) will compete for Puerto Rico after discovering his high school graduation was the same day as his Tampere qualifying meet. Instead the USC signee won the Vertical Adventures meet in Medford, NJ (7354 international, 7424 high school) to qualify....mother is from Puerto Rico.

The 25th Thorpe Cup was switched from Fayetteville to Knoxville, TN as meet

director Travis Geopfert moved to the University of Tennessee.

Team USA is listed below. The German Team initially announced that last year's winner, Ituah Enahoro, was part of their 2018 lineup. Later they removed him. The athlete is still listed by IAAF as a Nigerian competitor (*Athlete's IAAF Code: 284379*). My objections to him competing last year are well known. No amount of dancing with the facts can repudiate that he had recently competed internationally for Nigeria and was ineligible for the international USA vs GER match. Stay tuned.

Lineups for International Meets:

IAAF World Junior Champs July 10-11 (Tue-Wed)



Kyle Garland	USA	Germantown AC
Ayden Owens	PUR	N Allegheny HS, PA
Finley Gaio	SUI	Switzerland

Meets Results available at: <https://www.iaaf.org/competitions/iaaf-world-u20-championships/iaaf-world-u20-championships-tampere-2018-6082/timetable/byday>

July 27-28 Thorpe Cup, Knoxville, TN USA vs Germany



Markus Ballengee	Liberty U'20
Steven Bastien	unat [Michigan]
Charlie Card-Childers	Rice'19
Tim Ehrhardt	Michigan St
Derek Jacobus	Arkansas'18
Tim Wunderlich	Shore AC
Solomon Simmons	unat [E Michigan]