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ERM OVER MOORE at SEC Conference Champs Report # 3

Hello Again: This is the 3rd and final report covering the busiest weekend of the 2018 season. 434 athletes towed the starting line in 38 collegiate conference meets and produced 85 5000+ point scores.

The top score was provided by Wisconsin junior Trent Nytes who won the Big Ten crown with a PR 5810. Most of the collegiate qualifying is complete. At the NCAA D-I level the 16th and final national qualifying score turned out to be 5634 (Nebraska's Jared Seay).

This newsletter covers the eleven meets held on Saturday-Sunday, Feb 24-25, 2018.

At D-I, there was plenty of action. After boosting his overall 1st day Horizon League lead with a 2.06m/6-9 local Tim Holzzapfel, a Youngstown State soph, was dq'd in the hurdles then dnf'd the 1k. He surrendered the title to Oakland soph Zachary Stadnika at 5059 points.

At the Heptagonal Ivy League Champs, host Dartmouth went 1-3-4 with a trio of juniors. Ben Ose [Eden Prairie, MN] used a PR 4.98m/16-4 vault and won by an even hundred with 5430 over Penn's Evan Lee. Big Green juniors Ben Collelo (5202) and Matt Sindelar (4927) were 3rd and 4th. The Missouri Valley Conference met at Northern Iowa and Illinois State junior James Brandenburg came away with a 5207 win.

At the Southeastern Conference meet in College Station, Texas, Georgia senior Karl-Robert Saluri had things well in hand



Gabe Moore, Arkansas junior from Freeport, FL, was a 5650 pt runner-up at the SEC meet in College Station, TX.

after 5 events and a 79 point lead with his best two events coming up. But he did not start the vault and after the penultimate events only 41 points separated the top 3: Georgia-Estonian Johannes Erm, Arkansas soph Gabe Moore (down 31 points) and Auburn senior Chris Stone (bask 10 more) whose 1k PRs respectively were: 2:42.10, 2:44.58 and 2:58.69. Clearly this shaped up as a tussle between Moore and Erm.



Estonian Johannes Erm (left) and German Florian Obst (right) won weekend meets with the top D-I/ D-II scores.

The 6-6 Erm, just a month shy of his 20th birthday, won this battle by 3 seconds and his 5716 total proved a winner.

In D-II action Andrew Mudd, a senior at Saginaw Valley State led a 1-2-3 sweep at the GLIAC meet in Allendale, MI with the nation's #4 D-II score, 5398. Junior teammate Sam Black was runner-up at 5171. At the GLAC meet in Indy, Lewis senior Bryce Holesinger just did hold off Missouri Tech soph Ezekeil Buck, 5053-5046.



Andrew Mudd (left) a Saginaw Valley senior, fashioned a top D-II total, 5398, in winning the Great Lakes Valley champs.

Seasonal leader Florian Obst/Texas A&M-Commerce (Emmering, Germany) easily took the Lone Star Conference affair in Lubbock, Texas with a 5468 total. Angelo State soph Harry Maslen was 2nd at 5208.



Dartmouth junior Ben Ose's 4.98m/16-4 vault propelled him to the Ivy League crown (5440 points) in Hanover, NH.