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VICTOR RAISES CR to 8472

Filip, Mahler Also Produce Top Texas Relays Totals

Hello Again....After a collegiate record 4516 1st day a new collegiate decathlon record for A&M senior Lindon Victor (22, St Georges, Grenada) appeared a lock. No such luck. The 6-3, 205 lb NCAA champ cut it oh so close, managing to eclipse Trey Hardee's collegiate mark of 8465 (also set at Texas Relays in 2006) by a mere seven points on March 30th, the second day of the annual Texas Relays. The weather cooperated but Victor's conservative hurdle race and a subpar vault (just 4.30m/ 14-1¼) left any record breaking in jeporady. Then there was his best event, the discus, where he recorded a pair of fouls before coming up with a clutch 53.00m/173-11 toss. Record chances seemed off, then on, then off again all day.

Even so, after two rounds of the javelin, a new college record did not seem likely. But a massive (66.69m/218-9) final round toss (adding another three meters and 49 points) put the Hardee's mark back in play. Needing a 4:50.02 clocking (PR 4:43) Victor managed 4:48.89 and the record score of 8472 points went into the books. World leading, this is a heckuva total.

I think if everything had gone to plan today, I wouldn't have run the 1,500 like this," noted Victor. "I'm in better shape than I was last year, but I haven't run a 1,500 since the Olympics. Going into the 10th event I was a little bit tired. I wasn't taking in any food or any fluids this morning, so that's something I'll have to work on for the next one.



Lindon Victor/Texas A&M (left) and Scott Filip/Rice (right) posted PR scores at the Texas Relays.

"If I'm to be honest, I didn't like the score because I think I was on pace to do something really good. But, you know, that's the multi. I'm just learning from my first one of this season and trying to get better."

Victor was not the whole show in Austin which provided bluebird weather for the 20 starters. Hardee himself was on hand while working his way thru selected 1st day events. Four other collegians posted PR scores which will likely be D-I qualifiers.



Texas coach Mario Sategna (left) and Trey Hardee (right) were on hand for Victor's new collegiate record.

A subplot focused on the runner-up spot, a battle between a pair of juniors, Longhorn Wolf Mahler and Rice's Scott Filip. The former, with significant middle distance skills, needed a 21½ second margin for the silver medal, ran a fine 4:21.73, getting 18 seconds back. But Filip, last season's Thorpe and Capitol Cup winner, hung on recording a marginal PR of 4:40.01 and the scoreboard read: Filip 7915 and Mahler 7897. Whew.

Two others, Kent State freshman TJ Lawson (7497) and BYU's Kevin Nielsen (7439) also grabbed marks likely to place them in Eugene in early June. A pair of other



Victor's winning 2.09m/6-10¼ high jump was an integral part of a CR 4516 first day total.

Texas Longhorns were not so fortunate. Transfer Steele Wasik and freshman George Patrick both vault nh'd after first day PR totals. The meet, with 20 starters, netted a dozen 7k score.

Most of the other action during the week was in small, local mets. At the Bobcat Invitational in San Marcos the home team's soph Dane, Oliver Kjedsen, won with a 6566 total.



All Time Collegiate List

8472	Lindon Victor	Texas A&M-GRN	Texas R	3/30/17
8465	Trey Hardee	Texas	Texas R	4/6/06
8463	Tom Pappas	Tennessee	Click	3/18/99
8457	Ashton Eaton	Oregon	NCAA	6/11/10
8446	Victor		SEC	5/13/16
8379	Victor		NCAA	6/9/16
8356	Maicel Uibo	Georgia-EST	NCAA	6/11/15
8326	Uibo		SEC	5/15/15
8322	Mike Ramos	Washington	Pac-10	5/20/86
8315	Uibo		SEC	5/13/16
	[10 performances]			
8310w	Eaton		Texas R	4/1/10
8304w	Tito Steiner	BYU-ARG	NCAA	6/3/81
8300	Zach Ziemek	Wisconsin	NCAA	6/9/16
8293	Johannes Hock	Texas-GER	Big 12	5/5/13
8276	Brian Brophy	Tennessee	NCAA	6/6/92
	[10 performers]			
8247	Pau Tonnesen	Arizona-ESP	NCAA	6/11/15
Outside Collegiate Season				
8413	Zach Ziemek	Wisconsin	USOT	7/3/16
8392	Ziemek		Olympics8	18/16
8379	Attila Zsivotzky	Kansas St-HUN	EuroCup	7/30/99
8306	William Motti	Mt St Mary's-FRA	NC	7/7/85



Texas frosh George Patrick suffered a vault 'nh' but nevertheless signaled future big totals.