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VICTOR UPS CR TO 8539

Plethora of Good Scores

Hello Again....The final week/weekend of “Collegiate Conference Meets” produced so many good decathlon scores that we’ll offer two *Newsletters*. The first will cover those meets completed by Friday evening, May 12, 2017. A second newsletter will follow providing coverage of the Fri-Sat (12-13) affairs. The major effort in the first period came from the Southeastern Conference meet where Lindon Victor, the Grenadian Olympian from Texas A&M, notched up his own collegiate record with an eye-opening 8539 score. His effort was highlighted by a 55.00m/180-5 discus, equal to the second best toss all-time. As the seasonal leader, record holder and defending champ, he’ll head to Eugene as a heavy NCAA I favorite.

A pair of Estonians, Karl-Robert Saluri/Georgia and Markus Leemet/South Carolina were 2nd and 3rd respectively. Both earned NCAA starts since neither had a qualifier entering the meet. Arkansas soph Derek Jacobus upped his seasonal best to a PR 7635 to assure himself a spot at the NCAAs. As a matter of fact, much of the week was spent keeping an eye on the 24th (and final) qualifier, which, as the week began, was sub 7400. But the number of solid performances across the nation was so good that it may take something in the 7500 neighborhood to qualify. Not only did coaches and athletes pay attention to their own scores, but they kept an eye on the progress of everyone else.



Lindon Victor used a 55.00m/180-5 discus effort (only Bryan Clay has thrown farther) on his way to the SEC title and new 8539 CR score.

The top efforts opened on Wed-Thurs as Colorado State senior Josh Cogdill posted a 7508 winner at the Mountain West champs in Logan, Utah. On Thursday-Friday Kent’s redshirt freshman TJ Lawson pushed his



Kent State frosh TJ Lawson nabbed the MAC crown with a PR 7640 score.



Colrrado State senior Josh Cogdill was hoping his 7508 Mountain West score would survive NCAA qualifying.

seasonal best mark up to 7640 to win the Mid-American meet in Kalamazoo. Buffalo senior Mike Morgan, the '15 national indoor bronze medalist, still on the comeback trail from an achilles injury, was runner-up with 7166.

Friday's final meet was an evening affair, the Conference USA champs in El Paso, TX. Rice junior Scott Filip, who already boosted a previous 7915 effort, led from the opening gun and held a 222 point lead after 7 events as we went to press/post.

In our last *Newsletter* we made a point of the importance of decathlon efforts in team scoring. How about the North Dakota State Bisons going 1-2-3-4-5 at the Summit League affair. And the Razorbacks of Arkansas finished 4-5-6-7 at the SEC meet, *averaging* 7410 in a Webb Cup statement.



Buffalo's Mike Morgan (left) was unable to return to 2015 form. His 7166 score was good for 2nd at MAC. Rice junior Scott Filip (right) held sway at Conference USA as we went to press.