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OLYMPIC SEASON UNDERWAY

Golubovic's Remarkable D-III Effort

Hello Again.... This will be our initial outdoor report now that the indoor campaign has concluded. It has been a notable slow start for an Olympic year. The season started a month ago with the 31st Chico State Multis (2/25-26), a fine score for host redshirt Phil Bailey (7362) and the top D-II from Chico's Aaron Martin (7311).

Two weeks later Wichita State grad Austin Bahner, coming off a busy indoor stump, posted the early season's top mark, 7466, in Houston (Rice U.), three days before Cal Poly senior Devin Bennett won a small meet at Westmont with, thus far, the top D-I mark, 7087 points. On the same two days Cal freshman Tyler Brendel, with a 7022 score, won the Hornet meet in Sacramento.

Over the Easter (and final) week of March the news from the Aztec meet in San Diego was eye-opening. There UC-San Diego star Dan Golubovic (22, Mira Costa HS, Manhattan Beach, CA) used one of the largest ever negative splits (517 points -3311 1st day-3828 2nd day!!) to post a winning 7139 total and the top D-III effort. It was a 241 point PR and, noticeably the top D-III score thus far is 52 points higher than the top D-I effort..... thus far. More remarkable, his Aztec high jump of 1.81m/5-11¼ was well below is 1.99m/6-6¼ career best.

The Easter week minimized the number of nationwide decathlons as most schools took a 3-5 day break. Next week the season reenergizes in earnest with eight additional meets including two majors, the



UC-San Diego junior Dan Golubovic, 22, Manhattan Beach, won the Aztec Invt with a substantial PR score, 7139, and manifest negative split of 517 points.

large Texas Relays in Austin (which has Trey Hardee in the field!) and the mammoth Sam Adams CE affair in Santa Barbara.

Thus far we've had 15 meets, 148 athletes teeing it up, and nine 7000+ efforts. And, just a reminder.....

2016 Outdoor Qualifying Standards

		<i>Qualifying window</i>
Olympic Games	8100	1/1/15 – 7/3/16
USOT/USA	7900 (18)	1/1/15 – 6/26/16
USA Jr	6500,6700 int jr,6750hs (16)	1/1/16- 6/12/16
NCAA I	Top 24 [7305]	3/1/16 - 5/18/16
NCAA II	Top 16 [6885]	2/20/16 - 5/11/16
NCAA III	Top 20 [6159]	3/1/16 - 5/16/16
NAIA	Top 16 [6004]	3/6/16 - 5/15/16

[]-Scores in brackets are last qualifier score for 2015
()- figures in parenthesis are desired size fields.