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## WILLIAMS -- 7842 at TEXAS US Father-Son Record Eclipsed

**Hello Again....** This is what happens when I get over anxious in posting the *Newsletter* before all the weekend results are in. Last weekend, in an attempt to publish the weekly results and enjoy the Easter weekend, I overlooked several outstanding decathlons. Apologies go to the University of Arkansas which conducted a high-level Spring Invt. that saw the 3 highest D-I scores to that date in time. Razorback soph Brad Culp's 7438 PR score carried the day with additional PRs by teammates Lane Austrell (7298) and Derek Jacobus (7281). Culp's career best vault 5.10m/16-8¾ gave him the biggest boost. Central Missouri senior Blake Seitz got a D-II provisional at 6867. In all there were eight meets that flew below the Easter radar.

The Culp name may sound vaguely familiar. Father Greg competed for Abilene Christian a generation back recording a PR 7812 (7837 on previous IAAF tables) at the 1984 NCAA D-II meet.

Even more reprehensible was the fact that I missed a new American father-son record, heretofore held by the Gough's at 15,150 pts [Steve 7948 '75; Kyle 7202 '98]. The new mark now stands at 15,250 [Greg 7812 '84; Brad 7438 '16]. This is a record in flux as the Bastien's [Gary 7847 '83; Steven 6823 '13-but 8th at NCAA I '16] and the Oliver's [Muhammd 8087 '92; Muhammad 'Jr 7009 hs'15] are chomping at the bit in the wings.

Stay tuned and keep your pencils sharp. Steven is a junior at Michigan (needing 7404) and Muhammad Jr a freshman at Colorado (needing 7164) to topple the new



Stanford soph Harrison Williams nailed an NCAA I qualifier while pushing his PR with a 7842 victory at the Texas Relays in Austin.

Culp record which itself is also likely to be frequently upgraded.

As for the current week, the major noise echoed from Austin, Texas. Stanford soph Harrison Williams led from the opening gun. His PR 7842 score featured four pretty solid running marks: (10.72+3.3; 47.26; 14.35+1.2; 4:34.12). As a freshman Williams split his season using international implements (PR 7806 for 4th at '15 NCAAs) and junior tools (8037 AJrR). He was both USA and Pan-Am Junior titlist. His Texas score is likely to earn an entry to the US Olympic Trails where the field will be filled to 18. The auto standard is 7900.

Roman Garibay of Monterrey Tech south of the border was 2nd at 7446. Eyes focused on the shot where OG silver medalist Trey Hardee, in his first competition since an indoor ankle injury, tossed 14.98m/49-2.



Day one at Sam Adams was dominated by UCSB soph Tyler Nelson (left). But ultimate winner on day two was Thomas FitzSimons/SBTC (right).

At the annual Sam Adams affair at Westmont, 6-6 Texas Tech transfer Tyler Nelson, now a soph at UCSB, was a first day surprise. The San Diego (Del Norte HS) native led and international field at the break with 3905. But day #2 was a complete turnaround. Thomas FitzSimons/SBTC trailed Canadian Patrick Arbour by 52 before the 1.5k but he made up 244 points (4:23 to 5:02) and won comfortably, 7576 to 7384.

A lot of eyes were on Ashton Eaton (1st in shot put at 15.06m/49-5, 42.60m/139-9) and Damian Warner (7.52m/24-8¼, 14.39 m/47-2½, 46.34 400m, and nh-pv/4.50m/14-9), both training in Santa Barbara.

In other weekend meets Aaron Martin/Chico St won at San Joaquin CC (7165) and Bryce Holesinger, a Lewis U soph, captured the Neil Moore meet in Charleston, IL (6888). In all eight meets were conducted. Snow cancelled to Wartburg Select Meet in Waverly, IA.

**Correction:** Last week we reported that UC-San Diego (decathlete Dan Golubovic) competes at the NCAA D-III level. It's actually D-II.

### New Father-Son Record



Brad Culp (left), an Arkansas soph pushed the Culp's (father Greg) to a new US father-son record replacing the Goughs, -father Steve (right) and Kyle who were both students at Seattle Pacific U.