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SALURI, ZZ, TONNESEN - BIG SCORES
US Father-Son Record Eclipsed, Again!

HELLO AGAIN.....bad weather (read: snow) in the East and mid-west nullified some good efforts yet nothing stopped Karl-Robert Saluri (8108) and Zach Ziemek (8047) in Athens, GA (Wed-Thurs, 4/6-7) nor Pau Tonnesen(7993) in Tucson (Thurs-Fri, 4/7-8) from regestering big collegiate scores during the first full week of April, 2016. Saluri, 22, Tallinn, EST, and ‘Double Z’, 23, Elsay, IL waged a terrific struggle at the annual Bulldog meet with the former’s 1500m skills decisive. Saluri, a Georgia soph who started at the U. of New Orleans in 2013, came to the US with a 7583 PR score and a 5th at the 2012 IAAF world juniors. Ziemek recently won the NCAA indoor heptathlon title. They led a parade of likely NCAA I qualifiers which certainly included Devon Williams/GA at 7923 and Ghana’s Atsu Nyamadi/Middle Tennessee St at 7800. 10th was Steve Bastien’s/Michigan 7417. Defending NCAA kingpin Maicel Uiibo struggled with 3 no marks.

As for Tonnesen, 23, Tempe, the Arizona senior who was runner-up indoors to ZZ, posted a fine 7993 score to win at home at the Jim Click Multis.

In other meets of note ex Neb-Kearney star Dillon Schrodtt won the NIAA/NSIC challenge in Matryville with a 7158 effort. And the prep season is upon us. Hayden Ashley, as senior at Bishop Kelley HS in Oklahoma, won at the annual Arcadia Prep affair in California with a 6509 score.

As I followed the Masters from Augusta, GA on TV (yes, a bit blustery but



Karl-Robert Saluri, an Estonian soph at Georgia (left) and Wisconsin’s Zach Ziemek (middle) went 1-2 in Athens with 8107 and 8047 efforts. Arizona’s Pau Tonnesen/ESP (right) won in Tucson with 7993.

certainly nice enough to play golf) I could only wish that other decathlon sites had weather as agreeable. In all 20 meets & 19 7000+ efforts went into the scorebook.

One additional mark was notable in Athens, the aforementioned 7417 by Michigan junior Steve Bastien. When coupled with his father Gary’s 7847 1983 score gave the Michigan family the US father-son record which was broken recently by the Culps on March 26 in Fayetteville. The Gough family kept a lock on the record for 18 years. The Culps held the record for a scant 12 days. And don’t put your pencils away just yet. This week’s California Invt in Azusa will be Isiah Oliver’s first collegiate dec start. His father Muhammad of Oregon posted an 8087 score in 1992. We think this will be a continuing storyline. For the present-here’s the list:

BASTIEN		CULP		GOUGH	
Gary’83	7847	Greg’84	7812	Steve’75	7848
Steven’16	7417	Brad’16	7438	Kyle’98	7202
15,264		15,250		15,150	

