

CONFERENCE WEEKEND #2

Season' Busiest Weekend Ends...Whew!

Hello Again..... This is the second *Deca Newsletter* which completes "Collegiate Conference" weekend. Ten more indoor CE meets went into the books by Sunday evening, Feb, 24, 2019 and the qualifying marks for the NCAA I and II nationals in virtually complete. A final D-I conference meet, the Southland, was held Sun-Mon at Birmingham's CrossPlex.

On Sunday no NCAA qualifying scores came out of their dozen meets. The top effort, a 5265 total from freshman Princeton football player Andrei Iosivas (18, Honolulu) won the Ivy crown after favorites Ben Ose/Dartmouth (defending champ but injured) and Evan Lee/Penn ('18 runner-up but disqualified in hurdles) opened the door.

An improved James Brandenburg, a senior at Illinois State, seemed on his way to a qualifying score when he high jump nh'd at the Missouri Valley meet in Cedar Falls, IA. Teammate Jordan Wilkerson won the 'Valley' crown at 5073. UMass soph Jonathan Collins won the A-10 title at 5137 in Fairfax, VA.

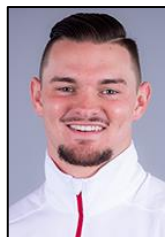
Zach Stadnika/Oakland (4825) and Conrad Heinrich/Wofford (4810) captured the Horizon and Southern Conference crowns.

There was plenty of action, but no new qualifiers at D-II meets. Indy senior Trace Oswalt won the Great Lakes Valley league (4563), not to be confused with the the Great Lakes Intercollegiate league where Ashland soph Travis Moore (4952) came out on top. Ryan Thomsen/Hillsdale soph, was the GMAC winner while Queens (NC) went

1-2-3-5-6 to dominate the South Atlantic (SAC) meet in Winston-Salem, NC. One of 4 Germans, Ricko Meckes won at 4875.

The Pennsylvania Intercollegiates conducted only a pentathlon on Sunday.

At a final D-I meet, the international Southland Conference Champs, Houston Baptist junior Denim Rogers (San Antonio, the lone native in top 7 finishers) cranked out a big PR (5528) and fell agonizingly shy of a qualifier. And a scant 5 points back was Japan's Rodney Littlejohn/Incarnate Word, whose eye-opening 2:35.20 1k also just missed.



Arkansas senior Gabe Moore (left) has the nation's 4th best heptathlon score. California junior Tyler Brendel (right) sits on the qualifying bubble at #16.



NCAA I Qualifying [Top 16. Final '18 qualifier = 5649]			
5996	Johannes Erm	Georgia- EST'21	2/23
5961	Harrison Williams	Stanford'10	2/2
5949	Gary Haasbroek	UTSA- AUS'22	1/26
5908	Gabe Moore	Arkansas'19	2/23
5819	Aaron Booth	Kansas St- NZL'20	1/26
5783	Nick Guerrant	Michigan St'20	2/23
5757	Jared Seay	Nebraska'20	2/23
5746	Axel Hubert	Texas Tech- FRA'22	2/9
5705	Ben Johnson	Wichita St'19	2/23
5680	Nathan Hite	Texas A&M'19	2/23
5660	Trent Nytes	Wisconsin'20	2/23
5660	Kristo Simulask	Oklahoma- EST'22	2/23
5656	Derek Jacobus	Arkansas'19	1/26
5642	Ayden Owens	USC- PUR'22	1/25
5565	Cale Wagner	Nebraska'20	2/2
5553	Tyler Brendel	California	2/23
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5530	Zach Lorbeck	Wisconsin'20	2/23