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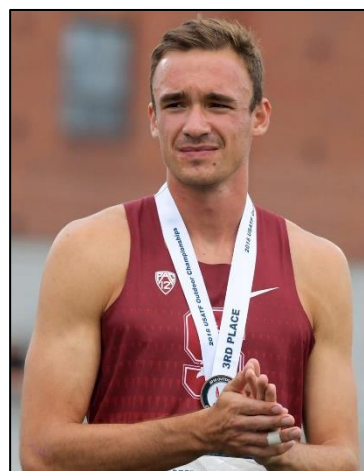
## WILLIAMS HOT on COLD WEEKEND

### Guerrant, Seay, Nytes with Big Numbers

**Hello Again.....** The heptathlon scores inside were as hot as the midwest temperatures were outside over the past weekend. Sub-zero temperatures blanketed much of America's heartland during the Jan 31-Feb 3 time frame but US heptathletes warmed up the scorebook with several eye-opening performances.

In Lincoln, Nebraska, where the thermometer dipped 3 degrees F° (!) on Wednesday, the Frank Sevigne Husker Invt comebacking Harison Williams (22, Memphis) posted a nation leadign score, 5961 points.

What is arresting is that halfway thru the vault Williams trailed Jared Seay, (21) a Nebraska senior from Akewny, IA. Seay topped out with a PR 4.62m/15-1½ but the Stanford senior went 6 (!) bars higher (5.22m/17-1½- a difference of 183 points) and led by 91 after six events. His cozy 2:43.19 (4 seconds slower that his PR 2:39.45) made the finish anti-climatic. Williams fell 9 points shy of his PR score and school rercord, set at the '17 NCAA I affair in College Station. Only his 60m clocking was a lifetime best. 3197-2764 splits. Nebraska teammate, junior Cale Wagner was third at 5565. Six surpassed 5000 pts.



Stanford senior Harrison Williams just missed a PR and school record while winning the Husker heptathlon in Lincoln, NE.

Meanwhile Michigan's Power Five affair in Ann Arbor (also Feb 1-2) brought together 4 major players. Wisconsin junior Zach Lorbeck (21, Green Bay, WI) led after day one with 3279 points, a PR pace. But a stumble in the hurdles negated that and he withdrew after the vault. Big Ten outdoor champ Steven Bastien, Michigan '18 (24, Saline, MI) was also a casualty. He withdrew after the hurdles. His 1<sup>st</sup> five events pointed to a likely PR score.



Jared Seay/Nebraska (l), Nick Guerrant/Michigan St (m) and Trent Nytes/Wisconsin (r) all nailed top scores on a brutally cold weekend.

5961 Williams	6.95	714	1355	194	8.14	522	2:43.19
5687 Seay	7.02	735	1302	200	8.12	462	2:56.91

That left Michigan junior Nick Guerrant (22, Portage, MI) and Wisconsin senior Trent Nytes (23, Kaukauna, WI). The former's 3 height differential in the vault and one second in the 1000m (for 100 points) gave him the win, 5731 to 5605. For Guerrant, he was just 27 points shy of a PR. Outdoor temps had dipped to minus 1 F° before the meet.

5731	Guerrant	6.92	697	1383	196	8.26	465	2:46.10
5605	Nytes	7.15	685	1352	208	8.29	435	2:47.32



**21 year old Charles Valentin (left) opened eyes in Joplin, MO. The 21 year old freshman from France (PR 7550 dec) netted the top D II score at 5544.**

Competition was hot at virtually every level over the weekend and new national leaders materialized at every NCAA level. 21 year old French freshman Charles Valentin, a newcomer at TAMU-Kingsville, posted the top Division II score. 5544 to win the Lions Meet in Joplin, MO

D III leader Will Daniels, a junior at Iowa's Central College, upped his nation leading total to 5441 to win the Wartburg Select in Waverly, IA. Vanguard U senior Winston Lawson posted the 2<sup>nd</sup> best NAIA score (5156) with a win at Westmont's Sunshine Open. South Plains JC soph Asani Hylton got the top junior college score, 5136, with a win at the Thomas meet in College Station. 23 meets netted 31 5k efforts.

By next week one should have a pretty good idea about NCAA qualifying. Last year's final indoor qualifying marks were:

NCAA I	=	5649
NCAA II	=	5181
NCAA III	=	4867
NAIA	=	4560