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HITE IS TEXAS RELAYS WINNER

Pedestrian Early Season

Hello Again..... Down five points after nine events, Texas A&M senior Nathan Hite (Bellevue, TX) edged Arkansas senior Gabe Moore (Freeport, FL) to win the annual Texas Relays decathlon.

"This means the world to me," stated Hite. "This is my senior year and to have a decathlon like this is something I'll never forget." Hite's plan was to stay close to Moore and kick with 200m left. He did just that and clocked a PR 4:43.87 while Moore faded. He is the second Texas A&M athlete to win the Texas Relays ten eventer.

The announced field of 21 resembled and international as almost half (ten) were foreign athletes. Eventually, none placed in the top 4. The meet's major casualty was Texas senior Wolf Mahler (8th at '17 NCAA outdoor meet) who recorded three long jump fouls and withdrew.

Speedy Denim Rogers, a soph at Houston Baptist, edged Hite (10.77 to 10.78) in the sprint but the first day news was the solid marks of Moore who led at the break with a 4150 score. After six events Moore appeared to be on the way to his first career 8k score, but he came a cropper in the discus (one fair throw at 38.49m/126-3 and 10 meters less than his best) and vault (4.30m/14-1¼) as Hite took the overall lead. Moore regained it with a PR 59.19m/194-2 javelin, but the differential in the final event was twenty seconds and Hite had his first career CE win and a PR by 51 points. He used a pair of event PRs, in the 400m and 1500m.



Texas A&M senior Nathan Hite (right) leads a pack at the finish of the Texas Relays decathlon 1500m. Hite won in a PR 7754 score. Following are Rodney Littlejohn/Japan-Incarnate Word, Lucas Van Klaveren/Netherlands-Texas-Arlington, Scott Boon/Netherlands-Houston Baptist, and Harry Maslan/Britain-Angelo St.

Moore was second at 7661 and Rice's 6-5 'Triple C', Charlie Card-Childers (Houston), added 160 points to his career best, now 7529. Kennesaw State junior Paris Williams also PR'd at 7405, a potential NCAA bubble score.

The top foreign finisher was Britain's Harry Maslan, a senior at Angelo State who finished with 7304. Eleven bettered 7k.

The weekend provided just a few meets. North Dakota State rolled out seven decathlete in Texas. A pair contested the Austin meet and junior Ben Klimpke (River Falls, WI) was on his way to a win at the Bobcat Invitational at Texas State in San

Marcos when the vault interfered. Klimpke
nh'd while a pair of Prairie View juniors,
Tristan Ham (who vaulted 4.94m/16-2½) and
Sunne Rodriguez-Weems (5.04m/16-6½)
went on to a 1-2 finish.



Wisconsin Eau Claire
junior Dylan Cooper
(Holmen, WI), (left) who
was injured in the first event
of the NCAA III indoor
meet, has recovered and now
has the nation's top D-III
score of 6914 by winning at Embry Riddle
Invt. in Daytona Beach.

Only six meets were held nationally
during the final week of March. Next week
the season heats up considerably as the Sam
Adams meet at Westmont, the Bulldog affair
in Georgia and the Jim Click meet in Tucson
will be featured.



**The top three finishers at the Texas Relays: Nathan
Hite/Texas A&M (left), Gabe Moore/Arkansas (center)
and Charlie Card-Childers/Rice (right).**