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ERM, LINT, OSE EARN TICKETS

Season Picks Up Steam

Hello Again..... A pair of major meets highlighted the US decathlon scene during the first week/weekend of April. On Thurs-Fri (4/4-5) the 26 man field at Arizona's annual Jim Click field provided a PR 7596 score from Michigan senior (Virginia transfer) Jack Lint who trailed Texas Tech's freshman Axel Hubert/France by 10 points after nine events. Lint's 1500m margin was twenty seconds and Hubert's total was 7490, 39 more than fast improving Purdue freshman Isaiah Martin. Kansas State junior Simone Fassina/Italy was 4th in 7228.

At the 7-man Bulldog affair in Athens, GA (4/5-6) host school grad Karl-Robert Saluri trailed (by 8 points) after the vault to fellow Estonian soph Johannes Erm. A weak javelin relegated Erm to 2nd and they finished in that order, 8060 to 7913 for Erm, the leading seasonal collegiate mark. Ivy champ and Dartmouth senior Ben Ose won the final three events, all with PRs, and posted a career best 7498 score, likely to earn him a 2nd trip to the NCAAs (moved from Eugene to Austin). Connecticut soph Jordan Torney was 4th (7225). Troubled by elbow issues 21 year old Georgia frosh Karel Tilga of Estonia, last season's top collegiate recruit (at 8101-Götzis) struggled on the 2nd day (opposite arm jav of 29.17m/95-8 here vs PR 69.25m/227-2,) and was 5th at 6871.

There were any number of terrific individual marks from notable decathletes at the annual Sam Adams meet in Santa Barbara. None were part of a full score. The



Georgia soph Johannes Erm (l), Dartmouth senior Ben Ose (center) and Michigan grad transfer Jack Lint (r) all nailed scores over the weekend likely to place them in Austin in June.

most remarkable was Mike Mason's (Canada) 2.31/7-6³/₄ high jump. Canadian Damian Warner posted a 15.16m/49-9 shot and 13.94 hurdles. The most eye-opening marks among the SBTC athletes in residence was a 4.90m/16-³/₄ vault clearance by Lindon Victor. He also won the disc at 52.12m/171-0. His brother, Kurt Felix, won the shot at 15.38m/50-5¹/₂. Tim Ehrhardt was the vault winner at 5.00m/16-4³/₄ while teammate Phillip Bailey won the long jump at 7.47m/24-6¹/₄ and clocked 14.58 in the highs.



A pair of frosh made news... Valentin Charles/TAMU-Kingsville (l) and Isaiah Martin/Purdue (r) fashioned significant scores, 7375 and 7451 respectively.

Chris Gabor/Mt St Mary's won the six-man (3 finishers) decathlon at 6660. At the Carl Knight meet in Nacogdoches, Texas all eyes were on Sam Houston senior Tyler Adams, injured and inactive for 12 months. His 3rd place finish at last year's NCAA I indoor hept opened eyes (6081 and 2.20m/7-2½ hj). He retired after completing six promising events.

The David Nobles Relays in San Angelo provided the top D-II scores. French frosh Valentin Charles/TAMU-Kingsville had a marginal lead after nine events and cruised to a windy 7375 to 7319 win over Trpimir Siroki, a Croatian freshman at Angelo St. A vault 'nh' ruined a career score for Kingsville soph Jonathan Harper.

The upcoming week should provide a better preview of the 2019 collegiate season as notable meets are scheduled for Kansas, Arkansas, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee.