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SUPER COLLEGE WEEKEND

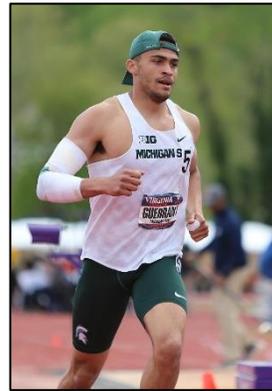
D-I Qualifying Complete

Hello Again....A frenetic week/weekend of College Championship meets, mostly at the D-I level, is in the books. 31 meets in all and we now have a better look at the collegiate nationals and the qualifying fields at all levels.

“Super Weekend” places its primary focus on NCAA D-I leagues and there was the usual frenetic scrambling for scores and one of the 24 qualifying spots. A few athletes skipped their conference meets with the hopes that their early season score would be good enough for selection. The 24th qualifying score was 7386 (Hunter Powell/Colorado St), a score about 100 points shy of what it took a year ago. See attached box for historic data.

On Wed-Thurs (5/8-9) the big story came from the Big West meeting in Fresno, CA where Powell posted a PR for the win. He’d have to sit tight for the remainder of the week watching resyults.

On Thurs-Fri (5/9-10) Ken State’s TJ Lawson, with a 7876 already in the books, posted a solid 7738 to repeat at Mid-American champ in Muncie Indiana. Australian frosh Gary Haasbroek/UTSA was an easy winner in Charlotte (7395) at Conference USA, and like Powell, would sit watchign scores. The major news came from Fayetteville, AR and the normally high scoring SEC affair. Estonia’s talented Karel Tilga, a Georgia freshman, made 4100+ news on day one, but his arm and shoulder injury precluded a competitive javelin mark (28.32m/92-11) and his 7236 runner-up score



BIGTEN
CONFERENCE

Steady Nick Guerrant turned back a large Big-10 field in Iowa City.

ended his collegiate season. Arkansas senior Gabe Moore took over with a 7661 already on the books. Thru seven he appeared headed for his intial ‘8’ when he came a cropper in the vault sustaining an injury on the approach to his opening height. Texas A&M senior Nathan Hite was the beneficiary of all the position jostling and came away with ther SEC title with a 7468 total.

Friday-Saturday (5/10-11) featured the Conference “Bigs,” 10 and 12. At the former in Iowa City, IA the steady Michigan State junior Nick Guerrant added the outdoor crown to his resume with a 7717 win. A pair of freshman were

Dates of Upcoming Collegiate Champs



NCAA I	June 5-6	Austin, Texas
NCAA II	May 23-24	Kingsville, TX
NCAA III	May 23-24	Geneva, OH
NAIA	May 23-24	Gulf Shores, AL
NJCAA	May 16-17	Hobbs, NM



Wichita State senior Ben Johnson won the American Conf title (7413) with a career best.

3rd (Noah Swaby/Penn State- 7411) and 4th (Isaiah Martin/Purdue- 7346) and both will extend their season in Austin in June.

The Big 12 meet in Norman, Oklahoma held high drama. A pair of injured Longhorns, Wolf Mahler'19 and Jason Patrick'21 were unlucky. Oklahoma's Estonian freshman Kristo Simulask was cruising until he fouled three time in the discus—not a good weekend for Estonia—leaving France's Axel Hubert/Texas Tech and New Zealand's Aaron Booth/Kansas St to battle. Hubert was a 7810-7602 winner. K-State's Italian junior Simone Fassina was 3rd in a PR 7390. All three were new NCAA qualifiers. Kansas State provided the top 'team show' with an eye-opening 2-3-4-5 Big 12 finish!

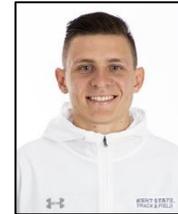
In Wichita, Kansas Shocker senior Ben Johnson was right at home for the American Conference where he grabbed a PR 7413 win and a ticket to Austin.

The top non college news saw former D-III champ Jack Flood/Atghletic Lab TC up his PR with a 7627 win in Mount Olive, NC.



It was an all Texas show.....Gary Haasbroek(l)/Texas-San Antonio; Nathan Hite/Texas A&M (c); and Axel Hubert/Texas Tech (r) all won league titles: Conference USA, SEC and Big 12 respectively.

Kent State junior TJ Lawson repeated at Mid-American winner.



NCAA D-I 24th Decathlon Qualifier

2019	7386
2018	7475
2017	7471
2016	7339
2015	7301
2014	7344
2013	7406
2012	7508
2011	7389
2010	7313



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