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WIELAND LEADS 1st DAY at NCAAs Thomas in Front at D-II; DIII a Tie !

Hello Again.....In the fashion world this meet would be called a "Makeover." The 2015 NCAA I heptathlon contained so many new faces that it bore no resemblance to last year's affair in Albuquerque. Consider: only one scorer from the top six and only 4 of the 16 competitors returned for the 2015 title meet. Graduation, injuries, redshirts and unforeseen weak scores gave this meet a new look.

At the break Minnesota soph Luca Wieland of Berlin, Germany, leads Buffalo Junior Mike Morgan, 3472 to 3372. Seasonal leader Garrett Scantling stands 3rd and surprising Bilal Abdullah/Kennesaw State is 4th. Only 12 points separates 2-3-4. Tomorrow promises to be tightttttttt.

New Zealand's Cody Thomas of Alaska-Anchorage leads the D-II meet at the CrossPlex in Birmingham. At the break his 3183 score is 73 up on Dillon Schrodtt/Nebraska Kearney.

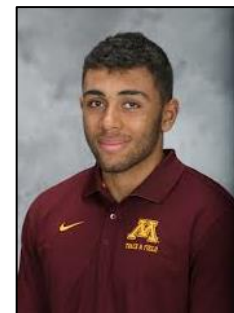
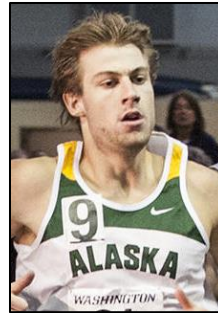
The D-III meet in Winston-Salem is a tie, 3001 apiece for Eric Larson of central(IA) and Brandon Zarnoth/Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Here's the D-I story from Fayetteville.



**12th NCAA I Champs
Randal Tyson Center
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR
March 13-14, 2015**

60 meters: [10:00- 10:05 am]

The mood was almost quite, almost somber as the 16 starters prepared for the initial event. The sections were well seeded.



Above: Cody Thomas/Alaska-Anchorage (l) and Luca Wieland /Minnesota(r) lead D-II and D-I heptathlons.
Below: Brandon Zarnoth/Wisconsin Eau Claire and Eric Larson/Central(IA) are tied at D-III



Running in lane one, Minnesota's Big 10 champ Luca Wieland scooted away from Michigan State's Tim Ehrhardt, 7.01 to 7.04. Georgia's Devon Williams was a close 3rd, also caught in 7.04. The NCAA outdoor champ Maicel Uibo ran a disappointing 7.43 and last year's outdoor 3rd place finisher Marcus Nilsson/UCLA was even farther back in 7.48 seconds. Both withdrew before the second event.

In the second (and seeded section) was not close. Kennesaw State's unheralded Bilal Abdullah shuffled (I can't describe it any other way.....little knee lift) away from seven

others, all of whom had run 7.00 or faster. He clocked 6.90 seconds. His teammate Andre Dorsey, one of the pre meet favorites, was noticeably limping. A pair of Texan sophs, Scott Filip/Rice and Wolf Mahler/Texas, went 2-3 here, 6.99 and 7.02.

Only two career bests here, and they belonged to Williams and Ehrhardt.

After One: Abdu 918, Fili 886, Wiel 7.01, Mahl 875.

Long Jump: [10:35 – 10:58 am]

It took most one round to get comfortable with the bouncy runways as the two pits ran in opposite directions. In Group #2 Abdullah opened lots of eyes as his very fast runway shuffle and perfect foot placement resulted in a 7.65m/25-1¼ leap in round #1, a mark that held up for the win. Michigan's Steven Bastien (7.50m/24-7¼) and Filip (7.20m/23-7½) also recorded PRs, both in round #3.

The efforts in Group #1 (inside runway) were even more notable. Wieland covered 7.54m/24-9 (a significant PR) of Fayetteville real estate in round #2, then bettered the mark in the 3rd round getting 7.61m/24-11¾. Ehrhardt (7.47m/24-6¼), Buffalo's Mike Morgan (7.40m/24-3½) and Williams (7.36m/24-1¾) all managed career bests in the final round. Abdullah continued to lead and it appeared his challenge would come from the diminutive Big 10 champ. Eight PR jumps.

After Two: Abdu 1890, Wiel 1841, Bast 1803, Ehrh 1793.

Shot Put: [11:29 – 11:47 am]

The event was moved from the Tyson Center to the adjoining field house and a crowd of several hundred gathered. In Group #1 Abdullah struggled managing only 10.98m/36-¼ and slipped to 6th. Every other athlete in this group PR'd: Morgan at 13.49m/44-3, Scantling at 15.39m/50-6 for the event win, Dylan Anderson/Indiana at 13.78m/45-2½, Dorsey at 14.30m/46-11 and Colorado State's Justin Green at 12.26m/40-3.

Four managed career bests in Group #2 including Wieland whp moved to the lead

with a 14.50m/47-7 push. Indian's Stephen Keller (12.78/41-11), Williams again (13.57m/44-6 ¼) and Bastien (12.12m/39-9¼) all managed marginal bests. The standings scrambled as Williams moved to 2nd and Morgan to 3rd.

After Three: Wiel 2604, Will 2470, Morg 2447, Fili 2446.

High Jump: [12:22 – 1:36 pm]

The intention of the seeding was to give the top high jumpers a shot at the meet record of 2.16m/7-½. Yet the field's top leaper, Kennesaw's Dorsey (PR 2.23m/7-3¾), was injured and managed only 2.04m/6-8¼. But his teammate Abdullah and Scantling gave it a shot, both corraling 2.13m/6-11¾ and both falling short of 2.16m/7-1. The talented Wieland was not far behind getting 2.07m/6-9½, a cm off his best.

Yet that was but half the story. In Group 2 Mike Morgan was hot and he managed 1.89m, 1.95m, 2.01m, and 2.07m all on first attempts. It took him 2 tries to clear a PR 2.10m and only 1 more to manage 2.13m/6-11¾ which pushed him into 2nd place, 100 digits in arrears of Wieland. He had one good effort at the meet record.

In all, five got career bests (Williams and Mahler (1.92m/6-3½), Anderson 2.04m/6-8¼, Scantling and Morgan. In 74 minutes, 63 clearances in 125 attempts, at 15 different settings.

After Four: Wiel 3472, Morg 3372, Scan 3368, Abdu 3360.

RESULTS:

3/13-14 NCAA D-I Champs, Randal Tyson Center, U of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

3472	Wieland, Luca/Minnesota-GER'17	7.01 761 1456 207
3372	Morgan, Mike/Buffalo'16	7.12 740 1349 213
3368	Scantling, Garrett/Georgia'16	7.11 688 1539 213
3360	Abdullah, Bilal/Kennesaw St'16	6.90 765 1098 213
3231	Filip, Scott/Rice'17	6.99 720 1351 198
3201	Williams, Devon/Georgia'16	7.04 736 1357 192
3147	Anderson, Dylan/Indiana'16	7.11 672 1378 204



3122 Bastien, Steve/Michigan'17
 7.04 750 1212 189
 3075 Ehrhardt, Tim/Michigan St'17
 7.04 747 1106 192
 3042 Dorsey, Andre/Kennesaw St'16
 7.54 675 1430 204
 3035 Keller, Stephen/Indiana'16
 7.30 678 1278 204
 2998 Mahler, Wolf/Texas'17
 7.02 675 1251 192
 2816 Green, Justin/Colorado St'15
 7.32 647 1226 192
 2812 McPherson, Mike/Utah Valley'15
 7.07 676 1011 189
 dnf Uibo, Maicel/Georgia-EST'16 7.43 withdrew
 dnf Nilsson, Marcus/UCLA-SWE'15 7.48 withdrew
 16s,14f



**3/13-14 NCAA D-II, CrossPlex,
 Birmingham, AL**

3183 Thomas , Cody/Alaska Anchorage-NZL'16
 6.97 679 1253 209
 3110 Schrodtt , Dillon/Nebraska-Kearney'15
 7.03 679 1214 206
 3109 Balczak, Justin/Azusa Pacific'15
 7.33 680 1331 209
 3026 Chancellor, Tyler/Central Missouri'15
 7.20 671 1425 191
 2924 Rich, Matt/TAMU-Commerce'17
 7.23 698 1303 182
 2902 Mudd, Andrew/Saginaw Valley'17
 7.16 657 1168 197
 2893 Hancock, Nathan/Minnesota State'15
 7.15 640 1160 200
 2860 Seitz , Blake/Central Missouri'16
 7.28 653 1269 191
 2845 McNutt, Tanner/Pittsburg St'18
 7.05 667 1190 182
 2824 Mancheron, Theo/Tiffin'16
 7.37 654 1254 191
 2683 Nungess, Hendrik/TAMU-Commerce '17
 7.46 609 1448 176
 2640 Biunno , Vinny/Franklin Pierce'16
 7.34 626 903 200
 2632 Maydew , Payson/Emporia S'16.
 7.32 615 1225 179
 2559 Goligoski, Colin/Concordia-St. Paul'15
 7.42 656 965 182
 14s,14f

**3/13-14 NCAA D-III Champs, JDL Fast
 Track, Winston-Salem, NC**



3001 Larson, Eric/Central(IA)'16
 7.20 690 1226 197
 3001 Zarnoth, Brandon/Wisc-Eau Claire'15
 7.04 683 1333 185
 2848 Wainman, Eric/Bates'15
 7.32 660 1201 194
 2842 Cornelius, Devin/St John Fisher'16
 7.12 662 1158 188
 2795 Milhoan, Andrew/Mount Union'16
 7.09 670 1076 185
 2751 Peterson, Greg/Wisc-Eau Claire'15
 7.39 672 1163 185
 2736 Poepperling, Robert/Misericordia'16
 7.33 653 1178 185
 2707 Newman, Nate/Ohio Wesleyan'18
 7,37 680 1049 185
 2694 Taft, Sam/Brockport St'15
 7.24 633 1134 185
 2675 Hunter, Matt/Ohio Wesleyan'15
 7.05 643 1039 179
 2659 Sousa, Stephen/Wisc-Whitewater'15
 7.27 660 1239 167
 2649 Wagner, Kevin/St Scholastica'16
 7.28 616 1229 179
 2583 Jeliuch, Alex/Wisc-LaCrosse'15
 7.08 605 1088 176
 2505 Port, Aaron/Ohio Wesleyan'16
 7.36 598 1262 167
 2499 Toraason, Jeff/Ill Wesleyan'15
 7.24 616 1000 176
 15s,15f.