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WIELAND in a SQUEAKER Balczak Wins D-II, Zarnoth Wins D-III

Hello Again.....Given backgrounds of the top three after day one, this meet was seen as going down to the wire. And that is exactly what happened. Luca Wieland/ Minnesota had a 100 point lead and appeared to be in the driver's seat at the break. Mike Morgan/ Buffalo ended day one with 3 consecutive PRs with 3 solid events in front of him. Garrett Scantling/ Georgia was the seasonal leader and the only collegian to exceed 6000 points. The trio would settle the medals.

The medals were decided in the final strides of the exciting 1000m and Wieland, 22, Berlin, Germany, emerged as the new NCAA champ, mostly on the basis of consistency. His razor thin 2 point margin of victory over Georgia junior Garrett Scantling was the story of day two. Needing to stay within 1 second in the final event, Wieland cut it close but was 82/100ths back by literally falling over the finish line. The top 8 (not a senior in the group) achieved career best scores as no one from last year's top six repeated. Buffalo's promising Mike Morgan fell 5 points shy of 6k as he ran out of gas on the final straight.

The D-II meet in Birmingham, ASL was captured by Azusa Pacific senior Justin Balczak who came from behind to knock off Cody Thomas of Alaska-Anchorage, 5606 to 5488. At the D-III affair in Winston-Salem, NC defending champ Eric Larson/Central (IA) took himself out of the running with a vault 'no height.' The meet went to Wisconsin-Eau Claire senior Brandon Zarnoth whose steady 5425 prevailed. Here is



Luca Wieland/a Minnesota soph, led a group of underclassmen to win the NCAA D-I heptathlon by a scant 2 points over Garrett Scantling/Georgia.

the D-I story.



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

60 m Hurdles [10:45- 10:57 am]

Wieland found himself on the outside (lane 7) of the first race and won it handily in a career best 8.13 seconds. A false start may have cost Morgan the gold here as he hesitated in the second race and could make up no ground. Speedy but unheralded Bilal Abdullah won the seeded section in a nice 7.87 seconds, .03 ahead of Devon Williams /Georgia. With Scantling clocking a fine 8.00 Morgan never could get going and 8.29 second clocking was costly.

The 3rd race found Michigan's Steven Bastien win at 8.51 and Wolf Mahler won the



Georgia junior Garrett Scantling ran a fine hurdle race (8.00 seconds) but fell 2 points shy at the finish.

4th section in a PR equalling 8.31. Wieland's lead over Abdullah had shrunk to just 46 points.

After Five: Wiel 4421, Abdu 4375, Scan 4350, Morg 4282.

Pole Vault: [11:43 am – 1:38 pm]

The vault was pivotal. With a single pit the event unfolded slowly. The Kennesaw pair of Andre Dorsey (injured) and Abdullah held center stage with Abdullah getting PRs at



Buffalo's Mike Morgan managed 4.85m/15-11 but expected two more bars.

4.45m/14-7¼ and 4.55m/14-11 on 3rd attempts in the most unorthodox fashion. His 16 trys were all entertaining yet he should be given maximum credit for hanging in and the effort. He is a find! Scantling squeaked over 4.95m/16-2¾ and Morgan could make up no ground. Even though Michigan State's Tim Ehrhardt won the event at 5.15m/16-10¾ the

story here was Wieland who PR'd at both 4.65m/15-3 and 4.75m/15-7 on first attempts! Scantling made up all but ten points of the Wieland's leading margin setting the stage for a climatic 1000m.

44 clearances in 101 attempts in 112 minutes.

After Six: Wiel 5255, Scan 5245, Abdu 5150, Morg 5147.

1000 Meters: [2:36 – 2:39 pm]

Confusion reigned at the start as the athletes were given the incorrect hip numbers and they all had to be exchanged. At the gun an overexcited Morgan jumped the field, leading thru splits of 28, 56.7, and 1:28.6, much too fast. But he had no help. Mahler bided his time and passed 800m in 2:02.6 and



Kennesaw State junior Bilal Abdullah was the find of the indoor season as his PR improved by 1000 points.

Morgan lost 9 seconds (recall, 11 points per second) on the final lap. Had he had some help or pursued a more judicious pace he might have captured the gold.

As for Wieland and Scantling, they jockeyed near the rear of the pack and the young German never let the Jacksonville native get away. They both sprinted the final 200m and the gap at the finish line was two steps (just shy of one second). It was so close that I was actually reviewing the tie-breaking procedure. It would have gone to Scantling, 5-2 on the countback rule. But Wieland had just enough to hold on. Whew! The closest meet on record.

After Seven: Wiel 6070, Scant 6068, Morg 5995, Abdu 5941.

RESULTS:



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

6070	Wieland, Luca/Minnesota-GER'17	7.01 761 1456 207 8.13 475 2:45.35
6068	Scantling, Garrett/Georgia'16	7.11 688 1539 213 8.00 495 2:44.57
5995	Morgan, Mike/Buffalo'16	7.12 740 1349 213 8.29 485 2:42.30
5941	Abdullah, Bilal/Kennesaw St'16	6.90 765 1098 213 7.87 455 2:47.55
5835	Williams, Devon/Georgia'16	7.04 736 1357 192 7.85 455 2:43.10
5747	Mahler, WolfTexas'17	7.02 675 1251 192 8.31 495 2:33.32
5669	Ehrhadt, Tim/Michigan St'17	7.04 747 1106 192 8.87 515 2:40.99
5664	Bastien, Steve/Michigan'17	7.04 750 1212 189 8.51 455 2:36.85
5605	Anderson, Dylan/Indiana'16	7.11 672 1378 204 8.42 485 2:55.03
5382	Keller, Stephen/Indiana'16	7.30 678 1278 204 9.14 475 2:46.95
5348	Green, Justin/Colorado St'15	7.32 647 1226 192 8.38 475 2:45.84
5177	McPherson, Mike/Utah Valley'15	7.07 676 1011 189 8.42 425 2:46.94
4966	Dorsey, Andre/Kennesaw St'16	7.54 675 1430 204 8.89 365 3:03.38
4794	Filip, Scott/Rice'17	6.99 720 1351 198 8.97 nh 2:45.75
dnf	Uibo, Maicel/Georgia-EST'16	7.43 withdrew
dnf	Nilsson, Marcus/UCLA-SWE'15	7.48 withdrew

16s,14f

D-II winner Justin Balczak/Azusa Pacific

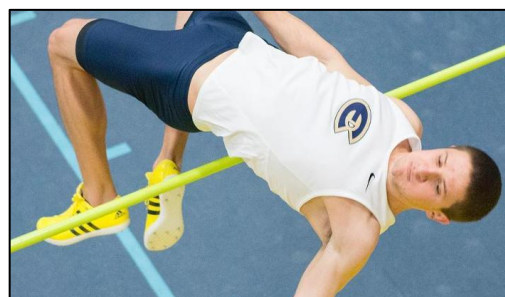


3/13-14 NCAA D-II Champs, CrossPlex, Birmingham, AL

5606	Balczak, Justin/Azusa Pacific'15	7.33 680 1331 209 8.24 450 2:45.38
5488	Thomas, Cody/Alaska Anchorage-NZL'16	6.97 679 1253 209 8.46 410 2:47.54
5443	Schrodt, Dillon/Nebraska-Kearney'15	7.03 679 1214 206 8.14 400 2:49.65

5375	Mancheron, Theo/Tiffin'16	7.37 654 1254 191 8.60 490 2:43.47
5353	Rich, Matt/TAMU-Commerce'17	7.23 698 1303 182 8.28 480 2:49.84
5264	Chancellor, Tyler/Central Missouri'15	7.20 671 1425 191 8.54 400 2:49.57
5202	Hancock, Nathan/Minnesota State'15	7.15 640 1160 200 8.38 390 2:43.87
5180	Mudd, Andrew/Saginaw Valley'17	7.16 657 1168 197 8.80 410 2:42.88
5096	McNutt, Tanner/Pittsburg St'18	7.05 667 1190 182 9.11 440 2:46.93
5085	Seitz, Blake/Central Missouri'16	7.28 653 1269 191 8.96 420 2:47.05
4825	Biunno, Vinny/Franklin Pierce'16	7.34 626 903 200 8.58 390 2:51.09
dnf	Nungess, Hendrik/TAMU-Commerce'17	7.46 609 1448 176 9.12 withdrew
dnf	Maydew, Payson/Emporia S'16.	7.32 615 1225 179 fs 460 dns
dnf	Goligoski, Colin/Concordia-St. Paul'15	7.42 656 965 182 9.17 400 dns

14s,11.



D-III winner Brandon Zarnoth/Wisconsin-Eau Claire

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

5425	Zarnoth, Brandon/Wisc-Eau Claire'15	7.04 683 1333 185 8.20 455 2:54.70
5206	Peterson, Greg/Wisc-Eau Claire'15	7.39 672 1163 185 8.57 445 2:40.68
5201	Wainman, Eric/Bates'15	7.32 660 1201 194 8.52 425 2:45.83
5193	Milhoan, Andrew/Mount Union'16	7.09 670 1076 185 8.20 455 2:57.25
5093	Cornelius, Devin/St John Fisher'16	7.12 662 1158 188 8.80 425 2:49.43
5016	Sousa, Stephen/Wisc-Whitewater'15	7.27 660 1239 167 8.61 455 2:51.67
4941	Taft, Sam/Brockport St'15	7.24 633 1134 185 8.38 365 2:43.27
4939	Jeliuch, Alex/Wisc-LaCrosse'15	7.08 605 1088 176 8.48 435 2:49.12
4885	Poepperling, Robert/Misericordia'16	7.33 653 1178 185 9.23 455 2:58.65
4838	Hunter, Matt/Ohio Wesleyan'15	7.05 643 1039 179 8.28 405 3:04.69
4759	Wagner, Kevin/St Scholastica'16	7.28 616 1229 179 8.81 405 2:57.32

4728 Toraason, Jeff/Ill Wesleyan'15
7.24 616 1000 176 8.43 385 2:49.03
4659 Newman, Nate/Ohio Wesleyan'18
7.37 680 1049 185 8.66 365 3:05.92
4440 Port, Aaron/Ohio Wesleyan'16
7.36 598 1262 167 8.68 435 3:29.94
dnf Larson, Eric/Central(IA)'16
7.20 690 1226 197 8.53 nh dns

15s,14f.
