

OUTDOOR SEASON OPENS

Texas Relays Next

Hello Again.....The 2015 outdoor season is underway with nine meets during the 3rd weekend of March. The rust was clearly obvious at some meets and bad weather plagued others as numerous schools competed in the south and west during spring breaks.

Of the trio of meets held in Texas the Spring Break affair in San Angelo produced the best results. There vet Kurtis Brondyke shook off some of the cobwebs and won with a workmanlike 7179 score as he cruised the 1.5k. Ex NAIA star Calvin Sullins (Siena Heights, MI) was 2nd at 7028 while host Seth Pearson stamped himself as a D-II threat with a score 17 points back of Sullins. Former D-II contenders Tyler Grob (Saginaw Valley St) and Brent Vogel (Central Missouri) struggled with rust and high jump 'no heights.'

At the Rice-Crowe meet in Houston the rust was even more prevalent as more than a quarter of the field vault 'nh'd' including the first day leader Chris Sanders, a Rice junior who ultimately 'dnf'd.' Vets were not factors-Clayton Chaney had long jump step issues while Wes Bray only contested some individual events. Texas A&M junior Daniel Martin won with a 7101 score.

Idaho State senior Logan Henderson captured the Northridge Spring Break meet at 7116. Fellow senior William Phillips was runner-up at 7020 as the Bengals started and finished seven!

In other meets: Dartmouth's Nico Robinson won the Shamrock meet inn Myrtle Beach, SC (6504),



Former NCAA III champ Kurtis Brondyke won his season opener in San Angelo

Nathan Rivera of East Tennessee St was the winner in up the road in Charlotte (49er meet) with a 6330 score. BYU redshirt Kevin Neilsen won in Los Vegas (7031) and Lane CC's Colton Thurman (7450) won at Westmont.

The first major meet of the new season begins Wednesday morning in Austin with a terrific field assembled for the Texas Relays. The weather forecast for central Texas is warm and breezy. Dutch veteran Ingmar Vas, '11 NCAA indoor champ Miller Moss and last season's prep sensation Harrison Williams, now at Stanford, are in the field as well as four (Wolf Mahler/Texas, Michael McPherson/Utah Valley, Dylan Anderson and Stephen Keller of Indiana) who contested the NCAA I heptathlon in Fayetteville a week ago