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## INDOOR SEASON ROLLING

### Horn, Hog Stars Dominate

**Hello Again.....**With plenty of restrictions, the 2021 indoor campaign is underway and the final weekend of January saw 13 meets held nationally. The major news came from the heartland, meets at Lubbock, TX, Fayetteville, AR and Manhattan, KS.

Now at the top of the qualifying lists is Leo Neugebauer, Texas, the German soph from Leinfeldene-Echterdingen. In Lubbock Neugebauer turned back Angelo State Croatian Trpimir Siroki (Zagreb, the top D-II mark at 5602) and Dutchman Scott Boon, (Dronten, NED) a junior at Houston Baptist. Neugebauer muscled 15.94m/52-4in the shot. Only his 3-minute plus 1k was dodgy.

The weekend's best meet was in Fayetteville, site of March's NCAA I affair, where only 147 points separated the first four. Arkansas senior Markus Ballangee



German Texan Leo Neugebauer (l) and Markus Ballangee of Arkansas (r) own the nation's top two heptathlon scores.

(Moneta, VA) was impressive at 5827, 93 up on Oregon red-shirt soph Maximillian Vollmer (Ulm, GER). A mediocre 2<sup>nd</sup> day pushed Georgia junior Karel Tilga (Tartu, EST) to 3<sup>rd</sup> while Etamar Bhaatekar (Mitzpe Ramon, ISR), Arkansas, used speed (6.97) and vault skills (5.25m/17-2¾) for 4<sup>th</sup> at 5680.

The most arresting hept story (will he attempt CE at the NCAAs?) continues to be Kansas State high jump champ Tejaswin Shankar (New Delhi, IND) who won in Manhattan at 5680 (2.25m/7-4½ hj) and who has lots of upside in final two events.

Of the weekend's top eight scores, seven came from foreign athletes.



India's Tejaswin Shankar, a senior at Kansas St (l), won the Dodds meet in Manhattan. Trpimir Siroki, (r), Angelo State, has the top D-II effort.