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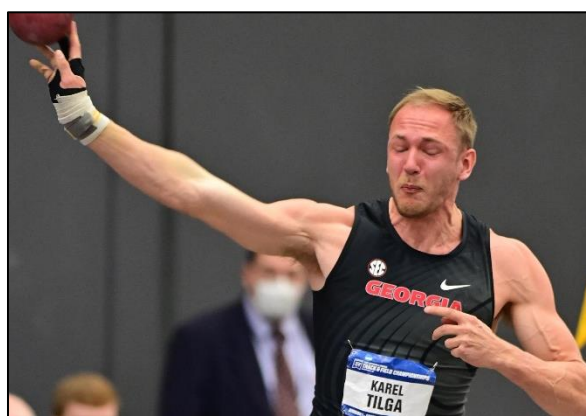
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TILGA REMAINS HOT

Big Scores also from Scantling, ZZ

Hello Again.....Karel Tilga, the 23 year old U Georgia sophomore who dramatically captured the NCAA indoor crown four weeks earlier, kept his hot streak going with a PR and Tokyo qualifying score (2021 qualifying = 8350) in a small meet in Athens, Georgia. Much like his come-from-behind effort in Fayetteville, the 6-7, 215 Tartu, Estonia native used middle-distance skills to edge Garrett Scantling ('20 USA indoor champ) by a scant eight points with an eye-opening 8484 PR effort. Scantling's 8476 was also a PR and Tokyo qualifying marks. With running events held under-wraps, vet Zach Ziemek opened his season with a nice 8213 score.



Georgia's Karel Tilga took the world lead with a come-from-behind 8484 win in Athens.

| 4/8-9 | Spec Towns Invt, U Georgia, Athens, GA | |
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| 8484 | Tilga, Karel/Georgia-'23-EST | 11.13+0.5 769 0.0 1532 210 49.53 15.16 0.0 4713 492 6655 4:26.95 |
| 8476 | Scantling, Garrett/unat | 10.83+0.5 756+0.3 1620 201 48.61 14.18 0.0 4245 522 6575 4:53.11 |
| 8213 | Ziemek, Zach/unat | 10.93+0.5 768-0.5 1466 213 51.00 15.14 0.0 4501 512 5526 4:40.05 |

Although the Athens meet was the major news the weekend's 17 decathlons, the college season came into clearer focus as at least 8 others posted early season marks likely to earn them a ticket to the D-I meet in Eugene.

Cincy senior Damien Berthenet won the Tennessee relays with a PR 7686, 232 more than Auburn's German Alex Sprridonodis.

Oregon's German soph Max Vollmer and BYU soph Dallin Vorkink (dominated (7695 and 7501) the Jim Click meet in Tucson. Vollmer's score included a sauntering 5:13 1500m.

Marquette junior Joe Keys managed a 7537 score (PR) in Miami while Houston Baptist teammates Denim Rogers (7541) and Scott Boon (7487) went 1-2 at Texas A&M.

At Azusa's Bryan Clay meet UC Irvine transfer Josh Farmer PR with a nice 7648 score over two vets....Mitch Modin (7585) and come-backing Hunter Price (7516). The NCAA indoor 2nd-3rd-4th place finishers (Kyle Garland/Georgia, Ayden Owens/Michigan and Felix Wolter/Pittsburgh) have yet to make an outdoor appearance.

The top D-II score came from Colorado Mines senior Connor McClean (7299) at home.



Scantling (l) and Ziemek also recorded big scores in Athens.