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COLLEGE SCENE GAINS FOCUS

UVA, Big Ten in Action

Hello Again.....The US college season came into clearer focus this past weekend when a number of D-I indoor scorers/qualifiers went into action. When the dust cleared most of the contenders for NCAA D-I qualifying spots had attempted at least one decathlon. There was no repeat of last week's eye-opening scores and the weekend's 13 meets netted a like number of 7k scores.

The top scoring effort came from 23-year old 5th year senior, Munich, Germany, Felix Wolter, who added more than 400 points to his career best while winning the University of Virginia Challenge in Charlottesville (7950). The score moves him to #2 on the collegiate list. Liberty's Brandon Rolle surrendered a good score after a vault nh.

The week's deepest affair, reserved for Big 10 athletes, came off in Lincoln, NE. 5th year senior Will Daniels/Iowa caught speedy Ayden Owens/Minnesota after nine events by surrendered the title with a weak 1500m. Owens, who competes internationally for Puerto Rico, managed a 23 second margin and came away with a 7732 effort over Daniel's 7649 effort, itself a 202 point best for the 2019 NCAA D-III champ. Purdue's Isaiah Martin and Penn State's Noah Swaby posted totals that, in the past, have earned NCAA invitations. Iowa demonstrated its depth getting good scores from Austin West and Peyton Haack and the Hawkeye trio averaged 7469.



Pitt's Felix Wolter (Munich, Germany) added 400+ points to his career best with a 7950 win in Charlottesville.

Estonian Kristo Simulask/Oklahoma won a small meet in Norman (7116) yet focal news came from D-III, notably LaCrosse, WI in a meet relegated to WIAC athletes. Deep Wisconsin-Eau Claire went 1-2-3-6 with soph Marcus Weaver topping the Division list at 7237.



Iowa's Will Daniels (l) had the top American score on the weekend (PR



7649) and Marcus Weaver/Wisconsin-Eau Claire (r) opened eyes in D-III.