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POWER CONFERENCES DOMINATE NCAA I Qualifying Altered...Götzis Next

Hello Again... There is a reason why they are known as the Power Conferences...the ACC, SEC, Pac 12 and the Bigs: 10 and 12, provided most of the buzz during the final weekend of collegiate qualifying. May's second weekend saw a pair of 8 k scores and 5 of the top 6 weekend scores. Four of the five winners were foreign athletes while only Michigan State's Ryan Talbot, with his initial career 8000 effort, was a domestic champ. His victory came at the Big Ten meet in Minneapolis. Germans Max Vollmer/Oregon (7961) and Felix Wolter/Pittsburgh (7887) won the Pac 12 and ACC meets respectively. Estonians Kristo Simulask/Oklahoma (PR 7926) and 24-year old Johannes Erm/Georgia, the 2019 winner in his 6th collegiate season, took the Big 12 and SEC affairs respectively.

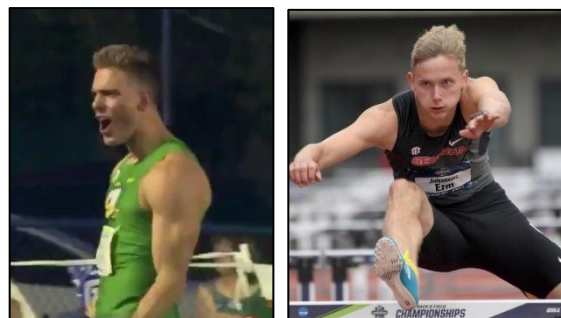
Other significant scores at the Big 12 in Lubbock belonged to Kansas-German frosh Alex Jung (7606), a certain NCAA I qualifier. Tejaswin Shankar, Kansas State's (and India)

high jump specialist posted a PR 7592 and K-State Swedish frosh Emil Uhlin nailed 7587. If Shankar stays with only the high jump in Eugene, Uhlin will move up as the 24th and final qualifier. 14 of the top 24 will be foreign athletes.

The top small college effort came from Eastern Oregon junior TJ Davis whose 7101 NAIA score (now # 2) won the Cascade Conference meet in Ashland, OR.

Coming up this week is the annual Hypo-Bank meeting in Götzis, AUT.

Americans Steven Bastian and Joe Delgado are scheduled to start. Sorry for the brief *Newsletter* but I'm posting this under difficult circumstances.



Over the past weekend the five major conferences provided significant decathlon winners. Top left, Max Vollmer/Oregon win the Pac-12 and top right, Johannes Erm/Georgia was SEC winner. Middle: Michigan State's Ryan Talbot won the Big Ten. Bottom left: Oklahoma's Kristo Simulask won at Big 12 and, bottom right, Felix Wolter was ACC king.

