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GARLAND'S 8196 RULES SEC Report # 1 of Big Weekend

Hello Again...It came as no surprise that the deep SEC league meet returned a significant early week score in the busiest weekend of the year. This was the 3rd consecutive weekend devoted mostly to collegiate conference meets. Recently the D-I conferences dominated and some eye-opening scores resulted altering the top 24 national qualifying list thru Friday, May 14th..

Texas A&M hosted the Southeastern Conference and Georgia freshman Kyle Garland (21, Germantown, PA), the 2018 USA junior champ, came away with the conference title and a easy-looking 8196 score. His closest competition came from Auburn senior Alex Spyridonidis (Hannover, GER) whose 7618 surely earned a ticket to Eugene. W/o Markus Ballangee (who made it thru just 4 events) Arkansas went 3-4 with Tyler Brendel improving to 7471. Like Mountain West West winner Camillo Dunninger/New Mexico (7481), (also a transfer from Germany), he'll have to wait thru the remainder of the weekend to see if his score holds up as a qualifier.

Conference USA produced a 1-2 finish from British transfers Jack Turner (7659) and Joel McFarlane (7148) bth freshman at Texas-San Antonio. The latter may have a change in national designation within a year (to SCO-Scotland) if their independence referendum is successful.

Other D-I conference winners included Lucas Van Klaveren, (7322) a Dutch junior at Texas-Arlington who turned back



Georgia's 21 year old freshman Kyle Garland was the SEC winner with a P 8196 effort, the 5th American 8k of the season.

New Zealand's Ben Collerton, a Texas State senior at the Sun Belt meet in Mobile, AL. Ex Penn athlete Evan Lee, now at Duke, captured the ACC affair at 7300. Jake Vetsch/North Dakota, won by 13 points over NDSU's Tony Ukkelberg, 7175-7162. Cameron Riddle. A Cincinnati junior (7013) was victorious at the American AC in South Florida,



In other D-I conference, Shea Degraaf, a soph at SE Missouri St (6886) won at the Ohio Valley meet while Adam Diggs, Grand Canyon

Tyl Woelber, a soph at Augustana U(SD) showed the way at Northern Sun with the leading D-III score.

soph came out on top (6848) at the WAC.

Perhaps the most arresting performance came from unlikely Duluth, MN where Augustana U soph Tyl Woelber (Pipestone, MN) nailed the leading D-II total, a 7302, to win the Northern Sun league meet.

We'll produce another Newsletter later in the weekend to cover meets ending on Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16.