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LATEST QUALIFYING EFFORTS

NCAA D-I Field Set

Hello Again....A series of ‘Last Chance’ qualifiers abounded during the final week of May and first weekend of June, 2021 as athletes were looking for a 7900 US Olympic Trials score. The Trials decathlon is set for June 19-20 (Saturday-Sunday). Qualifying ends on June 13.

5/29-30 Jacksonville AC

A pair of former Kennesaw State stars dominated. 2x A-Sun winner Josh Mulder had things well in hand after nine but ‘cruised’ the final event and Kyle Martin came out on top, 7475 to 7413.

6/4-5 SBTC Qualifier, Santa Barbara, CA



Former NCAA champ Kurt Felix/ SBTC-GRN was cruising thru seven disciplines (with a 367 point lead) before vault no heighting. Former Big West UC-Davis star Kyle Clancy’19 (left) took over

and won with a PR 7684.

6/5-6 The Texas Greatest Athlete, Dallas

Normally a late USATF qualifier, 17 started and 2x Mountain West winner from Colorado State (’17) Josh Cogdill, 27, led at the break with 3900. Points (PR score 7508). He eventually placed 6th.

Yet a terrific 2nd day effort by former D-III champ Dylan Cooper (Wisc-Eau Claire) pushed his PR up by a whopping 440 points and he held off 36 year old Chris Helwick, 7691-7633. ‘17 NJCAA champ Connor Williamson of Paradise Valley was 3rd with a



The top three finishers at the Texas Greatest Athlete: (l-r) Dylan Cooper, Chris Helwick and Connor Williamson.

103 digit PR, 7563. Arkansas senior Tyler Brendel, recently nudged out of an NCAA qualifying spot, pushed his career best to 7511 for 3rd, a score that, two weeks ago, would have earned him a ticket to Eugene. 34-year old Tim Wunderlich ended an 18 year deca career (he was the 2004 National Junior Olympic champ) with a nice 7469 effort. It represented the 40th (!) career ten-ender for the Dartmouth College coach.

This was a particularly deep meet. Trials qualifiers Scott Filip and Solomon Simmons popped in and out with individual events.



Places 4-6 in Dallas at TGA went to (l-r) Tyler Brendel, Tim Wunderlich and Josh Cogdill.

NCAA D-I field- Wed/Thur, June 9-10



With declarations
complete the field for the
NCAA D-I meet in Eugene is
set. Two of the top qualifiers

(#3 Kyle Garland/Georgia 8196 and
Pittsburgh's Felix Wolter 7950) did not
declare. No word.

The final qualifying mark (Teddy
Frid/Minnesota senior) was 7482.

Tilga, Karel/Georgia-EST'23	8484
Owens, Ayden/Michigan-PUR'23	8238
Ballengee, Markus/Arkansas'22	7895
Daniels, Will/Iowa'21	7864
West, Austin/Iowa'24	7805
Neugebauer, Leo/Texas-GER'24	7793
Martin, Isaiah/Purdue'23	7708
Spejcher, Daniel/Arkansas'23	7707
Vollmer, Max/Oregon-GER'23	7695
Berthenet, Damien/Cincinnati'21	7686
Turner, Jack/UTSA-GBR'24	7659
Farmer, Josh/UC Irvine'23	7648
Spyridonidis, Alex/Auburn-GER'22	7618
Baldwin, Heath/Michigan'24	7611
Boon, Scott/Houston Baptist-NED'22	7602
Rogers, Denim/Houston Baptist'21	7541
Keys, Joe/Marquette'22	7537
Hylton, Asani/SF Austin-JAM'22	7536
Booth, Aaron/Long Beach S-NZLt'22	7520
Swaby, Noah/Penn St'23	7517
Vorkink, Dallin/BYU'23	7501
Walder, Wade/Michigan S'21	7493
Torney, Jordan/Connecticut'23	7492
Frid, Teddy/Minnesota'21	7482