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TILGA PREVAILS

Mooney Wins D-II, Outdoor Ready

Hello Again.....A pair of national collegiate heptathlons were settled over the weekend. The D-I meet in Fayetteville results in fine scores as Karel Tilga and Kyle Garland of Georgia conducted a ding-dong battle). The D-II meet in Yankton, SD was just as exciting. Here's the story:

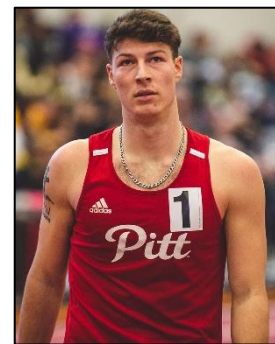


D-I

It took an ungodly 3500+ effort on the first day to find oneself in contention at the NCAA D-I affair in Fayetteville. At the break the Scoreboard looked like this:

3555	Garland, Kyle/Georgia'23	7.06 750 1541 215
3534	Neugebauer, Leo/Texas-GER'23	6.98 787 1495 203
3529	Tilga, Karel/Georgia-EST'23	7.09 762 1604 206

All of the drama came at the beginning of day two. After Georgia's Kyle Garland (21, Philadelphia) placed 2nd in the first 60m hurdle section (to Houston Baptists senior Denim Rogers) with a very nice 8.07 clocking, Neugebauer's (21-Germany) chance came in the second race. Running in lane 8 he 'dnf'd' and the meet was left to the pair of Georgians. Tilga (23, Tartu, EST) began a terrific 2nd day with a PR 8.24 clocking but lost ground to Garland. In the vault both PR'd, Garland at 4.86m/15-11¼ on a first try but Tilga matched it on his 3rd and then



6-7 Karel Tilga (left) won the NCAA D-I meet in Fayetteville and Pittsburg State junior Trey Mooney claimed the D-II crown in Yankton, SD.

cleared a lifetime best 4.96m/16-3¼ (also on his 3rd!) to put himself into contention.

In the 1500 the 6-7 Estonian towed the field thru a 31+ with Garland close. But over the next 3 laps the former slowly polled away and sprinted to a 3:36.32 PR for the finish, #2 collegiate score on all-time list. The final margin amounted to @ 5 ½ seconds.

3/11-12 NCAA D-I Champs, U of Arkansas, Fayetteville

6264	Tilga, Karel/Georgia-EST'23	7.09 762 1604 206 8.24 496 2:36.32
6200	Garland, Kyle/Georgia'23	7.06 750 1541 215 8.07 486 2:45.53



21 year old Leo Neugebauer (Leinfeldene-Echterdingen, Germany) was in D-I heptathlon contention until he came a cropper in the hurdles.

NCAA II

In Yankton, SD At the D-II Champs in Birmingham, a two-way affair (8 starters) evolved and went down to the wire.

Pittsburg State's Trey Mooney held a comfortable 1st day lead (3216) but Kingsville's Johnathon Harper cut into the lead shaving the margin to 83 points before the last event. He then bested Mooney by 4 seconds in the 1k and the final scores: Mooney: 5567, Harper 5525.

3/11-12 NCAA D-II Champs, Crossplex, Birmingham, AL

5567	Mooney, Trey/Pittsburg St'22	7.19 711 1446 200 8/69 450 2:49.14
5525	Harper, Johnathon/TAMU-Kingsville'21	7.04 672 1323 182 8.13 470 2:45.29
