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BASTIEN GETS SEASON'S 1st 8 Outdoor Season Slow in Starting

Hello Again..... Predicably the 2021 outdoor season is off to a pedantic start influence more by the COVID pandemic than anything. Numerous meets have been postponed, cancelled or combined and, at the college level th full compliment of schools are not yet involved. Complicating things is US college football, now being played in the spring and siphoning off potential track athletes.



Klein affairs.

There, a few notables were on hand to stretch their legs and do individual events. But Steven Bastien, (Saline, MI), the 27-year old Michigan grad and now their assistant coach, opened some eyes with his best season opener yet. An 8008 score (PR 8023, 4th at '19 USAs) used a shot put (14.11m/46-3) career best and near PRs in the sprint, long jump hurdles, discus and javelin) while taking no prisoners. It was his 3rd career 8k+ score.

[10.67+1.1 756+1.0 1411 198 49.01]
[14.79-0.2 4227 445 5646 4:43.02] = 8008

Just as impressive was the runner-up performance by Dartmouth College coach Tim Wunderlich (34 years old this week) whose 7292 effort was also his best opener. 8 started, 15 completed all ten.

The weekend's top collegiate effort was fashioned by BYU soph (73216) at a low-key meet in Las Vegas.

The first 'major' was held at Westmont College in Santa Barbara as the SBTC combined the annual Sam Adams and Jim



27 years old Steven Bastien posted the US season's initial 8000+ score by winning the SBTC Adams/Klein meet at Westmont.



David Vorkink (left/ BYU and Tim Wunderlich (right-Shore AC) nailed the weekend's other top scores.