

Cherokee grad Lucciano Pizarro bombs FIVE shot put PRs for Penn State, now #6 freshman in NCAA D- 1!!!

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Penn State freshman **Lucciano Pizarro**, a Cherokee High School graduate, bombed four shot put PRs Friday, including the first 60-foot throw of his life.

Pizarro won the competition at Penn State's track in State College with a throw of 61-1 1/2 on his fifth attempt.

He moved up to No. 6 freshman in all of NCAA Division 1 and his throw is the best by a Penn State freshman in at least 30 years, or as far back as available records go.

Pizarro began the day with a PR of 56-9 3/4 from the Fighting Illini Big Ten Relays in Champaign last month.

He then proceeded to record five legal throws on Friday, all well above his previous PR.

His five legal throws averaged 59-7, so his average throw was nearly three above his previous lifetime best with the 16-pound ball and his worst throw – a 58-6 3/4 – was nearly two feet better than his previous best.

His series looked like this:

- 1) 59-3 1/2
- 2) 59-8 1/4
- 3) foul
- 4) 58-6 3/4
- 5) 61-1 1/2
- 6) 59-4 1/4

Pizarro had a high school personal-best of 60-11, when he won the 2019 Meet of Champions at Northern Burlington. So, he's now thrown the 16-pound shot farther than he ever threw the 12-pound shot!

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With the 61-1 1/2, Pizarro moved up from No. 16 to No. 7 in the Big Ten Conference and No. 3 among freshmen, behind Andrew Stone of Wisconsin [63-4 3/4] and John Meyer of Michigan [62-11 1/2].

Stone, Meyer and Pizarro now rank No. 1, 3 and 6 in all of NCAA Division 1 among freshmen shot putters.

Pizarro's throw is No. 9 in Penn State history (and good luck trying to navigate the God-awful https://issuu.com/gopsusports/docs/updated_complete_yearbook20-21).