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IAAF CONTINUES CHALLENGE

New Season Underway, More Coaching Changes

Hello Again.....The major off-season news came from the IAAF two weeks ago when it was announced that they will maintain the *IAAF Combined Events Challenge* for world's top competitors of both decathlon and heptathlon. We mentioned this in the last newsletter but it is now official. Prize money is awarded on the basis of the sum of the top three seasonal scores in pre-determined invitational or championship meets. American Trey Hardee, Austin, Texas, won the 2009 crown (and the accompanying \$30,000). Hardee's breakout season included a runner-up at the Hypo-bank meeting in Götzis (8516), the USA national title (8261) and the IAAF world title (8790) for an 8522 three meet average. Jake Arnold, Tucson, AZ, was 10th (8015 average). The IAAF awards over \$200,000 annually for the CE Challenge with \$30,000 each going to the decathlon and women's heptathlon winners. Prize money is awarded through the top 8 places.

The following web address has the entire 2009 IAAF CE Challenge schedule and results.

<http://www.iaaf.org/wce09/results/index.html>

There continues to be more news about decathlon coaching changes. John Wallin, who turned Adams State into a DII multi power at Adams State, has moved to a similar position at Southern Connecticut State U. Rodney Zuderwyk, a former NCAA qualifier while at Washington State (native of Australia) has taken the multis position at the



American Trey Hardee won the 2009 IAAF CE Challenge with an average score of 8522.

University of New Mexico where he'll share some of the future responsibilities of CE at the Albuquerque Convention Center which is set to host some future major meets. And Stephen Harris, the 2002 NCAA decathlon champ while at the University of Tennessee,



John Wallin (l) has been added to the staff at Souhtren Connecticut State in New Haven, CT. Former NCAA champ Stephen Harris (r) is the new multis-coach at Harvard.

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We will be posting soon the 2009 USA list (7000 points deep with details - 6500 points deep with scores). The Calendar

section of our website has been updates through the end of the indoor season. It'll take a few weeks in late December to update the entire outdoor calendar...it's a day-to-day operation. I expect that for the upcoming season, the USA will conduct nearly 400 CE meetings.

And, the 2009-10 indoor season got underway this past weekend. Geren Woodbridge of Liberty University won the initial meet of the season with a 5089 total in Lynchburg, VA.