

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## OUTDOOR SEASON OFF SLOWLY

### Chaney With NCAA Qualifier

**Hello Again....**Matthew 20:16 says “So the last will be first and the first will be last.”

During the recent indoor campaign Rice senior Clayton Chaney was the first man out, and he decided to rectify that outdoors. He was the highest-scoring heptathlon non-qualifier for the NCAA I meet. Even though he held a higher score (5600 points) this was the year of “score adjustment for different size tracks.” After “adjustments” he was #17 on the performance list and the field was limited to sixteen. So instead of heading to Fayetteville for the NCAA I heptathlon he prepared for Rice’s outdoor opener. In a meet with 20 entrants (no one else scored over 6900 points) the 23 year old from Belleview, Texas dominated from the initial gun and was never headed. His 4062 first day score included a pair of individual career bests and his PR 7598 final score all but assures him of a spot at the NCAA D-I outdoor decathlon in Eugene in June.

“For many are called to the decathlon, but few are chosen.” As far as NCAA fields are concerned, Chaney was the last man out indoors and the first man in outdoors.

Nationwide there were only three other decathlons scheduled. In the most notable Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA hosted 21 athletes from ten different schools (doing the CE’s community a big favor) in their Classic. With a number of major relay carnivals in the southeast no longer scheduling the ten-eventer, this turned out to be the sleepest weekend of the season.

Rice U senior Clayton Chaney drew first blood for the 2013 outdoor season with career best 7598 score in Houston, the first NCAA national qualifier.



The upcoming Easter weekend promises much more lively decathlon action. It begins with the Texas Relays in Austin on Wed-Thurs.

### 2013 Qualifying Standards

IAAF World Champs	8200	8000
USA Nationals	7850	7500
NCAA I	Top 24	
NCAA II	Top 12	
NCAA III	Top 20	
NAIA	Top 16	
USA Junior Nationals	6200 or 6250hs	
Thorpe Cup	Top 6 available from USA nationals + 2 discretionary picks.	