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HUNTER VEITH....5813 at the VALLEY

Whew! 37 Meets, 435 athletes & 93 5k Scores

Hello Again....This is the third *DECA Newsletter* for the fourth weekend of February, 2017 covering the final ten indoor heptathlons of 'Conference Weekend.'

Major news came from a pair of league meets 1500 miles apart. At the Missouri Valley Conference meet in Cedar Falls, IA Wichita State's blooming star Hunter Veith pasted a good field and notched his career best of over 5800 points. Shocker coach Steve Rainbolt got a 1-2-4-5 finish from his heptathletes. Meanwhile, at the Ivy League Heptagonals at the NYC Armory Cornell senior Austin Jamerson pushed his PR to 5756 in a win over Dartmouth senior Noco Robinson (5438). Tim Wunderlich's Big Green crew went 2-3-4 at the Armory. Jamerson's score moved him to 13th on the NCAA D-I qualifying bumping Illinois junior Jonathan Wells to a non-qualifying 17th.

In other league action Tim Holtzapfel of Youngstown State notched the D-I Horizon League crown (5276), Nathan Rivera of East Tennessee State was the D-I Southern Conference champ (5041) and Findlay junior Trey Everett's 5107 was good enough to capture the D-II Great Lakes Intercollegiate title. At the D-III level Johns Hopkins sophomore Grant Mosser led a BlueJay 1-2-3 sweep at the centennial Leange meet in Collegeville, PA.



Wichita State junior Hunter Veith vaulted 5.10m/16-8¾ on the way to the Missouri valley crown and an eye-opening 5813 PR score.

Mostly championship meets remain of the 2017 indoor campaign: USA, NAIA and NJCAA next weekend and all three divisions of the NCAA the following weekend. The three divisions have different qualifying periods.

As it stand now (2/26/17) the 16th qualifier for the following Divisions are:

		2017	2016
NCAA	I:	5688	5663
	II:	5057	5084
	III:	4753	4700
NAIA		4484	4571