

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## OUTDOOR SEASON OPENS

### Webb Cup Presentation, Sportsmanship at D-II

**Hello Again....**Even as a Nor-easter blanketed much of the Eastern seaboard with tons of snow and the sports world attention was focused on college hoops, the 2017 outdoor decathlon season got underway in earnest this week. Seven decathlons were scheduled for the 3rd week of March and all of the details are provided on our latest *Results Page* post.

But before we jump into the outdoor campaign two items pop out. At the indoor nationals in College Station the traditional passing of the 'Decathlon U' Webb Cup took place on March 10. Wisconsin coach Nate Davis accepted the Cup, emblematic of collegiate decathlon predominance, from the 2015 winning coach, Oregon's Jamie Cook. In 2016 the Wisconsin Badgers.

Last season Wisconsin's five man contingent averaged 7392 points, and that w/o ZZ's 8413 score at the Trials. Webb Cup calculations end with the D-I meet.

2016 Webb Cup Winner--University of Wisconsin  
Zach Ziemek '16 [8300] Itasca, IL  
Brandon Mortenson '17 [7335] Hartland, WI  
Trent Nytes '19 [7224] Kaukauna, WI  
Charlie Foss '16 [7085] Appleton, WI  
Sawyer Smith '18 [6969] LaCrosse, WI

Complete 2016 results as well as a list of appropriate rules can be found in DECA Newsletter #34 of 2016, contained in our archives section (right side of home page).

Previous Webb Cup winners:  
2013 U of Texas 18 points  
2014 Chico StU 23 "  
2015 U of Oregon 24 "  
2016 U of Wisconsin 31 "



The 2016 Webb Cup was presented to U Wisconsin coach Nate Davis (center) by 2015 winning coach Jamie Cook, U of Oregon (left) at the recent NCAA D-I indoor champs in College Station, Texas.

For the Badger's take on the 2016 Webb Cup go to Facebook, <http://go.wisc.edu/1gs827>.

### A D-II Sportsmanship story



Occasionally a sportsmanship story comes by that we simply have to pass on. It occurred last weekend at the NCAA D-II meet in Birmingham, AL and involves a pair of heptathletes, Trey Everett, a junior at Findlay U (Sidney, OH) and Devin Cornelius, a senior at Central Missouri (Deansboro, NY). As related by long time Findlay coach Marc Acre, going into the 1000 meter event Everett stood fourth overall but inadvertently tripped and fell into the infield with 150 meters remaining. After being passed by several runners Everett regained his balance, got up and finished the race (his official time was

2:47.78) and he had lost a place finishing 5th overall (score=5312), one place ahead of Cornelius, a transfer from D-III St John Fisher College in Rochester, NY.

That might have been the end of the story but a protest was filed and, after a long confab, Everett was eventually disqualified and requested to return his 5th place award with everyone moving up one place and teams scores adjusted. The referee and Jury of Appeals upheld the protest in spite of the fact that there was no interference with another runner and Everett gained no advantage. In fact the trip lost him points and



**Trey Everett/Findlay (left) and Devin Cornelius/Central Missouri (right) demonstrated what is good and healthy about college athletics (and CEs!)**

place.

Everett, resigned to his fate, returned the award. These things happen. But later that evening Everett received a visit from Cornelius who gave the Findlay junior *his own* 6th place award as a symbol of the perceived injustice.

I was not there, did not see the incident, but it appears to me that this was a classy gesture. I know neither Trey nor Devin. But I am part of the Dartmouth community and have the same feeling after Abbey D'Agostino's gesture during the women's 5k in Rio last summer. What some may not realize, as coach Acre points out, is that CE athletes compete *with* other athletes, not *against* them, and a bond of comradery and cooperation develops among CE athletes. Each recognizes the effort others put in. Devin Cornelius demonstrated what is good about college athletics. The folks at CMU should be proud.

All honor Devin. Here, here! There are some times when common sense should prevail.

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Now, as to the past week, where seven decathlons were contested,

On Tues-Wed (14-15) Rice red-shirt sophomore Charlie Card-Childers (hereafter 'triple C') won the Rice-Crowe opener in Houston with a 7061 total. Rice's junior standout Scott Filip did selected events including a 10.81 sprint, missed a PR in the shot by 2cm, and then recorded career bests in the hurdles (14.83) and discus (40.51m/132-11).

On Thurs-Fri (3/16-17) North Carolina hosted a pair of often-eventers in very chilly conditions. Dartmouth junior Ben Colello won the Bill Webb meet in High Point with a fine 6928 effort where early morning temps did not get out of the 30s!!!!. Nathan Rivera, an East Tennessee State junior, won the 49er meet in Charlotte. At UNLV's Tarr-Smith meet 6-5 vet Robert Robinson



**Robert Robinson (left) won a UNLV with a 7608 PR score. Dartmouth junior Ben Colello (center) captured the chilly Webb meet at High Point, NC with a PR 6928. Alaska-Anchorage decathlete Travis Turner (right) won the Sac State meet with a 6761 PR.**

(29, Los Angeles, ex CS-Northridge) was in mid-season form and notched a PR 7608 score that included a career best 4.70m/15-5 vault.

At Sac State's Hornet Invitational Travis Turner (Stockton, CA) a senior at Alaska-Anchorage added 400 points to his PR getting 6761 in the process.

Next week 15 more low keys affairs are on the books.

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