

WEBB CUP GOES TO THE SHOCKERS

Quantity and Quality at Wichita State

Hello Again... Earning points in every category from 2 man thru 8 man teams, Wichita State University captured the 2018 Collegiate Webb Cup tying '17 winner Chico State and '16 winner Wisconsin for the most points ever scored, 31, in the scoring rubric.

Coach Steve Rainbolt's team relied on both top end scores and depth in winning the 2018 Collegiate Webb Cup, emblematic of the institution leading the nation in decathlon success. The 2018 crystal cup will be presented to Rainbolt at the 2019 NCAA indoor nationals in Birmingham, AL.

The Webb Cup was initiated in 2013 as an attempt to recognize colleges and universities for both decathlon quality and quantity. Named for retired Tennessee coach Bill Webb (and with his endorsement), points are awarded for the national ordinal placing of two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight-man teams. Scores need not be made in the same meet, just in the same season which ends at the NCAA I title meet.

Congratulations go to Rainbolt, in his 18th season as head coach, who was a national level decathlete and school record holder himself while an undergrad at Kansas.

It now appears that a score in the high 20s or low 30s is necessary to win the Cup. Over 40 schools participated with at least a two-man team and 16 different schools gained at least one point in the 2018 scoring. Perennial contender Wisconsin placed 2nd (tying 2017 Arkansas at 22 for the highest



Senior Hunter Veith (left-Cheney, KS) and head coach Steve Rainbolt (right) in his 18th season as head coach of the Shockers, headed a nine man (!) decathlon team and won the 2018 Collegiate Webb Cup handily.

non-winning score ever). Rice University finished 3rd. Wichita St was third in the scoring a year ago.

The Shockers had plenty of ammunition during the 2018 campaign with nine (!) decathletes, 8 of them scoring. Of course it did not hurt that Cheney, KS senior Hunter Veith posted an eye-opening 8046 score in late March to put the Shockers into immediate contention. The line-up:

Hunter Veith'18	8046	Cheney, KS
Ben Johnson'19	7272	Tonganoxie, KS
Jake Horsch'21	7080	Andale, KS
Kaden Griffin'19	6851	Wichita, KS
Colin Reichenberger'19	6646	Wellington, KS
Chandler Stiwalt'21	6409	Ness City, KS
Grant Downes'21	6139	Kansas City, MO
Lucas Shaffer'21	6089	Conway Springs, KS
Miles Griffith'21	5928	St Paul, NE

Wichita State had a roster of eleven decathletes, but two red-shirted during the 2018 campaign. The top four averaged 7312 points. It's interesting to note that 5 of the 8 scorers were freshman and everyone returns next season except Veith. Much like Chico and Wisconsin in recent years, almost the entire Shocker roster is home grown, all in-state Kansas decathletes.

Complete 2018 results as well as a list of appropriate rules is provided below. 16 different schools earned Webb Cup points. Coaches are reminded of the decision on the question of using foreign born athletes in the Webb Cup calculations. See item #10.

Webb Cup Rules:

- 1...No distinction among NCAA D-I, D-II, or D-III or NAIA institutions.
- 2...The "season" will be defined as January 2 thru the final day of the NCAA I decathlon, approximately 22 weeks.
- 3...Scores for decathletes recorded "after" the season (e.g., USA nationals, international meets) will count for team record purposes but *NOT* for the Webb Cup standings.
- 4...All scorers must be made in bona-fide meets using international implements. Scores using international junior implements will not count.
- 5...All athletes must represent the school during the spring season. Scores for red-shirt or otherwise ineligible athletes will not count.
- 6...No distinction will be made for wind-aided marks.
- 7...Ties will not be broken...co-Cup winners will be announced.
- 8...Scores may not carry-over from the previous fall season.
- 9...Scores need not be made in the same meet.
- 10...Schools may count only one foreign born athlete.
- 11...The Cup is offered by DECA, The Decathlon Association

Previous Webb Cup winners:

2013	U of Texas	18 points
2014	Chico StateU	23 "
2015	U of Oregon	24 "
2016	U of Wisconsin	31 "
2017	Chico State U	31 "
2018	Wichita State U	31 "



2018 Final Results:

# Man Teams:	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1.. Wichita St	6	8	6	5	3	2	1	31
2. Wisconsin	4	10	8					22
3. Rice	5	6	2					13
4. Georgia	12							12
5. CentWashington	2	3	4	2				11
6. Michigan St	10							10
7. Arkansas	8							8
North Dakota St		1	5	2				8
Kent St		4	4					8
10. UC-Davis		5						5
11. Dartmouth	1	3						4
12. Long Beach St				3				3
Louisville		3						3
14. Angelo St	2							2
15. Chico St				1				1
Kansas St			1					1

The Scoring Rubric

As suggested by Bill Webb and a number of current coaches we made a slight alteration to the annual Webb Cup point system. Nothing dramatic. Here is the system:

Place	2man	3man	4man	5man	6man	7man	8man
1 st	12	10	8	5	3	2	1
2 nd	10	8	6	4	2	1	
3 rd	8	6	5	3	1		
4 th	6	5	4	2			
5 th	5	4	3	1			
6 th	4	3	2				
7 th	3	2	1				
8 th	2	1					
9th	1						

2018 Webb Cup Standings

Two Man Team		
12 pts	16,184	Georgia
10	15,663	Michigan St
8	15,456	Arkansas
6	15,318	Wichita St
5	15,245	Rice
4	15,179	Wisconsin
3	15,125	Louisville
2	14,732	Angelo St,
1	14,689	Dartmouth
	14,409	Kent St
	14,305	Saginaw Valley St
	14,290	UC-Davis
	14,259	North Dakota St
	14,146	Kansas St
	14,142	Nebraska
	14,125	Iowa
	14,059	Cincinnati

14,055 Pittsburg St
 14,032 Tex-San Antonio
 13,958 Cent Washington
 13,883 Kennesaw St
 13,819 Air Force
 13,806 Texas St
 13,654 Illinois St
 13,582 Connecticut
 13,569 LA-Lafayette
 13,557 Liberty
 13,499 Chico St
 13,397 Colorado Mines
 13,346 TAMU-CorpCristi
 13,302 Butler
 13,162 Colorado
 13,087 Corban

Three Man Team

10 pts 22,520 Wisconsin
 8 22,398 Wichita St
 6 21,564 Rice
 5 21,136 UC-Davis
 4 20,981 Kent St
 3 20,886 Dartmouth
 2 20,790 CentWashington
 1 20,769 North Dakota St
 20,684 Saginaw Valley St
 20,474 Kansas St
 20,443 Pittsburg St
 20,266 Air Force
 20,189 Long Beach St
 20,157 Nebraska
 20,097 Angelo St
 20,022 Kennesaw St
 19,894 Liberty
 19,940 LA-Lafayette
 19,662 Chico St
 19,615 Westmont
 19,234 TAMU-CoCristi
 19,189 Colorado
 19154 Corban
 19,034 Colorado Mines
 18,813 Butler
 17,948 Harding
 17,629 Wisc-Eau Claire

Four Man Team

8 pts 29,489 Wisconsin
 6 29,249 Wichita St
 5 27,224 North Dakota St
 4 27,147 Kent St
 3 26,772 Cent Washington
 2 26,721 Rice
 1 26,687 Kansas St
 26,536 Long Beach St
 25,771 Chico St
 25,631 Kennesaw St
 25,195 Westmont
 24,972 Colorado
 24,006 George Fox
 23,299 Harding
 22,857 St Thomas(MN)
 22,740 Wisc-Eau Claire
 22,719 Doane

Five Man Team

5 pts 35,895 Wichita St
 4 32,769 CentWashington
 3 32,546 Long Beach St
 2 32,399 North Dakota St
 1 31,160 Chico St
 30,288 Westmont

Six Man Team

3 pts 42,304 Wichita St
 2 37,807 CentWashington
 1 unawarded

Seven Man Team

2 pts 48,436 Wichita St
 1 unawarded

Eight Man Team

1 pt 54,525 Wichita St

Nine Man Team

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