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'16 RANKINGS RELEASED

2017 Season Opens with Seven Meets

Hello Again.....

Track and Field News recently released its annual rankings, both world and national, recently with few surprises. For the fourth time in the last five seasons (sans 2014 when he took off to run the 400m hurdles) Ashton Eaton led both lists. Four of the ten on the world list have American collegiate ties.

Of the seven CE meets held during the 2nd week of January two produced significant collegiate marks. On Thurs-Fri BYU junior Kevin Neisen, 23, Granite Bay, CA, won a small meet on his home turf. His PR 5525 score [7.11 722 1201 201 8.44 450 2:50.42] is the #3 collegiate score of the nascent season.

A day later and 2500 miles to the east, Merrimack College (North Andover, MA) senior John Braga, 21, North Reading, MA, easily won a small Harvard meeting with a PR 5343 effort, [7.19 697 1214 200 8.72 425 2:46.28] # 3 on the D-II current list. He was last year's indoor New England champ and 6th at the D-II indoor meet. Northeastern's junior Nick Fofana was runner-up at 5160.

Sixteen meets await athletes during the upcoming week. And next week's *Newsletter* will contain the appropriate results from the weekend's Pole Vault Summit in Reno, NV.

2016 Decathlon Rankings

WORLD

1. Ashton Eaton USA
2. Kevin Mayer France



The major weekend news came from Provo, Utah where BYU junior Keven Neisen, 23, (left) won at home with 5525 points and John Brage (right), a 21 yearold senior at D-II Merrimack who won at Harvard with a 5343 effort.

3. Damian Warner Canada
4. Kai Kazmirek Germany
5. Larbi Bouraada Algeria
6. Leonel Suárez Cuba
7. Zach Ziemek USA
8. Jeremy Taiwo USA
9. Arthur Abele Germany
10. Lindon Victor Grenada

USA

1. Ashton Eaton Oregon TC-e
2. Zach Ziemek Wisconsin
3. Jeremy Taiwo Brooks
4. Garrett Scantling unat
5. Devon Williams Georgia
6. Harrison Williams Stanford
7. Solomon Simmons E Michigan
8. Mitch Modin Oregon
9. Austin Bahner Shocker TC
10. Scott Filip Rice