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### DETMER 4<sup>th</sup> at MULTISTARS Eaton Wins PAC-10 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference Weekend

**Hello Again....** As conference championship season continued during the past weekend (May 8-11) the notable news came from the first IAAF CE Challenge decathlon in Desanzano, Italy. Although Belgium's Frederik Xhonneux won with a PR 8142 it was the withdrawal of Dmitri Karpov/KAZ after 4 events and the remarkable 1500 meter performance by Joe Detmer that raised Italian eyebrows.

Karpov posted a pair of lackluster events (11.17, 6.95m/22-9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) before getting untracked with a 16.13m/52-11 shot. After a 3<sup>rd</sup> sub-par mark, 1.95/6-4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in the high jump he took two steps into the 400m before withdrawing. He'll start in Götzis in 3 weeks.

If Karpov's withdrawal was a disappointment at the 21<sup>st</sup> renewal of MultiStars, Detmer's final effort was not. Standing 13<sup>th</sup> after 9 events he cranked out a world leading 4:05.31, just off his PR set at last year's NCAAs, to move to 4<sup>th</sup> overall, getting a 7615 score. Yank Jake Arnold was 9<sup>th</sup> overall, with a 7520 total.

On this side of the Ocean more college conferences were conducting their championship meetings and the results rearranged part of the NCAA qualifying list. The most notable winner was Oregon soph Ashton Eaton who won the PAC-10 affair in Tempe, Arizona with a 7604 score. Eaton turned back Washington

State's Ricky Moody and Stanford senior Josh Hustedt.



**Left: Joe Detmer got in some shut-eye before his 4:05 1500m at MultiStars. Right: Olympic bronze medalist Dmitri Karpov/KAZ discusses his withdrawal with meet management.**

Meanwhile Chris Richardson II, the Long Beach State senior who was 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2006 NCAAs, earned his NCAA ticket by winning the Big West meet in Northridge with a 7461 score. Javelin's played a major part of the conference qualifying weekend. Richardson used a 59.14m/194-0 to separate himself from the Big West pack.

Elsewhere Texas San Antonio's Tommy Wolfe won a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Southland Conference title using a 59.10m/193-10 spear to turn back SF Austin's Aaron Harlan. The totals (7395 for Wolfe and 7319 for Harlan) were both



**Three speared conference crowns: Top: Tim Wunderlich used a PR 62.33m/204-6 to win the Heptagonals. Bottom left: BJ Parrish of Arkansas St won the Sun Belt; bottom right: Tommy Wolfe was the Southland winner.**



lifetime bests and are a virtual certainty to earn them starting spots in Des Moines.

The weekend's top arm belonged to Dartmouth junior Tim Wunderlich who erased a 272 point deficit with a 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt PR 62.33m/204-6 to take the overall lead at the Heptagonals in New Haven, CT. He then ran a courageous 1500m to hang on and win the Ivy League crown. Wunderlich's victory was the 4<sup>th</sup> by a Dartmouth athlete in the 5 years of the event.

The remaining Div I notable score was posted by Arkansas State's B.J. Parish whose 7253 PR effort won the Sun Belt Conference affair in Denton, Texas. Given the plethora of Div I conference meetings next week his score *may or may not* earn him a ticket to Des Moines. Like half-a-dozen other collegiate decathletes with marks in the 7100-7200 range, he'll sweat out next weekend's results, notably those from the Big 12, Big 10, SEC and Wake Forest's Deacon Qualifier.



**Left: Jake Arnold pumps the shot at MultiStars when he finished 9<sup>th</sup>. Upper right: Oregon's Ashton Eaton raced to the PAC-10 crown. Lower right: Aaron Harlan was the Southland runner-up.**



**Dartmouth junior Tim Wunderlich celebrates after his dramatic come-from behind victory at the Heptagonals in New Haven. He was down 272 points with two events remaining.**

**Weekend Winners:**

**Div I**

- 5/8-9 *Horizon (Youngstown St)*  
6104 Mike Savegnago/Illinois-Chicago
- 5/9-10 *Southland (Sam Houston St)*  
7395 Tommy Wolfe/UTSA
- 5/9-10 *Sun Belt (N Texas St)*  
7253 B.J. Parish/Arkansas St
- 5/9-10 *Big West (Northridge)*  
7461 Chris Richardson/LBSU
- 5/9-10 *Pac-10 (Arizona St)*  
7604 Ashton Eaton/Oregon
- 5/10-11 *Heptagonals (Yale)*  
6879 Tim Wunderlich/Dartmouth

**Chris Richardson/Long Beach St, was the Big West Conference champ with a 7461 score.**

**Div II**

- 5/4-5 *RMAC(Adams St)*  
6622 Ablaz Swofford/Western St

**All Div**

- 5/1-2 *New England (New Hampshire)*  
6286 James Spaulding/Sn Maine

**Collegiate Conference Season Continues**

**Second Conference Weekend, May 8-11**

	<b>DivI</b>	<b>DivII</b>	<b>DivIII</b>	
<b>auto standard:</b>	7500	6920	6600	
<b>provisional:</b>	6900	6300	6000	
<b># of</b>				<b>meets:</b>
<b># of</b>				6
				1
				8
				10
				<b>&gt;auto:</b>
				1
				0
				0
				<b>&gt;provisional:</b>
				9
				3
				1
				<b>Total qualifiers:</b>
				10
				3
				1



