

The 8K Chronicles

Ah, the mystique of scoring 8000 points. When Jake Arnold put up a terrific 8215 points to win the 2007 NCAA meet in Sacramento it made the Arizona senior the 59th American decathlete to score 8K on the current (1985 IAAF) scoring tables. The score also made Arnold #29 on the all-time US list.

From 1961, when Phil Mulkey's 8709 on the '52 tables (which converted to



Jim Thorpe
-the First 8000 scorer-



Jake Arnold
-- the latest 8000 scorer--



Dave Johnson
--most consecutive 8Ks--



Kip Janvrin
--most 8000 performances--

8049 on current tables), to Arnold's win at Hornet Stadium, the feat has been accomplished 331 times by Americans as of June 12, 2007.

But, given that American decathletes have been around for almost a century, there have been numerous 8000+ performances. Another 47 8K performances have been accomplished on earlier IAAF scoring tables, starting with Jim Thorpe's 8412+ Olympic win in 1912 on the original tables: 378 reported scores over 8000 since 1912.

Kip Janvrin holds the American record for the most 8000 scores, 26; his first in 1990, and his last in 2001. Among active US decathletes, Tom Pappas owns 16 and Bryan Clay 11. Not counting dnfs, Dave Johnson scored 13 consecutive 8000s from 1988 thru 1994. Here are America's 8000 scorers:

America's 8000 point scorers on '85 Tables (listed alphabetically)

Name	career	PR	>8000
Mark Anderson	1978-1988	8267	3
Gary Armstrong	1980-1988	8203	1
Jake Arnold	2003-2007	8215	1
Ricky Barker	1989-2000	8404	8
Jeff Bennett	1968-1979	8006	1
Sheldon Blockburger	84- 94	8301	10
Chris Branham	1980-1988	8159	3
Tim Bright	1980-1989	8430	7
Brian Brophy	1986-2000	8276	8
Bryan Clay	1999-2007	8820	11
Bob Coffman	1973-1984	8248	7
Jim Connolly	1979-1988	8121	3
John Crist	1976-1984	8121	4
Fred Dixon	1970-1984	8397	8
Steve Erickson	1978-1988	8063	3

Paul Foxson	1990-1999	8234	1
Steve Fritz	1987-2000	8644	20
Drew Fucci	1987-1997	8227	8
Mike Gonzales	1982-1992	8203	2
Bart Goodell	1982-1995	8109	3
Trey Hardee	2003-2007	8465	2
Ryan Harlin	2000-2007	8171	3
Steven Harris	2000-2005	8103	2
Bevan Hart	1996-2004	8002	1
Russ Hodge	1962-1972	8119	1
Derek Huff	1984-1994	8181	5
Chris Huffins	1992-2000	8694	17
Kip Janvrin	1984-2005	8463	26
Bruce Jenner	1970-1976	8634	9
Dave Johnson	1983-1996	8727	19
Gary Kinder	1980-1998	8293	9
Aric Long	1989-1996	8237	5
Phil McMullen	1995-2005	8285	6
Stephen Moore	1995-2004	8085	5

Phil Mulkey	1952-1966	8049	1
Rob Muzzio	1982-1996	8237	12
Dan O'Brien	1984-1998	8891	24
Muhammed Oliver	86-1995	8087	2
Lee Palles	1976-1984	8119	1
Tom Pappas	1995-2007	8784	16
Orville Peterson	1982-1996	8031	1
Mike Ramos	1982-1988	8322	7
Trafton Rodgers	1992-2000	8128	2
Mario Sategna	1990-1997	8172	4
John Sayre	1980-1992	8381	2
Billy Schuffenhaur	90-1997	8108	2
Chad Smith	1992-2004	8133	5
Dan Steele	1988-2000	8130	4
Darrin Steele	1989-2000	8129	1
Shannon Sullivan	1984-1988	8076	1
Brad Swanson	1990-2000	8066	1
Paul Terek	1998-2007	8312	5
Jay Thorson	1982-1991	8246	1
Bill Toomey	1959-1971	8309	9
Darwin VandeHoef	94-2000	8123	2
John Warkentin	1966-1979	8003	1
Shaun Wilbourn	1987-1997	8268	2
Chris Wilcox	1986-1996	8032	1
Jim Wooding	1975-1984	8054	2

59 performers, 331 performances > 8000

8000 Scorers on Earlier Tables

<u>Name</u>	<u>year</u>	<u>best</u>	<u>tables total</u>
Steve Alexander	1977	8055	'62
Jeff Bannister	1972	8120	'62
Mauricio Bardales	1978	8054	'62
Jim Bausch	1942	8462+	'12B 3
Jeff Bennett	1973	8121	'62 3
Craig Brigham	1975	8027	'62
Bob Coffman	1978	8137	'62
John Crist	1982	8087	'62 3
Fred Dixon	1974	8033	'62 4
Dave Edstrom	1960	8176	'52
Roger George	1978	8034	'62
Steve Gough	1975	8057	'62
Al Hamlin	1979	8031	'62
Paul Herman	1963	8061	'52
Mike Hill	1978	8004	'62
Russ Hodge	1966	8230	'62 2
Jim Howell	1982	8038	'62
Bruce Jenner	1976	8618	'62
Rafer Johnson	1960	8683	'52
Bob Mathias	1950	8042	'34
Jess Mortensen	1931	8164+	'12B 2
Grant Neiderhaus	1984	8023	'62
Lee Palles	1980	8159	'62
Orville Peterson	1988	8018	'62
Fred Samara	1975	8077	'62 3
Rick Sloan	1969	8051	'62
Jim Thorpe	1912	8412	'12A
Bill Toomey	1969	8417	'62 4
John Warkentin	1975	8031	'62 2
Jim Wooding	1982	8055	'62

Additional 47 8000+ scores on earlier tables

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