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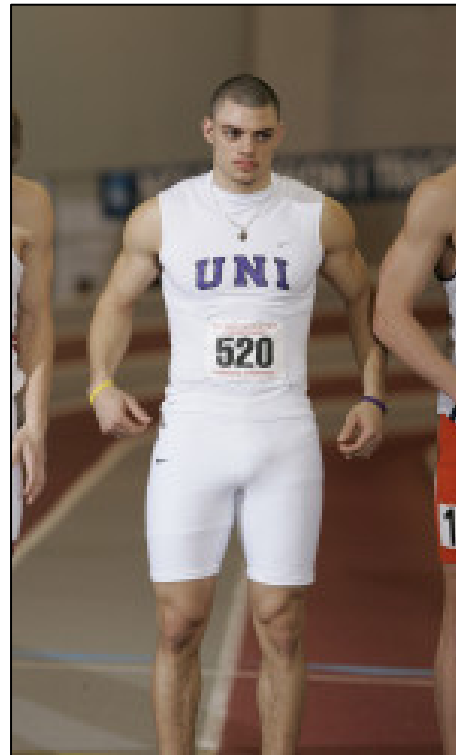
## Kilmartin, Cepeda, Eaton Dominate February's First Weekend

**Hello Again....**After a sluggish start to the season the first weekend in February provided fireworks. Since our last *Newsletter* the most significant effort was assembled by Chris Boyles, 26, Winston-Salem, NC, who's PR 5842 was good enough to capture the Wisconsin Elite meet in Madison on January 25-26.

But a 14 meet recent weekend (Jan 31-Feb 2) revealed who is ready early in the indoor season. At the United Heritage meet hosted by Boise State in Nampa, Idaho, native son Donovan Kilmartin (Eagle, ID) accumulated seven solid marks to score a world leading 6008 score and a 476 digit win. Kilmartin, 23, has a season of outdoor eligibility at the University of Texas. In 4 indoor Longhorn campaigns he won three NCAA I indoor heptathlons (and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place) and posted a 6136 ('04) PR. At present his 6008 total is 4<sup>th</sup> in the world behind Alexandr Pogorelov's 6136 a day later in St. Petersburg.

The surprise competitor in Nampa was German Stefan Hommel, 23, who brings his 7746 ('06) point credentials to the University of Florida. Hommel was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Nampa with 5507.

Meanwhile a pair of collegians raised eyebrows with BIG totals. Northern Iowa senior Raven Cepeda, 22, Beloit, WI, won the UNI Invitational in Cedar Falls with a collegiate leading 5906 score. Although he did not post a single lifetime



**Northern Iowa senior Raven Cepeda made himself the NCAA I indoor favorite with a 5906 PR effort at the UNI Invitational in Cedar Falls.**

best, his consistency provided him with a 346 point win over teammate Mat Clark. Meanwhile speedy Oregon sophomore Ashton Eaton, 20, Mountain View, CA, posted a significant 5959 PR while winning in Seattle, Washington by 323 points over Northridge's Justin Johnson. Eaton's 60m (6.83), 60mH (7.97) and 1k (2:44.23) was one of the best 3 event running totals ever.

Cepeda and Eaton presently have the lone two NCAA automatic qualifying marks (5650 points) BUT an *additional* 13 have already posted the provisional standard (5300 points). There are more than 50 indoor meetings remaining.

Tall Frenchman Mateo Soosah/UNC won the Texas Roadhouse meet with a PR5546. Princeton's Duane Hynes won a hand time local meet at 5572. Stocky Michigan soph Frank Shotwell won the Akron Open at 5525. The NCAA I field Fayetteville will be limited to the top dozen or all over 5650.

For non-collegians the most notable efforts were recorded by come-backing Stephen Harris who won at Penn State with 5586 and Jake Arnold, last season's NCAA kingpin, who posted a 5659 effort at Lincoln, Nebraska. Check out most recent "Results posting" for current results and lists.



Donovan Kilmartin, (l) 23, posted the world's leading score by -Feb 2-6008 points at Boise. Chris Boyles (r), won at Wisconsin with a PR 5842 score that included a lifetime best 1000 meters.



Oregon soph Ashton Eaton used blazing speed to record 5859 in Seattle.

## Qualifying for Major 2008 Multis:

### Indoor:

**IAAF World:** Top 4 decathlon scores from previous season + top 4 indoor heptathlon scores from current season for a field of 8.

**USATF:** 5450 hept, 3850 pent or 7700 dec from Jan 6, 2007 to March 2, 2008.

**NCAA I:** A (auto) 5650, B: (provisional) 5300 for a field of @16.

**NAIA:** Top 16 current season scores

### Outdoor:

**Olympic Games:** A: 8000, B: 7700- no change from 2004. (qualifying period: Jan 1, 2007 thru July 23, 2008)

**IAAF World Junior:** 6875 international implements; 7050 Jr and 7090 prep.

**US Olympic Trials:** A(auto): 7900; B: (provisional) 7600. Max field of 18.

**USATF Junior:** 6250 with prep implements; 6000 with international implements.

**USA vs Germany Thorpe Cup:** places 4 thru 10 at Olympic Trials.

**NCAA I:** A: 7500, B: 6900  
[approximate field 26/28]

**NCAA II:** A: 6920; B: 6300  
[approximate field: 12/16]

**NCAA III** A: 6600; B: 6000  
[approximate field: 16]

**NAIA:** Top 16 current season scores

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