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Clay to Start at Götzis

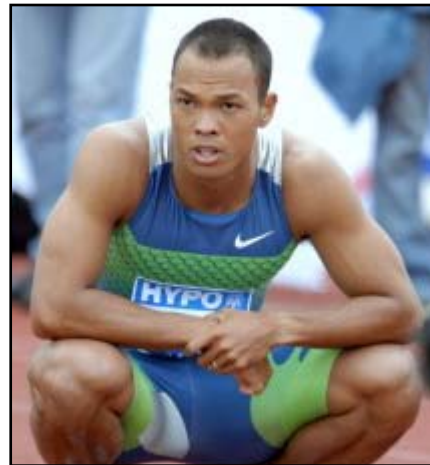
Harlan, Terek and Boyles Return to NACAC

Hello Again....the final weekend of May finds American decathletes competing in a pair of major internationals, and three national collegiate meets at home.



Healthy and with prominent seasonal marks behind him, Olympic silver medalist Bryan Clay will defend his Hypo-Bank title in Götzis, Austria on May 26-27 (Saturday-Sunday). The outstanding 30 man field includes all three 2004 Athens medalists and 20 with lifetime bests of more than 8000 points. Olympic champ and world record holder (9026) Roman Sebrle, a four time winner at Götzis returns as does tall Kazak Dmitri Karpov (8725), the current Asian champion But Clay, whose 2006 winning total of 8688 held up as the worlds leading score last season, will be the meet favorite. Now 27 years of age and in fine competitive shape, Bryan will attempt to put ten quality marks on the board. as a preparation for the IAAF World championships in Osaka, Japan in late August. He is, as well, the defending world champion, having won the 2005 title in Helsinki, Finland (8732). During the spring he posted marks of 10.48 (100 meters), 7.30m/23-11½ long jump,

50.51m /165-8 (discus), 13.94 (110 hurdles_ and 71.64m (235-0) javelin.



Bryan Clay, 27, may be looking for big numbers in Götzis, Austria this weekend. He is the defending Hypo-Bank winner.

The Götzis field will also include a strong 7 man contingent from Germany led by last year's Rookie of the Meet, Pascal Behrenbach; the former world record holder, ageless Tomas Dvorak, former NCAA champ Maurice Smith of Jamaica, Russian Aleksey Drozdov, and much more. It may be the strongest field in the 33 year history of the meet, which is the premier IAAF Combined Events Challenge meeting. Three world records have been set at Götzis in the past. Results of the meet can be followed at:

<http://www.meeting-goetzis.at/english>

(follow the prompts for results)

The Götzis Meet Schedule			
Saturday, 5/26		Sunday, 5/27	
100m	11:30	110mH	10:05
Long Jump	A 12:40	Discus	A 11:00
	B		B
Shot Put	A 2:10	Pole Vault	A 12:45
	B		B
High Jump	A 3:20	Javelin	B 3:30
	B		A 4:45
400 m	5:45	1500m	6:00

The Declared Decathlon Field at Götzis	
Bryan Clay	USA
Roman Sebrle	CZE
Dmitry Karpov	KAZ
Aleksey Drozdov	RUS
Andfre Nicklaus	GER
Maurice Smith	JAM
Pascal Behrenbach	GER
Dennis Leyckes	GER
Romain Barras	FRA
Andrei Krauchauka	BLR
Francois Gourmet	BEL
Tomas Dvorak	CZE
Josef Karas	CZE
Rudy Bourguignon	FRA
Müller, Norman	GER
Abele, Arthur	GER
Minah, Jacob	GER
Albert, Lars	GER
Bernard, Claston	JAM
Janis Karlivans	LAT
Sysoyev, Aleksey	RUS
David Gervasi	SUI
David Frölich	SUI
Nicklas Wiberg	SWE
Hamdi Dhoubi	TUN
Markus Walser	AUT
Antonin Vacla	CZE

Meanwhile, the annual North American-Central American Championships (NACAC), also an IAAF Combined Events Challenge meet takes



place on the same weekend in the Dominican Republic. A year ago, in San Jaun, Puerto Rico, Americans swept the medals. The meet has been moved from August to May and all three American medalists, Ryan Harlon, Paul Terek and Chris Boyles, return. Last year the results looked like this:

8/25-26 2nd NACAC Champs, Estacion Sixto Escobar, San Juan, PUR

7966	Harlan, Ryan/USA	10.94+2.9	672+2.9	1602	210	50.54	14.17+1.1	4274	480	5964	5:01.37
7884	Terek, Paul/USA	11.01+2.9	698+3.1	1481	198	49.18	15.39+1.1	4630	490	5367	4:39.95
7703	Boyles, Chris/USA	11.28+2.9	687+3.2	1457	207	51.26	14.89+1.1	4406	460	6084	4:56.18

While Harlan and Boyles nursed in door injuries Terek returned to top form, winning the MultiStars meeting in Desanzano, Italy three weeks ago, and his 8134 score was his highest since 2004. The IAAF website, www.IAAF.org will report results.

Domestically the final weekend in May is programmed for the national T&F championships for smaller institutions: NCAA Div II, Div III and NAIA. The schedule:

NCAA II	May 24-25	Charlotte, NC
NCAA III	May 24-25	Oshkosh, WI
NAIA	May 25-26	Fresno, CA

All results can be obtained by initially going to: www.trackshark.com and clicking on the results button on the upper left.

