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ARNOLD SCARES '8' IN LEESY'ANA 7946 is Top Score in March

Hello Again....the 2007 outdoor season got off to a sluggish start until defending NCAA champion Jake Arnold, 23, posted an impressive PR victory at a the low key LSU Multis meet in Baton Rouge on March 29-30. The Arizona senior, coming off a runner-up performance at the NCAA I indoor affair in Fayetteville, eschewed the Jim Click meet on the Tucson campus the previous week, to win every event at Bernie Moore Stadium in Baton Rouge. Arnold recorded a trio of individual PRs (long jump, hurdles and discus) and his 7946 PR was 76 more than his lifetime best recorded winning the NCAA title a year ago in Sacramento, and 1735 more than the LSU runner-up.

His mark is the early season best and the first NCAA I auto qualifier (7500 is auto standard). The only other mark of note during March was Mustafa Abdur-Rahim's 7648 win at Big Green in the *Desert* in Scottsdale, his first finish since 2005.

There were nine other NCAA I provisional qualifiers during March's 19 meet. Frenchman Mateo Soosah of North Carolina won at Wake Forest (7289) while Stanford's Josh Hustedt won at Cal (7286) over the host's Steven Conrad (7214). Dartmouth Canadian Tyler Koskenoja (7175) was runner-up at Big Green and Desai Burt of Cal State-LA won at Northridge (7157). Frenchman Camill



Arizona senior Jake Arnold put ten solid marks together in Baton Rouge to post a nation leading 7946 score.

Vandrendreissche posted the leading Div II (7083) effort at Angelo State U.

It appears that most collegians will open during the April Relay season to attain national qualifying scores: Texas Relays, Sea Ray Relays and Mount Sac Relays, all scheduled for the first half of the month.
