

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## Collegiate Season Heads for Big Weekend

**Hello Again.....**as the 2008 USA indoor season lumbered its way to completion, seven additional collegiate leagues held championship affairs last weekend (Feb 22-24. Most were on the East Coast where the indoor season starts a bit earlier and where the same athletes have an additional NCAA qualifying opportunity by competing in the mostly anachronistic IC4A meet two weeks hence.

The top weekend scores came from the Patriot League where Navy senior Ron Belany (Haiku,, Hawaii) won with a PR and meet record 5311, an NCAA provisional. University at Albany senior David Parker (Niskayuna, NY), posted the weekend's second best score while winning the America East title in Boston with 5262.

In other weekend affairs Tommy Wolfe, Texas-San Antonio overtook SF Austin's Aaron Harlan to win the Southland crown, 5251 to 5205. At the Big East meet UConn freshman Aaron King won with 5202. BJ parish of Arkansas State won the SunBelt title at 5152.

Conference title meets abound this coming weekend (Feb 29-March 1-2). At least 14 are on tap including the SEC, Heps, Missouri Valley, Mountain Pacific, and the Bigs....10, 12, Sky and South.



Navy senior Ron Belany (l) won the Patriot League crown while Albany senior David Parker (r) took the American East title. Both had meet records.

### Foreign Decathletes

The current season seems to find more foreign decathletes living, training and schooling in the USA. The attached lists 21, and I am sure I've overlooked a few:

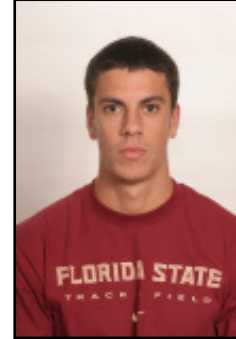
#### Post Collegians:

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| Claston Bernard                               | JAM |
| [ex LSU, former NCAA I champ]                 |     |
| Darius Draudvila                              | LIT |
| [ex Kansas St, 5878 'hept '08]                |     |
| Octavius Gillespie                            | GUA |
| [ex UCLA]                                     |     |
| Lyndon McDowell                               | CAN |
| [ex Minn 5721 hept '08]                       |     |
| Maurice Smith                                 | JAM |
| [ex Auburn, 2 <sup>nd</sup> '07 IAAF World's] |     |
| Hans Olaf Udal                                | NOR |
| [ex Missouri, 2x Big 12 champ, '04 Olympian]  |     |

### Collegians:

Gonzalo Barroilhet	CHI
[Florida St, S American champ, 7504 PR]	
Moritz Cleve	GER
[Kansas St, Fr, 7389 PR]	
Rok Derzanic	SLO
[Kansas St, Fr, 7364 Jr PR]	
Reid Gustavson	CAN
[U British Columbia, NAIA scorer]	
Ruslan Hemed	ISR
[UL-Monroe, '07 Israeli national champ]	
Stefan Hommel	GER
[Florida, 23, soph, 7746 PR]	
Dimitri Kabalov	ISR
[Texas St, 2x Southland scorer]	
Tyler Koskenoja	CAN
[Dartmouth Sr, '07 19 <sup>th</sup> NCAA I]	
Heigo Nurmsalu	EST
[Boise St, soph 5332 indoor '08]	
Sergiy Oliynuk,	RUS
[Wayland Baptist, '07 NAIA winner]	
Lars Rise	NOR
[Missouri, Nordic Jr Champ, 7462 PR]	
Alexey Shkuratov	BLR
[Oregon, Jr, 6720 PR]	
Mateo Soosah	FRA
[North Carolina, soph, 8 <sup>th</sup> '07 NCAA I]	
Camill Vandrendreische	FRA
[Abilene Christian, '07 Div II Champ]	
Decomsa Wright	JAM
[Lincoln, 6993 '07 Div II scorer]	

### New Faces:



Norwegian Lars Rise (l) Nordic Jr decathlon champion is at Missouri; South American champion Gonzalo Barroilhet (r), Chile, is a freshman at Florida State.



Ruslan Hemed (l), the Israeli national champ, has enrolled at UL-Monroe; Rok Derzanic, a 7365 junior performer from Slovenia is at Kansas St.