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Krauchanka, Karpov 'Tie' in Tallinn

Hello Again.....The big winners in Iowa in February were Mike Huckabee, Barrack Obama and Bryan Clay. By far Clay's results were more impressive than those of the Primary winners.

After some hamstring tenderness that forced him to postpone an attempt to earn an invitation to the IAAF World champs in Valencia March 8-9, Bryan started at the Cyclone Classic at Iowa State University in Ames on March 14-15.. And what a first day vs. a field of 14 other competitors! A 6.77 second 60m answered any questions of readiness. He followed with a 7.56m/24-9¾ long jump, an indoor shot PR of 15.91m/52-2½ and a 2.02m/6-7½ high jump. He led Canadian Lyndon McDowell by 344 points at the break.

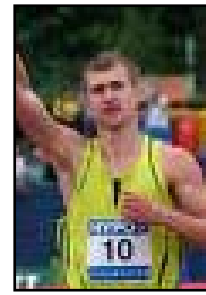
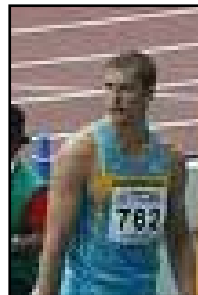
The 2nd day was even more eye-opening. Bryan was perfect over all 5 barriers and clocked 7.74 seconds for the 60m hurdles, the fastest time ever run in a multi, breaking his own record by .03 seconds. He followed with a PR 5.15m/16-10¾ vault, then cruised 3:06.39 to total 6192, the world's leading score at the time. McDowell finished at 5721 while '07 USA Junior champ Nick Adcock, now a Missouri sophomore, scored 5644. The collegians ran 55m for the dash and hurdles.

While Bryan was finishing in Ames the Reval Cup was starting in Tallinn, Estonia. When the dust cleared a day later



Bryan Clay, 26, was picture perfect in Ames getting a world record 7.74 60m hurdle clocking on the way to a 6192 heptathlon win.

scorers shook their heads as Belarusian Andrei Krauchanka (we are using this spelling since meet organizers in Estonia did so) and Dmitri Karpov/KAZ 'tied' at 6229. Krauchanka, 22, scored 3542 on day one but Karpov, 26, won the next two events and led by 20 points with one event remaining. Krauchanka needed a 1.9



Dmitri Karpov/KAZ (l) and Andrei Krauchanka/BLR (r) tied at the Reval Cup with 6229 points but the latter won 4-3 on the countback.

second differential for the clear win, but got 1.85 as both ran flat out. The result was a 6229 score for both. Initially it was reported that Karpov won the affair on the first tie-breaker, but this was in error, and his younger counterpart was the actual winner by virtue of winning 4 of the 7 events. Interestingly, Pavel Hämäläinen coaches both.

Defending champ Ryan Harlan nh'd in the vault and did not finish.



IAAF World Championship Qualifying Indoor Heptathlon

- Eight athletes will be invited
- the top four from the 2007 Outdoor decathlon list (limited to a maximum of one per country).
- the top four athletes from the 2008 indoor heptathlon list (as of Feb 18, 2008)
- no more than two athletes from any Member Federation will be invited.
- upon refusals or cancellations invitations shall be extended to the next ranked athletes in the same lists.

Using the above criteria, the field for Valencia would then be:

[2007 decathlon list:]

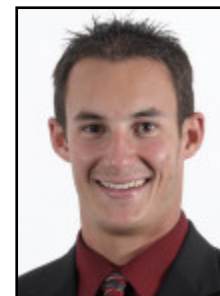
Roman Sebrle/CZE	8697
Maurice Smith/JAM	8644
Andrei Krauchanka/BLR	8617
Dmitri Karpov/KAZ	8586

[2008 heptathlon list]

Bryan Clay/USA	6192
Alexandr Pogorelov/RUS	6136
Mikhail Logvinenko/RUS	6129
Donovan Kilmartin/USA	6008

--We'll wait for official confirmation--

The NCAA Heptathlon in Fayetteville is likely to see the highest qualifying scores in the 5 year history of the event. At least half a dozen major contenders have yet to qualify and apparently will attempt to do so at their conference meets. Last year's 3rd place NCAA decathlon scorer, Jangy Addy of Tennessee, has hurdled 7.67 seconds in open competition (take note: that's under Bryan Clay's recent 7.74 WR) and will defend his SEC heptathlon title in two weeks. Long Beach State's Chris Richardson, a 7871 scorer last year is also eligible, as is Florida's Mike Morrison (a 5642 performer a year ago as a freshman), Stanford's Josh Hustedt (NCAA 3rd at 5837 '07), Nebraska's Skyler Reisling and South American champ Gonzalo Barroilhet/Chile a freshman at Florida State. Expect a lot of jostling on the provisional list. One can expect the 1000 meter races at the Big 12, Big 10, Mountain Pacific and SEC to see a lot of effort.



Top: Long Beach State's Chris Richardson II; bottom: (l) Tennessee's Jangy Addy, (r) Missouri soph Nick Adcock, scored 5644 at Iowa State.

Finally, a note about qualifying for the USATF Men's heptathlon March 8-9 at Chapel Hill, NC. The most recent data suggest a field of approximately 15, as many of the following qualifiers are collegians who will compete in Fayetteville the following week, or are injured or retired.

Qualifiers for 2008 USATF Men's Heptathlon (March 8-9)

Standards: indoor pentathlon 3850
indoor heptathlon 5450
outdoor decathlon 7700
(nb: qualifying runs from Jan 6, 2007 to March 2, 2008)

	-----2007-----			----2008----	
	pent	hept	dec	pent	hept
Brian Clay			8493		6192
Tom Pappas			8352		
Jake Arnold		5909	8215		
Paul Terek		5877	8134		
Joe Detmer		5761	7963		
Ryan Harlan		5969	7901		
Chris Richardson II			7871		
Raven Cepeda		5864	7838		5906
Jangy Addy		5688	7808		
Chris Boyles		5769	7804		5842
Chris Randolph			7798		
Mustafa Abdur-Rahim			7760	4154	5883
Chris Helwick		5666	7732		
Donovan Kilmartin		5998			6008
Josh Hustedt		5837			
Will Thomas		5726			
Ryan Olkowski		5724			
Mike Morrison		5652			
Duane Hynes		5640h			
Brent LaRue		5617			
Josh Kinnamen		5585			
Ryan Koontz		5569			
Kevin Johnson		5569			
Brian Walsh		5539			
Ben Shutter		5474			
Roland DaSilva		5466			
Neil Hines		5459			
Joe Cebulski		5575			
Ashton Eaton					5859
Nick Adcock					5644
Stephen Harris					5586

Mat Clark	5560
Justin Johnson	5536
Mark Jellison	5532
Frank Shotwell	5525
Derek Gearman	5495
Scott Sellers	4046
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Note: NCAA I qualifying runs from Dec 1, 2007 thru March 8, 2008.