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## EUROPEAN SEASON IN FULL SWING

### Krauchanka Wins Euro Cup, Thorpe Team Named

**Hello Again....**The 2009 European season is now in full sway. A pair of major invitationals and the European Cup meets dominated June giving us a pretty good idea who will be contenders at the IAAF World Champs in Berlin in mid August. August will also see the annual Thorpe Cup (USA vs Germany) in Marburg. Half a dozen European meets will be of interest in July. Here's a summary of what happened in June.

On June 20-21 Cuba's Yordani Garcia won in **Ratingen**, Germany with 8348 over Norman Müller, 8295. Garcia had posted a PR 8496 while winning the Pan Am Cup in Havana in late May. The meet's major disappointments involved Estonian Mikk Pahapill, the Euro indoor heptathlon winner, who vault no heighted and ended with 7266. Local favorite Pascal Behrenbruch, who impressed in Götzis with a PR 8374, seemed to float through this meet and did not start the 1500m. Three days later, at Tomas Dvorak's TNT-Fortuna meeting in **Kladno**, Czech Republic, Jamaican Maurice Smith was 99 points better than Roman Sebrle/CZE with recovering Dmitri Karpov/KAZ another 29 back with score that were several hundred under expectations (8157-8058-8029). Karpov, '04 Olympic bronze medalist, was absent in Götzis, having sustained a leg and back injury.

The European Cup weekend had been moved up a week this year (now June 27-28)

and, although now ignored by Germany, serves as an opportunity for many to start the

#### USA Thorpe Cup Team Named:



[from USA Nationals]

Chris Randolph	25	VS Athletics
Paul Terek	29	unat
Lysias Edmonds	26	Arizona Puma
Nick Adcock	21	Missouri
Mike Marsh	29	Champion Nutrition

[At-large selections]

Tom Pappas	32	Nike
Joe Detmer	25	unat

season, even if they were not ready for MultiStars or Hypo-Bank in May. The **ECup Super League**, in Szczecin, Poland, was revealing. Coming off a hip injury during the spring, '09 Olympic silver medalist Andrei Krauchanka caught Russian Alexandr Pogorelov (broken ankle over winter) in the final event to win by just 23 points, 8336 to 8313. Krauchanka (everyone now seems to be spelling his name correctly including IAAF) had to keep the pressure on during the 1500m (4:32.60) and his margin was 24 seconds. Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and France finished the team competition in that order.

At the **ECup First League** (in Zaragoza, Spain) Italian William Frullani, 30, after three years of injuries, won a major, in 7828. He spent a semester at the University of Tennessee. Spain won the team title (ave for 3

man team was 7564). In Maribor, Slovenia, site of the **ECup Second League**, former University of Missouri athlete Hans Olaf Uldal/Norway, won by more than 300 points and scored 7702 for the win. Romania won the team competition. See Results page for all



Olympic silver medalist Andrei Kruchanka/BLR used this 5.10m16-8 ¾ vault to put him into position to win the European Cup Super League meet in Szczecin, POL.

Euro meet results.

July offers 5 European meets of interest to American fans. The **World University Games** will be held next week in Belgrade, although USATF no longer supports this meet nor sends USA representatives. On July 18/19 the **Euro U23** meet will be conducted in Kaunas, Lithuania, where one of the favorites will be Kansas State freshman Mantas Silkauskas. It is his good fortune that the meet will be held in his hometown. On the same weekend Britain's Invitational in **Hexham** meet will be conducted. There have been American winners in the past and 2009 will see Nebraska senior Skyler Reising, who suffered a long jump zero in Fayetteville, start. Notre Dame sophomore Justin Schneider may also be in the field.

**France** will conduct its **nationals** the following weekend (24/25) in Angers and NCAA D-II winner Camille Vandendriessche and North Carolina's Mateo Sossah, runner-up at D-I in Fayetteville, are scheduled to start. The **Norwegian** nationals will be held in Arendal (25/26) where Missouri soph Lars Rise is on the entry list. The Pan-American

Junior meet is scheduled to start July 31 with Americans Curtis Beach and Gray Horn in the field. But a recent warning from Trinidad's Minister of Health about a possible cancellation due to a swine flu outbreak may alter those plans. Stay tuned.