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BEACH WINS PAN-AM JUNIORS

Lazas, Nixon, Neaman Win JO Crowns

Hello Again....In this catch-up edition we offer the conclusion of the USA junior season. In late July Curtis Beach, 18, Albuquerque, concluded a remarkable season by winning the Pan-American Junior title in Trinidad-Tobago. His 7377 score was nearly 400 points better than that of USA teammate, Gray Horn, 18, a freshman at the U. of Florida. Beach won the national scholastic indoor pentathlon in early March (4127- NYC Armory), set a national high school (7909 with hs implements/hurdles) record winning the Arcadia, CA Invitational in early April, then won the Great SW meet in Albuquerque (7466 with int implements, 7719 with hs implements), and the USATF National Junior crown in Eugene (7599 with int jr implements). In between he captured 5! New Mexico individual event state titles. He's earned a well deserved break before he joins the class of 2013 at Duke University later this month. Great year! Take a break.

On the same week/weekend in late June/early August the US conducted a pair of dueling national Junior Olympic meets with outstanding decathlon results. At the USATF Junior Olympics in Greensboro, NC 18 year old Neaman Wise, Lake Brantley HS, FL, won the young men's division (17-18) with a fine 6956 effort. Amazingly, the versatile Wise is 5-4½, 130 lbs.

His Greensboro performance was overshadowed by a 16 year old Oklahoman, Gunnar Nixon, who left no room to spare



Neaman Wise (l) and Kevin Lazas (r) won the national Junior Olympic crowns for young men at the USATF meet in Greensboro and AAU affair in Des Moines.

getting an even 7000 points to win the Intermediate division (15-16).

A few days later 61 athletes started at the national AAU Junior Olympic meet at Drake U in Des Moines. There Kevin lazas, 17, Brentwood, TN, won the young men's division with a terrific 7140 score, more than a grand up on second place. 14 year old Wolf Mahler, Belton, TX, was the intermediate division winner (5884). Demonstrating that there is quantity and well as quality at the



Gunnar Nixon (left with Dan O'Brien) and Curtis Beach (right) won major junior crowns.



junior level, 99 athletes started and 94 completed all ten events at the two JO nationals.

Results below:

7/31-8/1 Pan American Junior Champs, Trinidad & Tobago



7377 Beach, Curtis/USA-Albuquerque,NM
11.26 0.0 664+1.6 1197 203 48.26 14.67+3.5 3631 440 4342 4:20.54
6982 Horn, Gray/Florida 11.29 0.0
720+3.9 1238 197 53.12 14.35+3.5 3872 440 4226 5:16.76
6764 Corney, Taylor/Canada 11.54 0.0
654+3.3 1364 194 52.88 15.23+3.5 4016 310 5718 4:52.46
6734 Alexandrino, Eduardo/Brazil 11.74 0.0
682+2.9 1328 185 53.33 15.53+3.5 3650 390 5196 4:45.05
6517 Lemus, Gregorio/COL, 6380 Rocha, Marcos Vinicios/BRA, 6157 Enns, Ross/CAN, 6006 Dallaserra, Matias/CHI, 9s,8f.

7/28-29 USATF National Junior Olympics, Greensboro, NC

Young Men (17-18)

6956 Wise, Neaman/C Fla
Gliders 11.07-0.8 688+0.2 1384
185 51.56 14.67-1.2 3880 405 4736 5:14.05



6695 Schmidt, Taylor/PacNW 11.99-1.1
612+2.4 1207 190 51.50 15.11-2.1 3814 435 4914 4:52.74
6114 Chen, Auston/Fla-unat 11.55-0.8
612+1.4 1288 165 51.60 16.04-1.2 4506 375 4216 5:43.66
5941 May, Anthony/Speed City, 5936 Higgins, Brad/Norfolk Optimist, 5920 Grieder, Isaac/Texas Exp, 5896 Bollinger, Michael/Ariz Puma, 5854 Walashek, Dylan/Ariz Puma, 5847 Jones, Sir'Paul/Ruff Riders, 5777 Paquin, Ryan/C Fla Gliders, 5658 Journey, Andrew/Tex Exp, 5576 Campbell, Scott/Virginia-unat, 5087 Walker, Jackson/Snake River, 5069 Diomande, Sulayman/Castro Valley TC, 19s,18f

Intermediate Boys (15-16)

7000 Nixon, Gunnar/Eastside Steppers
TC 11.57-2.3 674+3.2 1116 205
49.50 15.13-3.9 3405 390 4949 4:34.54
5726 Johnson, David/Southern Eagles, 5711 Fellows, Alec PacNW, 5601 Ziemek, Zach/Dupage TC, 5385 Knowles, James/Pasadena RR, 5118 Makous, Troy/Mid-Atlantic, 5117 Sanders, Chris/Destin TC, 5086 Nielsen, Kevin/RosevillePal, 19s,18f.



8/1-2 National AAU Junior Olympic Champs, Drake U, Des Moines, IA

Young Men (17-18)

7140 Lazas, Kevin/Brentwood,
TN(17) 11.30+1.0 687nwi 1447 185
51.70 15.83-1.5 4190 425 4844 4:38.73
6126 Edwards, Blake/Nashville,
TN(17) 11.40+1.0 672nwi 1059 190
51.83 16.84-1.6 3615 320 3860 4:56.38
6114 Glasnow, Theodore/Newhall, CA(18) 11.70+0.7
637nwi 1261 190 52.99 17.16-1.7 4462 320 3326 4:56.85



6072 Gilbert, Les/Franklin, TN(18) 12.23+0.7
616nwi 1141 175 55.04 16.84-1.7 3495 425 4366 4:36.10
6042 Tabor, Sam/Memphis, TN(16) 11.78+1.2
617nwi 1168 170 53.26 15.88-1.6 3545 365 4434 4:57.29
6023 Davies, Joshua/Franklin, TN(16) 11.77+1.2
593nwi 1296 175 51.48 15.97-1.7 3283 320 4423 4:54.60
5964 Wallace, Cullen/Houston, TX(18), 5882
Boese, Tobias/Dodge City, KS(18), 5820 Lindaman,
Benton/W Des Moines, IA(17), 5701 Reives, Steven/S Bend,
IN(17), 5627 Brock, Loren/Sebastopol, CA(18), 5447 Lee,
Maxwell/Knoxville, TN(18), 5395 Britt, Spencer/Oxford,
MI(18), 5283 Williams, Kevon/Houston, TX(18), 5263
Boyd, Ian/Boone, NC(18), 5256 Gonzales, Wes/New
Orleans, LA(18), 5128 Scanlin, Jack/Bristol, PA(18), 5044
Webb- Anderson, Terrence/Oxford, MI(16), 25s,25f.

Intermediate Boys (14-16)

5884 Mahler, Wolf/Belton, TX(14) 11.76+3.5 618nwi 1140 180 52
5265 Simmons, Jake/Belton,
TX(15), 5167 Price, Emmanuel/St Louis,
MO(15), 5120 Cantu, Andrew/Porter,
TX(15), 5088 Sanders, Chris/Santa Rosa Beach, FL(16),
5032 Williams, Devon/Kennesaw, GA, 36s, 33f.

