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NEWSLETTER'S FINAL SEASON OPENS

Indoor Campaign Underway

Hello Again... This will be the 47th and **FINAL** year for the *DECA Newsletter*. I have had some health issues unrelated to COVID, but think I can do one more year of the *Newsletter* which began several generations back (1976) and evolved from an 8x/year eight page mailed newsletter to the current internet format. I now publish approximately 50 newsletters annually, usually of one to four pages in length. And the website and non-profit (*DECA, The Decathlon Association*) will be folded at the end of the current season.

Weekly "Result Pages" and media guides for major meets will be history. I am making the announcement now in case there is anyone interested in picking up the work. My New Year's hope is to be able to PA announce a few meets in 2022. Then some active retirement.

Now, to the current season, an abnormal one to be sure with all of the transfers and eligibility alterations. It's anyone guess what the new normal for our sport will be. I've been at it for half a century. But I am optimistic and hopeful for combined events. So here goes the final year of the *DECA Newsletter*:

There were a number of notable early season results as the collegiate season got underway on December 1. On the first weekend Wichita State junior Tanner Brown captured the Shocker Hept with a 5368 score using a speedy 6.76 60m sprint. The top effort came from D-IIer Trey Miller, a junior



at Central Missouri whose PR 5516 score was 65 better than that of a Pittsburg, KS score Jonathan Harper/TAMU-Kingsville.

The 5245 PR effort by John's Hopkins junior Justin Canedy in winning Bucknell's Bison Open placed him at the top of the D-III list. Carroll U's Lee Walburn'23 won the Black Hills Yellow Jacket Open in Spearfish, SD at 5026, the top NAIA score.

The most eye-opening single event mark came on the second weekend as Kansas State senior high jump specialist Tejaswin Shankar (a cricket player until age 8 in native India) again won the K-State pentathlon (4321 pts) using a 2.25m/7-4½ vertical leap along the way. The hj mark leads the indoor collegiate list. He was runner-up at the most recent NCAA champs and has an outdoor best of 2.29m/7-6.

On the second December weekend there was only one improvement on the college lists: Loras senior Ryan Rogers removed Canedy from the top D-III spot with a 5272 win at the Dubuque (IA) Champs.

Our next Newsletter will appear in January, 2022.