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NEW SEASON BEGINS

Obituary, Schedule, Results, Coaching Changes

Hello Again.....the 2008-09 undercover season is already underway with several early December meetings. This will be our final 2008 newsletter, the 46th!

Last week we received news of the untimely death of Paul “Joe” Terek, one of our events biggest fans and supporters and



father of 2004 Olympian Paul. Joe, 50, was born in Tuscarawas, Ohio and, along with wife Cindy, was a fixture at most major multi-event meets. They resided in Livonia, Michigan. He died on November 25, 2008.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to “The Patriots Club,” (in honor of Paul Terek) Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

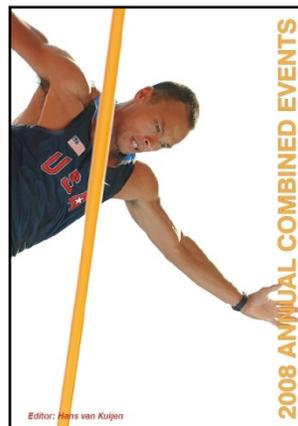
On a happier note nationally ranked decathlete Chris Boyles, 28, is engaged (Krystal Bailey). A fall, 2009 wedding is planned. Does this mean we won’t have the CBO golf tournament?

Just a reminder--- the 2009 season schedule is now posted on our website... www.decathlonusa.org. Just click on “event schedule.” While I am not positive of the dates of some of the meets, most are verified. Unfortunately some collegiate conferences have not posted the dates/sites of their league meets and some school websites list varying details (in one case different hosts and

different dates). I suggest you contact the host institution or league office if there is any confusion.

Two features for this year schedule includes both a map (provided by Google) to the host school and the 2008 meet results. My hope is that this will be helpful to coaches, athletes/families and decathlon fans. There are over 250 meets listed for the USA in 2009 and I’m sure there are several dozen more that will crop up that are unlisted. Also—pay no attention to the starting times listed for USA meets.(I didn’t know how to delete them?)

Also, the 2008 *Combined Events*



Annual, published in Netherlands, is now available. This is an invaluable resource to anyone interested in combined events and has grown over the years to pages of 2008 results, lists, records, all worldwide, for both men and

women. It’s a MUST.

Details for the *CE Annual* are attached at the end of this newsletter.

Several coaching changes were recently announced. Victor Houston, the 1996 NCAA decathlon champ while at Auburn (2000Olympian for Barbados) was named

assistant coach at the University of Alabama, announced Tide head coach Harvey Glance.



Victor Houston (l) and Ceith Creekmur (r) will be new multi coaches at Alabama and Miami, OH respectively.

Houston, who was an assistant for the past four seasons at University of Iowa, will take over the reigns of the Alabama Relays decathlon. And Ceith Creekmur, a recent University of Miami (OH) grad and NCAA qualifier has been named as multis coach at his alma mater.

Creekmur immediately opened the indoor season with a win at Kent's Golden Flash heptathlon with a PR 5448 score. It will be the leading USA score as we end the year.

Dan Newell/Liberty defended and defeated teammate Matt Parker to win the season's first multi, the Liberty U. Kickoff in



Bates sophomore Brett Epler (left) won the annual pentathlon at the Bates Fieldhouse

Lynchburg, VA. Newell led by a scant 17 points with an event remaining and won, 5148 to 5100. Meanwhile Utah State's springy John Strang was the victor at the Jacksons Open at Boise with a 5279 total, 143 better than Portland State's Nick Trubachik.

As we go to press Kansas State coach Cliff Rovelto (left) will host the annual Carol Robinson pentathlon in Manhattan, KS with NCAA high jump champ Scott Sellers defending.

COMBINED EVENTS ANNUAL 2008

The new yearbook of international combined events will appear **beginning of January 2009** with the following information:

- world rankings 2008 men and women. This year including the top 200 for men and women and all results up till 7.500 points men and 5.600 points women
- results major meetings in 2008, including complete results of Olympic games, European cup Super League and First League, Götzis and I.A.A.F.-challenge
- top men performers and women performers all time
- all time top performances men and women
- national and international records
- indoor rankings 2008, all time and national records
- 2008 and all time world junior rankings
- world rankings according personal records in individual events
- 10 best rankings all time per event
- who is who in combined events

The book contains 216 pages with information of combined events.

A must for every person interested in combined events.

All necessary information for coaches, athletes, journalists and other interested persons in combined events of all world top athletes is available in this annual

Since the first edition in 1993 I could keep the price the same, but now I have to increase the price to EUR 27,50

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From the same publisher also still available:

2007 annual combined events

EUR 20,00

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Statistics handbook European Cup Combined events 1973 -2007

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