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## ASHTON-BARROILHET D-I DEUL

### Central Missouri's Walker Leads D-2

#### Hello Again.....

This was the 6<sup>th</sup> NCAA I indoor heptathlon but the first away from Arkansas' Tyson Center. Gilliam Indoor Track at the McFerrin Athletic Center had been tested by just two earlier season heptathlons so many of the facility records were likely to fall.

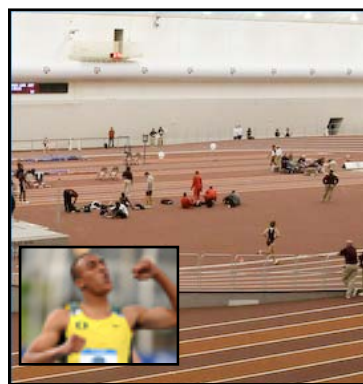
Assuming healthy athletes, this stacked up to be a battle between the seasonal leader, Oregon junior Ashton Eaton, and the defending champ, Florida State's sophomore Gonzalo Barroilhet. Eaton's 6174 scorcher in January had served notice to the CE world. Barro's only multi was a relatively easy 5847 win at the ACCs in Blacksburg.

5 others had reached the auto standard (5650) and the minimum field of 14 started. But would this meet be jinxed by starting on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>?

Ironically, no NCAA indoor winner has ever captured the outdoor counterpart, the decathlon. Eaton could alter that since he won the NCAA decathlon a year ago in Des Moines. There were 214 fans, sans blue shirted officials in attendance, as the sprinters went to the starting line (I counted them). By 3:30 pm, the end of the day, the crowd had swelled to @ 1300.



6<sup>th</sup> NCAA D-I Indoor  
Heptathlon Championships  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, TX  
March 13-14, 2009

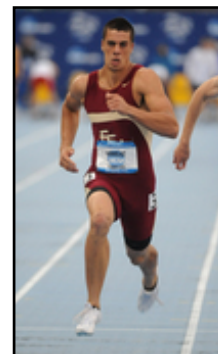


The new Gilliam Fieldhouse proved to be quick for Oregon's Ashton Eaton (insert).

**60 Meters:** [12:00 – 12:05 pm]

With 14 athletes well seeded into 2 sections the first race went to Eaton in a new meet record, 6.86 seconds, just .03 off his PR, a good start for the '08 decathlon king. Utah State's John Strang also dipped under 7

Florida State's Chilean Olympian Gonzalo Barroilhet, the defending indoor champion, started with a bang, a PR 60m time of 7.12 seconds.



seconds and Wake's Brent LaRue recorded a PR 7.03 for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Section two went to the defending champ Barroilhet whose 7.12 PR was greeted with a raised fist at the finish. Washington frosh Jeremy Taiwo, caught in 7.17 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lars Rise's 7.30 for 5<sup>th</sup> were also lifetime bests. In all a pretty good start for the entire field.

*After One: Eato 933, Stra 897, LaRu 872, Barr 840.*

**Long Jump:** [12:40 – 1:21 pm]

There would be no raised and bouncy runway as we had a year earlier in Fayetteville where most heptathletes wasted at least one attempt getting used the the bouncy approach. Here there were few fouls (only 5), but round one was unimpressive as only 4 surpassed 7 meters, led by Taiwo's PR 7.16m/23-6 leap. Tennessee's Micahel Ayers and Eaton both fouled, the latter was very close but the right call.

In round two Eaton missed the toe board completely but still covered 7.39m/24-3 of Texas real estate. It would prove to be the winner. Florida frosh Gray Horn recorded a PR 7.28m/23-10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

In round three Sweden's Nebraska freshman Bjorn Barrefors (pronounced bar-a-forsch) produced a nifty 7.38m/24-2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> leap to move into overall contention. Barroilhet managed a nifty 7.17m/23-6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> effort and the battle between the '08 indoor and outdoor champs was on. Strang (at 7.34m/24-1) and the lanky Taiwo again (7.27m/23-10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) also PR'd. A very nice event with four lifetime bests. Well conducted.

*After Two: Eato 1841, Stra 1793, BJOR (not to be confused with Barroilhet) 1742, Horn 1707....6<sup>th</sup> Barr 1694.*

**Shot Put:** [1:55 – 2:36 pm]

Conducted at the west end of Gilliam Indoor Stadium a pair of nifty throwing circles awaited. The small field resulted in the

use of only the north ring, but produced very good



**Eaton (left) wasted a pair of efforts managing but 11.68m/38-4 on his only fair shot put, while Missouri's Rise (right) won with a fine 16.07/52-8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.**

results. Only Wake's Brent LaRue struggled and netted no mark. Eaton fouled (he did not look particularly sharp on day one) and Barrefors led after the first round at 14.27m/46-10, a PR. Eaton managed a subpar 11.68m/38-4 toss in round two and Nick Adcock, silent this far, exploded with a 14.03m/46-<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> PR effort. The last throw in the round resulted in a bomb, a 16.07m/52-8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> facility record by Missouri's Norwegian, Lars Rise. But there was too much nervousness and far too many fouls (14 in all). Eaton again fouled in round three, but Adcock erupted again, this time his 16 pounder covered 14.61m/47-11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Aggie land. 5 lifetime bests. Scandinavians took over 1-2.

*After Three: Rise 2504, BJOR 2487, Eato 1428, Barr 2416.*

**High Jump:** [3:07 – 4:04 pm]

Gray Horn held center stage in Group I (west pit) winning at 1.99m/6-6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. In Group 2 (east pit) the vent zipped along with Strang eventually winning in 2.05m/6-8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. It's uncertain whether the incessant blaring commercials (for T-shirts, caps, et al) played on the large screen during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the event ruined the concentration of the jumpers, but –played during the higher heights for both groups-- it sure was disconcerting and incredibly loud. When it happened Eaton had pushed his margin over Barroilhet by a bar adding 28 to his margin. Officials moved the event along smartly regardless, getting 117

jumps and 57 clearances in just under an hour. That's very quick.

After Four: Eato 3250, Bjor 3227, Barr 3210, Adco 3196.

**First Day Results:**



**3/13-14 6<sup>th</sup> NCAA D-1 Heptathlon, Texas A&M, College Station, TX**

3250	Eaton, Ashton/Oregon	6.86	739	1168	202
3227	Barrefors, Bjorn/Nebraska-SWE	7.13	738	1427	193
3210	Barroilhet, Gonzalo/Fla St-CHI	7.12	717	1389	199
3196	Adcock, Nick/Missouri	7.17	688	1461	202
3191	Rise, Lars/Missouri-NOR	7.30	723	1607	187
3150	Strang, John/Utah St	6.96	734	1036	205
3137	Horn, Gray/Florida	7.16	728	1249	199
3118	Taiwo, Jeremy/Washington	7.17	727	1228	199
3058	Bishoff, Matt/N Dakota St	7.34	704	1269	202
3057	Ayers, Michael/Tennessee	7.13	699	1303	193
3050	Cleve, Moritz/Kansas St-GER	7.22	693	1365	193
3017	Keller, Daniel/North Carolina	7.42	690	1344	199
2979	Rietveld, Pella/Florida St-NED	7.16	675	1372	187
2359	LaRue, Brent/Wake Forest	7.03	660	nm	196
					14s.

2nd Row: Moritz Cleve, Matt Bishoff, Ashton Eaton, Gray Horn; 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Dan Keller, Brent LaRue, Lars Rise, Pelle Rietveld; 4<sup>th</sup> Row: John Strang, Jeremy Taiwo



**Walker Leads D-2 in Houston**

Central Missouri sophomore Darius Walker (2972) took a 15 point lead into day 2 of the first NCAA D-2 heptathlon in Houston, Texas. Overwhelming favorite Camille Vandendriessche of Abilene Christian stood 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2909.

**3/13-14 1<sup>st</sup> NCAA D-II Champs, UH, Houston, TX**

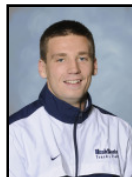
2972	Walker, Darius/C Missouri	7.04	673	1212	193
2957	Durham, Wayne/Adams St	7.31	681	1265	196
2909	Vandendriessche, Camille/Abilene Christian				
		7.40	649	1443	190
2903	Horn, Philip/Missouri Sn	7.34	668	1106	205
2875	Preble, Zac/Bemidji St	7.38	635	1513	184
2734	Lohman, Alex/C Missouri	7.46	636	1364	181
2695	McDaniel, Kyle/Saginaw Valley St				
		7.28	628	971	199
2623	Thomas, Nathan/Pittsburg St	7.31	620	988	193
2610	Sanders, Cody/Western St	7.65	653	1113	187
2569	Mannerberg, Jason/Adams St	7.43	634	1127	178
2410	Graybill, Donnie/Shippens'	7.61	634	1127	178
1991	Saalfeld, Craig/Emporia St	7.26	627	1111	nh

**NCAA I National Indoor Heptathlon Winners**

2004	Donovan Kilmartin	Texas	6136
2005	Maurice Smith	Auburn	6004
2006	Donovan Kilmartin	Texas	6048
2007	Donovan Kilmartin	Texas	5998
2008	Gonzalo Barroilhet	Florida St	5998

[all meets in Fayetteville, Arkansas]

**The 2009 NCAA Heptathlon Field**



Top Row: Nick Adcock, Michael Ayers, Bjorn Barrefors, Gonzalo Barroilhet;



The first Division 3 multi, a pentathlon, will be held on Saturday, March 14 in Terre Haute, IN.