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INDOOR SEASON OPENS

NCAA Adds D-II, D-III Multis

Hello Again.....a number of early indoor multis rang in the new year's first full weekend. Meelis Kosk, Brigham Young sophomore from Parnu, Estonia posted the highest score of the January 9-11 weekend by winning the BYU Cougar meeting in Provo with a 5332 score. BYU soph teammate Philip Bettis was 2nd at 5223.



Estonian sophomore Meelis Kosk won the BYU Cougar heptathlon with a meet and personal record 5332 points.

Elsewhere, Dartmouth senior Tim Wunderlich won his 2nd Dartmouth Relays crown (4837) and Sacred heart senior Thomas Hyatt captured Army's Carleton Crowell heptathlon at West Point (4338). Four additional meets are scheduled for the coming weekend, then the indoor season really hats up in January's third weekend with an additional ten multi meets. Check our posted "Results Page" for detailed resuks.

Two other bits of catch-up news highlight this DECA newsletter which begins its 34th year!!!!

The NCAA Rules Committee has added mens and women's multis to the indoor championship meet. At Division II the men will contest the heptathlon while women

entertain the pentathlon. At Division III pentathlons for both genders are scheduled. The entry standards appear to be rather light...4500 hept for D II and 3400 pent for D III. Here are the standards for all national indoor men's multi championships:



2009 Indoor Qualifying Standards

USATF- Heptathlon Chapel Hill, NC 3/7-8

5450 i hept (qualifying window
3850 i pent Jan 2008 to March
7700 dec 2009)

NCAA I- Heptathlon College Station, TX

A B 3/13-14
5650 5300

NCAA II- Heptathlon Houston, TX 3/13-14
4500

NCAA III- Pentathlon Terre Haute, IN 3/13
3400

NAIA - Heptathlon Johnson City, TN 3/5-6
Top 16

NJCAA- Pentathlon Lubbock, TX 3/7
Top 16

A-Automatic standard

B-Provisional standard

nb- with exception of USATF, all qualifying marks must be made in current indoor season.

In December Track and Field News released annual US and world rankings (they've been at this for 62 years. No surprises here as Bryan Clay clearly led both lists.



2008 Decathlon Rankings

2008 World Rankings

1..Bryan Clay	USA	8832
2..Andrei Krauchanka	BLS	8585
3..Leonel Suarez	CUB	8527
4..Aleksandr Pogorelov	RUS	8381
5..Trey Hardee	USA	8534
6..Dmitriy Karpov	KAZ	8504
7..Aleksey Sysoyev	RUS	8497

8. Tom Pappas	USA	8511
9. Maurice Smith	JAM	8434
10.Romain Barras	FRA	8253

2008 USA Rankings

1..Bryan Clay	Nike	8832
2..Trey Hardee	Nike	8534
3..Tom Pappas	Nike	8511
4..Ashton Eaton	Ore	8122
5..Jake Arnold	unat	8130
6..Chris Helwick	2gnc	8143
7..Mustafa Abdur-Rahim	ASC	8175
8..Chris Randolph	CNW	8066
9..Joe Detmer	unat	7861
10.Ryan Olkowski	unat	7877

And, finally, on the final page below, there is a reminder that Hans van Kuijen's indispensable *2008 Combined Events Guide Annual* is ready for sale. This is highly recommended.

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

Ordering is possible at: Hans van Kuijen e-mail: hvankuijen@wxs.nl
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The price for the book is:

Cash money Europe: EUR 27,50 GBR cash GBP 25,- SEK 350 cheques GBP 35,-

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