

IT'S RELAY SEASON AGAIN

Big Scores For Keys at Oregon & McCune at Mt Sac

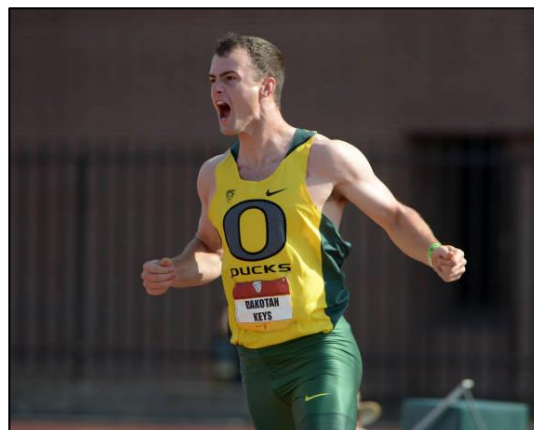
Hello Again....The '14 Season heated up this weekend with several major Relay meets which produced both high scores and depth. The Relay section of the season will end this week with the annual affair at Drake.

Oregon senior Dakotah Keys, 22, Sweet Home, OR, made the most of Hayward Field surroundings getting a PR 8027 win at the annual Oregon Relays in Eugene. Frosh teammate Mich Modin was runner-up, also posting a PR 7457 total. Keys recorded career bests in the long jump (7.45m/24-5½), shot put (13.65m/44-9½) and 1500m (4:24.21) on the way to his second 8k score. Modin's PRs came in the long jump, 110m hurdles, discus, vault and javelin. The total scores by both place the Ducks squarely in the Webb Cup picture.

"Every time I do this it comes down to the wire," Keys said. "I had to run a 4:28 (for 8k), and from my training I knew I was capable of that. A PR and a 4:24...I didn't know that was in me."

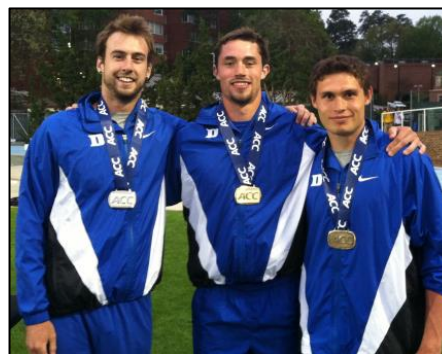
While Keys said his training gave him confidence he could set the PR, it was some Hayward Field Magic that pushed him harder. "Every time I started to kind of doubt myself, my mind would click back on and--instead of just hearing silence and getting drowned out by the running and the pain--that's when I heard the fans," he said. "I could feel my adrenaline again and felt like I was revived. There's nothing like it."

At the deep Mt Sac Relays in Azusa, CA, Akron junior Alex McCune, 21, Pittsburgh, overcame more heralded



Oregon senior Dakotah Keys used career bests in the long jump, shot put and 1500m to win the Oregon Relay title with a 8027 point effort.

opponents and came away with a 7763 PR score under excellent conditions. 100m (10.89), 400m (50.41), 110H (14.78), discus (41.69m/136-9), javelin (59.46/195-1). Teammate Bryan Jones was 3rd and first day leader (4042 pts) Devin Dick, Kansas St was 4th. Dick, on his way to an NCAA I qualifier, was the victim of a pair of disc fouls and a standing toss. Half a dozen other notables either dnf'd or came up short at Azusa Pacific

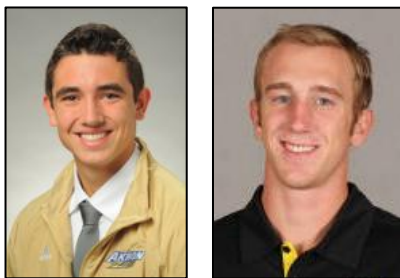


Duke's Ian Rock, Robert Rohner and Curtis Beach (left to right) bedeviled ACC opponents in Chapel Hill.

including: UCLA's Marcus Nilsson; Jack Szmanda/Twin Cities TC; Jeff Mohl/Montana St; Richard York/New Mexico; Dillon Schrodt/Nebraska-Kearney, and Buffalo's Mike Morgan.

Ex UCSB Gaucho Derek Masterson won the accompanying California Invt with a 7281 total, ten more than Mike McPherson/Utah Valley.

The collegiate championship season got an early start with the ACC meet at Chapel Hill. There a trio of Duke Blue Devils went 1-2-3 making big inroads (24 points) into the team tally. Soph Robert Rohner (7233 PR), junior Ian Rock (PR 7122) and national indoor king Curtis Beach (6997)



Junior Alex McCune/Akron (left) and freshman Mitch Modin/Oregon, right got PR scores at Mount Sac and Oregon Relays respectively.

"It was a great couple of days," said Duke Associate Head Coach Shawn Wilbourn. "We got the sweep and those guys competed hard both days. It was an impressive performance by Robert, who was just a sprinter in high school. He's learning all of these events and rapidly picking them up. I knew he was going to be really good. He's wired for it."

Other important meet winners included: Princeton junior Stephen Soerens who won the Larry Ellis meet (7023); vet Tim Wunderlich whose 7343 was tops in Emmitsburg; and-III Christopher Newport's Richard Roethel whose won the Captain's Classic at home (6723). D-III indoor Wisconsin antagonists Zach Anderson/Stout and Brandon Zarnoth/Eau Claire, who went 1-2 in March in Lincoln (D-III nationals), went



Zach Anderson/junior, Frederic, Wisc (left) and Kale Wolken/Doane soph(right) had top small college scores. head to head again at the Phil Esten meet in LaCrosse. They came away with the season's two top D-III efforts, 6838 and 6736.

The most impressive small college mark came from the Doane Relays where Doane's sop Kale Wolken, Tecumseh, NE, managed a nifty 7204 score.

Details of the week/weekend's 22 decathlons are available on our weekly 'Results Page' post. A 23rd meeting, the Holy Cross Crusader Decathlon in Worcester, MA, was cancelled due to snow.

Many of the nation's top decathletes have performed in open events. For example, Trey Hardee put 4 fine marks up at the U Texas Invitational and Ashton Eaton hurdled over the weekend in S California [13.54 110H at Bryan Clay, and 50.01 400H at Mount Sac].

4/12/14

Texas Invt

Hardee 5.21 pv, 6290jav, 1526sp, 21.05+4.9 200m
 Kenny Greaves 5.06 pv
 Wolf Mahler 40.78disc, 669lj, 506pv, 4x400m 3:21
 Johannes Hock 52.87disc, 14.78sp, 4x400m 3:21
 Miller Moss 1394sp, 55.56 400H,
 Wes Bray 3947disc, 51.84 400m, 11.34+3.9
 Clayton Chaney 3811 disc, 683lj, 51.79 400m
 Jake Wohlford 14.22 110H

Arkansas

Kevin Lazas, 15.02+5.6, 51.61 400m, 460pv, 4197disc, 6218 jav

4/18/14 Clay Invt

Ashton Eaton: 110mH (2) 13.54+0.5
 Zach Ziemek 45.16m disc; 54.29mjav

4/19/14 Mt Sac

Eaton 400H 50.01(4)
 Jay Cato 5.35mpv,

4/19/14 Beach-Cerritos

Ziemek 45.35mdisc