

NIXON 6039 in BIRMINGHAM

Hardee, Eaton, McCune in the News

Hello Again....How to characterize the past weekend ?.....Uppermost on the elite level were a pair of attempts to put up a qualifying mark for the IAAF world indoor champs in Sopot, POL They ended quite differently. For 2x IAAF outdoor champion Trey Hardee, whose sojourn took him to the Reval Cup in Tallinn, Estonia, a decent first day score (3361) was negated by problems in the hurdles and he failed to finish. It remains to be seen if he'll chase another qualifier. It may take 6150.

5000 miles away in Birmingham, AL USA indoor champ Gunnar Nixon/adidas ran up a fine 6039 effort to win the Samford U Multis. But he'll have to wait to see if that's good enough to warrant an invite to Sopot. The world's top 3 scorers from the current indoor season get a nod. Currently he stands 3rd with 9 days left for he and/or Hardee or anyone else to put up big numbers. At the moment Alexiy Kasyanov/UKR (6104) and German Kai Kazmirek (6083) have the only other 6k efforts.

At the New Balance Grand Prix in Boston Ashton was still tuning up for his defense of the world indoor crown. Focusing on a few individual events each weekend (next weekend it's pv and 60mH at Millrose) Eaton appears sharp. His ran 6.73 in the short dash against a national class field (6th) in the heats, then popped 15.05m/49-2¼ in the shot, an indoor PR. Count him: Ready!

On the collegiate front the major news came from Akron, OH where Zip junior Alex McCune, 21, Pittsburgh, posted a significant



Gunnar Nixon (left) and Trey Hardee (right) were looking for Sopot qualifying scores. Nixon won in Birmingham with a 6039 total. Hardee came a cropper in the hurdles and dnf'd.

career heptathlon best 5864 which included PRs in the 60m, shot, hurdles and 1k). Comebacking Kurt Schneider, Michigan State, was runner-up at 5558.

USC's Hungarian jumper Viktor Fajoyomi showed significant improvement while winning the Husker affair in Lincoln



Alex McCune/Akron (left) and Kurt Schneider/Michigan St (right) battled at the Akron meet.

with a 5544 score.

At the D-II level Emporia's Payson Maydew PR'd in Lincoln at 5183, a result that will make him a factor at the D-II nationals.

Check our results page for complete weekend details and updated national and collegiate lists.