



## BEACH LEADS EASTER PARADE

### Eaton 15.40m/50-6¼ Shot Put

**Hello Again....**In a preview of the NCAA decathlon ten weeks hence, the Texas Relays provided most of the news of the final weekend of March, 2013. Even though there were 11 decathlons nationwide, all eyes were focused on Austin where half a dozen of the top collegiate contenders (including the only two 8000 point scorers) faced off with typical friendly breezes on Wed-Thurs, 3/27-28. But when dust cleared and winds died down it was Duke's Curtis Beach who stood tall, with an 8011 win without having to use his 1500m skills. Texas-Arlington's French senior Romain Martin was solid, 107 points back, and 2012 winner Isaac Murphy/Texas was 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7758, 15 better than Pac-12 champ Dakotah Keys of Oregon. All 4 will be among the favorites when the NCAA conducts its nationals in early June in Eugene, Oregon.

Beach started with a pair of PRs, 10.68 and 7.57m/24-10 and added a 3<sup>rd</sup> on day two with 5.10/16-8¾. His 4:17.94 was wind-resisted. Sam Houston State's Matt Johnson, returning from a year's absence, withdrew after eight. Windy conditions, which helped the spring and long jump performances, did just the opposite during the 400m and 1500m.

In other weekend action D-II indoor champ Brent Vogel/Central Missouri won over one of his coaches, Kutis Brondyke, 7244 to 6944.

The weekend's only other 7k performance came at the Cal Multis in Berkeley where USC's Hungarian leaper Viktor Fajoyomi (using a 2.11m/6-11



Duke's Curtis Beach used a PR 7.57m/24-19 long jump on the way to an 8011 point win at the Texas Relays.

high jump) scored 7078 points in his first career decathlon.

At the Stanford Relays in Palo Alto Ashton Eaton worked on first day skills. His 10.33 (wind +0.5mps) was smooth and the fastest opener of his career. But he registered 3 fouls (two in 27 foot range) in the long jump, both on Friday. On Saturday his m 15.40m/50-6¼, his initial career fifty footer. Series: 14.78 15.40 foul foul.



Romain Martin/Tex-Arlington, at 7904, was 2<sup>nd</sup> at Texas.