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## HUGE WEEKEND COMING UP

### Keeney's Mark leads NAIA

**Hello Again....**It was the quiet before the storm. Most CE followers have their eyes focused on next weekend (Feb. 21-24) when thirty collegiate conferences are on the docket. Over 400 collegians are expected to go to the starting line in a weekend exercise that will rewrite the US lists and determine qualifying lists for four national championships (NCAA I, II, III, NAIA).

The current weekend saw a dozen meets with most attention turned to the East Coast where 5 D-I conferences (America East, Patriot, Big East, Atlantic 10, MEAC) held title meets (this is done to allow athletes to complete the indoor season 2 weeks later at the IC4As). The top performance came at the Bgg east meet (in Geneva, OH) where Notre Dame senior Ted Glasnow's 5493 effort was 23 better than that of defending champ, UConn senior (Kenhonkson, NY) Jake Waruch, an NCAA outdoor qualifier a year ago.

The major disappointment came at the Atlantic-10 affair in Kingston, RI as Rhode Island senior Andrew Reigstad, holding nearly a 300 point first day lead and 200+ up on his own PR of 5388, pushed down a hurdle during the 60 sticks and was D'qd. The event cost him a chance at an NCAA indoor qualifying score. All of the East Coast heptathletes will have a second chance at the Reggie Lewis center in Boston (IC4A) on March 1-2.

Only a dozen meets were held last weekend and Doane senior Robbie Keeney, Callaway, NE, improved on his own NAIA leading mark with a 5296 PR win at the Great Plains AC meet.



Andrew Reigstad/Rhode Island (left) and Robbie Keeney of Doane (right). A pair of seniors, had weekend performances with national implications.

Al Scannapieco/Albany was the America East victor (5124) and Jame Blackwell became the first national indoor champ of the season winning the well-attended National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) meet in Marion, IN. His 5038 is now #2 on the NAIA list.

Fasten your seatbelts. The first of 30 (!) conference championship meets begins Thursday, Feb. 21....the Atlantic Coast Conf meet in Blacksburg, VA.