

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## CONFERENCE WEEKEND TIPS OFF USA Field Set

**Hello Again....**The first of three 2 day sets (Thurs-Fri) on the indoor season's busiest weekend is in the books and Texas-Arlington senior Romain Martin provided the most noise with an easy 5706 victory (coasting the 1k) at the WAC Champs in Albuquerque. His score was 527 points up on runner-up Jon Goble. With a career PR of 5897, the 24 year old senior from LeMans, France, his selection to the NCAA I title meet two weeks hence is solid

The WAC meet was held at the Convention Center in Albuquerque, indoor track home of the University of New Mexico Lobos. But since they are members of the Mountain West Conference chief Lobo Richard York was winning his league heptathlon in Nampa, ID. Since his 5590 seasonal best total is unlikely to be among the top 16 on the NCAA I list, one can only wonder if he'll compete at the USA nationals next weekend on his home track?

The biggest disappointment came from Blacksburg, VA where the Atlantic Coast Conference went from one of the nation's strongest CE league to one of the weakest overnight. The ACC has provided 3 of the last 5 NCAA indoor hept champions including the past two (Miller Moss/Clemson in 2011 and Curtis Beach/Duke in 2012), Since Beach is currently red-shirting the indoor campaign the ACC has become a non-factor league in 2013. After qualifying a dozen heptathletes for the past 5 NCAA meets, none will advance this year. Ian



UT-Arlington's Romain Martin had an easy time at WAC

Rock/Duke won the ACC meet in Blacksburg, VA

19 additional collegiate conferences conduct indoor heptathlon title meets on Fri-Sat, Feb. 22-23. We'll publish another Newsletter tomorrow (Saturday) evening summarizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> two-day set.

### 2013 USA Nationals Field Set

The best USA indoor heptathlon field in years will gather March 1-2 in Albuquerque to contest the 28th nationals. Consider: the Olympic silver medalist, the past two NCAA champs, a 3x and a 2x USA indoor champ and the American Jr record holder are all in the field. As of Feb.22 the following have qualified (7700/5450/3850) and entered:

#### *Qualified and entered*

Trey Hardee	'10 IAAF WC runner-up
Miller Moss	'11 NCAA champ
Jake Arnold	'08, '09, '10 champ
Curtis Beach	'12 NCAA champ
Gunnar Nixon	'12 American Jr record
Ryan Harlan	'05, '06 champ
Dan Gooris, Corbin Duer, Terry Prentice	





