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EATON WINS USA INDOOR LONG JUMP

Collegiate Fields Complete-Late USA Entries Due Monday

Hello Again..... This is the third of three weekend newsletters covering meets on Saturday-Sunday of the collegiate conference weekend of Feb 23-26, 2012. First, my apology for posting the wrong file last evening, (#9 twice instead of #10), but I discovered the error this morning. It's now corrected.

The day's major news comes, not from a CE meet, but from the USA national indoor champs in Albuquerque where Ashton Eaton, prepping for the upcoming world indoor heptathlon, won the national USA indoor long jump crown with a PR 8.06m/26-5½. The winning jump came on his 3rd attempt (significant for CEers) after a series of but 4 attempts [25-8, run-thru, 26-5½ 25-11]. The night before Eaton was 3rd in a 60m hurdle heat, caught in 7.66 seconds, .06 off his own PR.

We are checking but it appears he becomes the first US decathlete to win an individual USA national title since Bob Richards in the 1956. Richards, the Olympic vault champ was also one of the world's best decathletes, winning 3 AAU crowns and claiming 6 world rankings). Also winning national AAU crowns were '56 Olympic dec champ Milt Campbell (1955 120yd H) and '24 Olympic dec champ Harold Osborn (7x AAU high jump champ in 1920s). I know I've forgotten someone else, but you get the picture. The feat is rare. Verdict for WCs in Istanbulready!



Ashton Eaton took only 4 attempt but it was enough to earn him the National USA indoor long jump title in Albuquerque, NM. His winning leap was a PR 8.06m/26-5½.

Five indoor heptathlons were conducted on Sat-Sun and the major story was the attempt by Northern Iowa junior Dan Gooris, to break into the NCAA I top 16 to earn a ticket to the D-I title meet in Boise, Idaho. At the time he went to the starting line of the 1000m at the Missouri Valley Conf. meet on his home track at UNI in Cedar Falls, IA, Gooris had 4842 points for 6 events (well clear of the field) and needed a 2:43.81 effort to bump Josh Kettlewell of Central Michigan (5673) as the 16th D-I qualifier. He managed 2:43.30 so that his final total was 5679, even bumping Wisconsin Dave Grzesiak to #16. Whew!

In other D-I mid major action, Cornell's Nick Huber won the Ivy title at home in Ithaca with a 5446 effort leading the



If the NCAA T&F Committee takes 16 to the D-I meet, Dan Gooris/N Iowa (left) was the last to add his name to that list in winning the Missouri valley Conf. title.

Big Red to a 1-2-3 sweep. Clayton Chaney/Rice was the Conference USA winner (5370) and Dan Simon/Wisc-Milwaukee captured the Horizon League heptathlon (4820). In the final NCAA D-II meet, the Pennsylvania State meet was won by Dan Johnson of East Stroudsburg To ending the D-II qualifying. D-III qualifying is not complete as there will be at least one last chance heptathlon this week. Regardless, we offer the top scores (not official invitees) for the national collegiate meets, given the number of athletes invited in the past.

NAIA (16)

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| 5434 | Robbie Haynie | Eastern Oregon |
| 5223 | Rob Keeney | Doane |
| 5019 | Brad Higgins | Doane |
| 4990 | Jake Holmquist | Hastings |
| 4962 | Austin Basterrechea | Col /Idaho |
| 4939 | Adam Thompkins | Westmont |
| 4803 | Johnpaul Williams | Dickinson St |
| 4777 | Matt Waters | Concordia(Ore) |
| 4771 | Trevor Wills | Dickinson St |
| 4759 | Michael Hurd | Col/Idaho |
| 4752 | Kameron Conely | Okla Baptist |
| 4730 | Caleb Neal | Okla Baptist |
| 4705 | Calvin Sullins | Siena Heights |
| 4702 | Matt Rau | Azusa Pacific |
| 4646 | Nick Stine | Hastings |
| 4498 | Justin Ludwikowski | Ashford |

NCAA I (16)

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|------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 6022 | Gunnar Nixon | Arkansas |
| 5971 | Gray Horn | Florida |
| 5939 | Jahpeth Cato | Wisconsin |
| 5920 | Kevin Lazas | Arkansas |
| 5862 | Curtis Beach | Duke |
| 5809 | Cory Holman | Georgia |
| 5796 | Romain Martin | Texas-Arlington |
| 5792 | Bjorn Barrefors | Nebraska |
| 5780 | Mantas Silkauskas | Kansas St |
| 5771 | Kurt Felix | Boise St |

-----5750 auto qualifier-----

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|------|-----------------|------------|
| 5748 | Isaac Murphy | Texas |
| 5745 | Petter Olson | Texas |
| 5731 | Asa Staven | Montana St |
| 5700 | Marcus Nilsson | UCLA |
| 5679 | Dan Gooris | N Iowa |
| 5677 | Dave Gresziak | Wisconsin |
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| 5673 | Josh Kettlewell | C Michigan |

NCAA II (12)

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|------|------------------|-------------------|
| 5315 | Brent Vogel | Central Missouri |
| 5298 | Darius Walker | Central Missouri |
| 5174 | Parker Petty | Abilene Christian |
| 5163 | Justin Balczak | Lake Superior St |
| 5093 | Laquone Robinson | MSU-Moorhead |
| 5092 | Tyler Grob | Saginaw Valley St |
| 5047 | Connor Coleman | So Conn St |
| 5029 | Shawn Boss | Central Missouri |
| 5029 | Isaac Snyder | Lake Erie |
| 5010 | Jason Benton | Lake Superior St |
| 5002 | Nick Lebron | So Conn St |
| 4988 | Nathan Hancock | Minn St-Mankato |

NCAA III (12)

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|------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 5065 | Eddy Brandon | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 5027 | Caleb Cox | Illinois College |
| 5021 | Daniel Drowek | Wisc-Stout |
| 5014 | Ricahard Roethel | Christopher Newport |
| 4833 | Brandon Zarnoth | Wisc-Stout |
| 4808 | Andy Grossman | Wisc-LaCrosse |
| 4804 | Bart Mestelle | Wisc-Eau Claire |
| 4726 | Zach Anderson | Wisc-Stout |
| 4724 | Joe Yoder | Heidleberg |
| 4691 | Eric Larsen | Central (IA) |
| 4689 | Dalen Dirth | Luther |
| 4677 | Tate DeMeulenaere | Wartburg |

---Qualifying incomplete by 2/26/12---



A Reminder: USA National Indoor Entries

A final reminder that late entries for the National USA indoor heptathlon, March 3-4, are due on Monday, Feb 27th. At the present time a dozen have qualified. The standards are a bit lighter:

decathlon 7700; heptathlon 5450, pentathlon 3850
(with the qualifying period extending back to Jan. 1, 2011)

For entry information go to:

<http://www.usatf.org/Events---Calendar/2012/USA-Indoor-Combined-Events-Championships/Entry-Info.aspx>