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EATON 45.68, HARDEE 13.61

Sam Adams Meet Nets Top Scores

Hello Again.....Although we usually wait for the weekend to report decathlon related news, the enclosed updates couldn't wait. There were some outstanding scores recorded at Westmont College's Sam Adams Multis and some open marks that were even more noteworthy.

World indoor champ Ashton Eaton, just doing selected events at Westmont in Santa Barbara, ran an eye-opening PR 45.68 400 meters. Since he did not complete the entire decathlon his mark will not go into the record-books. But, given that it equaled Bill Toomey's venerable 1968 Mexico City one lap record (the oldest in the book), and is worth 1025 points on the scoring tables, it got the deca world's attention. His other marks included: 10.45 0.0 100m, a near PR 14.62m/47-11³/₄ shot, 43.34m/142-2 discus, 5.10m/16-8³/₄ while warming up in vault and 56.15/184-2 javelin. All of that would have netted 5132 points, pretty good for April.

Meanwhile world outdoor champ Trey Hardee, 28, continues to make noise during his rehab comeback. A 2nd place 13.61 hurdle race at the Texas Relays last week equaled his career best. He also had a pair of long jumps at 7.29m/23-11.

Meanwhile, the newly created Sam Adams meet at Westmont produced some top scores. Adams, the longtime UCSB coach and later assistant at Westmont who died in January, 2010, would have liked what he saw at the spanking new facility in the Santa Barbara hills. Veteran Chris Randolph of Sketchers, just 3 weeks shy of his 28th



Both Ashton Eaton, left, and Trey Hardee, right, picked right up where they left off last fall in Korea. Eaton sprinted to a PR 45.68 400m in Santa Barbara while Hardee equaled his career best of 13.61 in Austin.

birthday, recorded his best ten event score since 2008 with a 7840 workmanlike win.

More significant, a pair of talented collegians took advantage of the fine weather and nailed career scores behind Randolph.

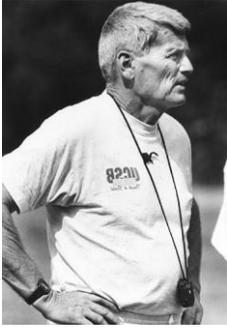
Oregon soph Dakotah Keys, 20, Sweet Home, OT, upped his PR to a substantial 7682 while UCSB senior Derek Masterson, 21,



Chris Randolph, left, and Ashton Eaton, right, came up with identical 43.34m/142-2 platter throws at Westmont.



Placerville, CA, managed 7558. They were PRs by 478 and 263 points respectively and, more important, in excess of the NCAA I auto standard earning both tickets to Drake.



Westmont has a terrific NAIA decathlon history. Legendary coach Jim Klein, 1964 Olympian Paul Herman (4th in Tokyo), Pan Am medalist Dave Thoreson and 1970's iron man Bill

Bakley are all part of the Westmont decathlon story. Adams, left, coached at Westmont after a long career at cross-town UCSB.



Oregon soph Dakotah Keys ran up an impressive 7682 score after an outstanding prep and JO career..