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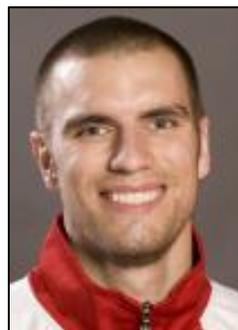
MORE BIG SCORES

Cato's 5939 Tops in Nebraska

Hello Again..... American collegians continued their onslaught of the US indoor lists during the first weekend of February, 2012. The weekend's most impressive set of results came at the Frank Sevigne Husker affair in Lincoln, NE. Wisconsin soph Jay Cato added nearly 200 points to his indoor PR with a 5939 score. Most observers came away noting there is plenty of upside to Cato's future scores since he vaulted 'only' 5.14m/16-10¼ (PR is 5.20m/17-¾) and high jumped 'just' 2.06m/6-9 (PR of 2.12m/6-11½). Jay (Japheth), 6-4, 185, from Cairo, IL, becomes the #9 collegian all-time and moves him within 83 points of the seasonal collegiate leader, Arkansas frosh Gunnar Nixon. He'll be one of the co-favorites in Boise. But the Sevigne meet was not 'all' Cato. Nebraska junior Bjorn Barrefors posted a 5701 total (#10 on current collegiate list) and Wisconsin senior Dave Gresziak was 3rd adding 100 points to his career best getting, 5677. Fast improving North Dakota State junior Andy Lillejord was 4th at 5467.

The Husker meet was but the tip of the 17 meet weekend. Ohio State's Heath Nickles, once the seasonal collegiate leader and Big 10 outdoor king, improved upon his early season score getting 5624 in Akron yet dropped four places on the collegiate list to # 14.

At the Mountain State Games in Pocatello, ID, Montana State senior Asa Staven, Georgetown, TX, ran up a nifty 5691 school record effort to turn back teammate Jeff



Upper left...Jay Cato/Wisconsin became the # 9 all-time collegiate performer in Lincoln, topping Nebraska's Bjorn Barrefors (upper right) and teammate Dave Gresziak (lower left) at the Sevigne Husker meet. Lower right, Montana State's Asa Staven was a 5691 winner in Pocatello.

Mohl. Cornell's Nick Huber won the Ithaca Bomber meet with a 5550 score. Former NAIA champ Jon Hilton won in Wichita with a nice 5394 total. Another dozen heptathlons are scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

2012 promises to be another high scoring collegiate indoor season. To many the NCAA D I auto standard of 5750 may appear unduly high yet 7 have already surpassed it. At

the present any mark under 5700 may be in jeopardy of being left without a ticket to Boise, site of this season's D-I meet. Currently 19 D-I collegians already have posted 5500+ marks. In 2011 sixteen were invited to compete at the D-I affair in College Station, TX. In 2012 I would not count on many provisional starters.



Andy Lillejord of North Dakota State notched a PR 5467 in Lincoln.