

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## WARUCH OVER WISE at BIG EAST Collegiate Conference Season Begins

**Hello Again....** The 3rd weekend of February marked the start of a three week collegiate conference season and saw ten indoor CE, 9 of them college championships, many of them held on the East Coast. At the NYC Armory UConn senior Jake Waruch, 22, Kerhonkson, NY, made up a good deal of ground in the pole vault and narrowly defeated South Florida soph Neaman Wise, the 2010 national USA junior decathlon champ. Wise had opened a significant lead early with a eye-opening 6.84 60m (.13 off of Ashton Eaton's CR) and a 7.06m/23-2 long jump. But Waruch whittled away, using an event winning 2.05m/6-8¾ high jump. His 4.50m/14-9 vault was 8 (!) bars higher than Wise's top clearance. The pair led the 1000m with Waruch getting the nod, 2:42.46 to 2:43.61. Waruch's PR score of 5497 was 88 better than Wise's.

In other conference affairs, Bucknell's Andy Powell (5143 pts) was a relatively easy winner at the Patriot League affair in Lewisburg, PA, while UNC-Charlotte's senior Jake Wainwright turned back talented and speedy Rhody frosh Mike DiMambro at the Atlantic Ten meet in Kingston, 5276 to 5129. Alfonso Scannapieco of SUNY at Albany won the America East crown in Boston with a 5202 score.

The weekend's most arresting meet was the Atlantic Sun affair in Mufreesboro, TN. There freshman Brian Graham of Kennesaw State made up 8 vault bars on K'Vonte Scott of East



Jake Waruch, (left), as senior at UConn won the Big East title at the NYC Armory over South Florida's soph Neaman Wise (right) in a tight battle, 5497 to 5409.

Tenn St to take a significant lead with just the 1k remaining. But Scott ran 12 seconds faster but came up a single point shy, Graham winning 4954 to 4953.

Next weekend (Feb 24-25-26) will be decisive in settling invitations and automatic bids to the NCAA/NAIA national meets. At the present time (Sunday, Feb 19, the following athletes are on the invite bubble. But don't expect these standings to last long as soon as competition picks up next Friday.

### *On The Bubble....*

NCAA I	16 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Huber	Cornell
		5550	
NCAA II	12 <sup>th</sup>	Connor Coleman	S Conn St
		4865	
NCAA III	12 <sup>th</sup>	Luke Matthews	Whitworth
		4467	
NAIA		Justin Ludwikowski	Ashford
		4498	



**Brian Graham, Kennesaw St, hung on to win the Atlantic Sun Conf. heptathlon by a single point.**

**AND an REMINDER.....**

***For post-Collegians and Collegians....***

**The USA National Indoor Heptathlon in  
Bloomington, IN, March 3-4.**

Qualifying standards:

Decathlon:	7700 pts
Indoor Heptathlon	5450 “
Indoor Pentathlon	3850 “

**Qualifying period: June 1, 2011 thru Jan 26, 2012.**

Presently there are 9 entries, 7 of whom have met one of the qualifying standards.

