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## MOSS SETS A ROLLING TONE

### Clemson Junior Scores 5903

**Hello Again.....***Now*, the USA indoor season is underway. Chugging along at under-drive since early December, the 2010-11 indoor campaign took off like a rocket shot with 22 meets, 236 starters and a complete rewriting on the collegiate list this past weekend. Notre Dame's Justin Schneider's 5497 had sat atop the US college rankings as the weekend began. When the dust cleared on January 29<sup>th</sup> Schneider's mark was no better than 16<sup>th</sup> overall!

The top performance, a 5903 point effort, was turned in by Clemson senior Miller Moss, 21, Sumter, SC. His seven solid efforts stamped his as one of the NCAA I favorites. But the weekend brought so much more. In Seattle Washington junior Jeremy Taiwo put up big numbers, scoring a PR 5747 but faced surprisingly strong tussle from Oregon long hurdler David Klech, a UCLA transfer, who had prep CE indoor success. His eye-opening 5685 score included some very weak marks in the shot and vault, but hinting at big potential. He completed the Washington Invitational by running 2:31.90 for the 1k! Cal's Mike Morrison, 22, ('10 NCAA outdoor runner-up) had a surprisingly weak vault (just 4.25m/13-11½....he is a 5.25m/17-2¾ career vaulter!) and ended with just 5490 points, well below what it will take to qualify for the indoor collegiate champs.

Meanwhile Florida junior Gray Horn captured the SEC/Big 12 Challenge in College Station, also scoring a PR 5747.



Clemson senior Miller Moss picked up where he left off last summer, scoring a whopping and SL 5903 to win the JRF meet at Clemson.

Georgia's Michael Ayers, now eligible after transferring from Tennessee, managed 5553 in his return meet.

In Madison, WI, redshirt frosh Japheth Cato posted 5698 points to win the Badger meet over teammate David Grzesiak's 5572 effort. And Boise's Kurt Felix, Grenada, put up a solid 5669 score to win at home. Minnesota's Brock Spandl (5645), Missouri's



Newcomers David Klech/Oregon (left) and Japheth Cato, a redshirt freshman from Wisconsin, nailed down NCAA auto qualifying marks over the weekend.



From the heartland, a trio of vets (l-r: Dave Grezesiak/Wisconsin, Brock Spandl/Minnesota, Lars Rise/Missouri) posted mid 55-56 point scores with no guarantee they will be competing in College Station in March.

Lars Rise (5578) and Gopher Joey Schwecke (5551) highlighted the Bill Bergan Multis at Iowa State. Only 40 points separated the top 3 at the Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville with Texan Kenny Greaves (with 5549) coming out on top.

There was much, much more action but winning scores unlikely to make the NCAA's 14 man cutoff. Sam Houston State's Matt Johnson won at Houston with 7381; Northern Iowa's Dan Gooris was the Jennet winner at home with 5517; Damon Dixon of Hampton (5312) was good for the win at Penn State. In all, the weekend resulted in 44 scores over 5000, 15 of them over 5500 and 5 D I auto scores. The auto standard has been jacked up to 5675 this season.

What will it take to qualify for the 14 man NCAA I field in College Station? The only thing that can be said is, you are safe with an auto qualifier of 5675. Any mark below 5625 will likely be "on the bubble."

A final word about NCAA qualifying. The field size is likely to be 14 (although 16 would be terrific b/c the dramatically improved depth at the collegiate level). The collegiate conference meets will be brutal and one can reasonably expect big marks from athletes like Morrison, Moritz Cleve, Cory Holman, the "killer Bs" (Beach, Barroilhet and Barrefors and perhaps others.



Florida's Gray Horn (left) and Washington's Jeremy Taiwo posted identical 5747 marks over the weekend.

2011 Indoor Qualifying Standards			
		2010 starters	
USA nationals:	5450	hept	8
	7700	dec	
	3850	pent	
	[Window Jan 2, 2010 – Feb 27, 2011]		
	<i>automatic</i>	<i>provisional</i>	
NCAA I	5675 pts		14
NCAA II	5192 pts	4600 pts	12
NCAA III	3700 pts	3350 pts	12
NAIA	Top 16	3750min	16
	[Window Current indoor season]		

Here is a **suggestion** for collegiate coaches whose athletes (US citizens) put up big numbers by the end of the conference season yet do not qualify for the NCAA D I meet. **Consider the USATF champs in Bloomington, IN on March 5-6.** It is a high quality affair (Jake Arnold is 3x and defending champ) on a high quality facility at IU. Attached above are the qualifying standards which are a bit softer than those of the NCAA and the qualifying period extends from Jan of last year to Feb 27 of 2011. One can use indoor heptathlon or pentathlon scores, or last season's decathlon marks.



Michael

Ayers/Georgia(left) and Kurt Felix/Boise(right) posted scores of 5553 and 5669 this past weekend.

