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## 2010 RANKINGS...SOME SURPRISES

### World-USA Rankings In, Indoor Year Begins

**Hello Again.....**The 2010 World and US rankings have recently been released and, at the top at least, there were a few mild surprises. Most observers reserved to top world and US ranking for Bryan Clay since his win at Götzis in late May was the season's top score (8493) and authoritative-- nearly 200 points over France's Romain Barras in incredibly bad conditions (read: downpour). Yet Barras was awarded the top world ranking for his win at the European championships (8453 under infinitely better circumstances). Although "honors won" is the first criteria for rankings, I suggest that a win at Götzis is a much more prestigious honor than an EC win. In fact, in non-Olympic, non-world champs season (read: 2010) the Götzis meeting *is* the world's most important competition. Thus my mild surprise when I saw the rankings. The #2 world ranking went to Oregon's Ashton Eaton who won the NCAAs with an 8457 effort. Again, I would have thought that the Götzis meeting had a higher standing than the American collegiate meet. Perhaps Clay's truncated season (he was injured in his 2<sup>nd</sup> meet, Kladno and shut down for the year) had something to do with it.

I am, of course, delighted for Ashton Eaton, who raised his game to "world class" in 2010 and for national champ Jake Arnold who earned his first world ranking, a 7<sup>th</sup>.



### Rankings

#### World

1. Romain Barras (FRA)
2. Ashton Eaton (USA)
3. Bryan Clay (USA)
4. Leonel Suárez (CUB)
5. Eelco Sintnicolaas (HOL)
6. Yordanis García (CUB)
7. Jake Arnold (USA)
8. Andrey Krauchenkoo (BLR)
9. Pascal Behrenbruch (GER)
10. Mikk Pahapill (EST)

#### USA

1. Ashton Eaton
2. Bryan Clay
3. Jake Arnold
4. Joe Detmer
5. Tom Pappas
6. Michael Morrison
7. Trinity Otto
8. Nick Adcock
9. Chris Helwick
10. Miller Moss

2010 represents the first time 3 Americans have been world ranked since 1996 (O'Brien, Fritz, Huffins). I can recall the 1980s when Americans went thru almost an entire decade w/o any world rankings. Three is a blessing!! Incidentally, the record in the modern era is 5 (!)... 1975 (Jenner, Dixon, Samara, Gough Brigham).

On the US side, Joe Detmer, with a Thorpe Cup win and double-dec record, was placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Tom Pappas was 5<sup>th</sup>. The latter became the 2<sup>nd</sup> decathlete ever to be ranked nationally in 3 different decades ... '90s, 00s, 10s. It represented his 11<sup>th</sup> USA ranking,

second only to Kip Janvrin's 13 (1989-2003). Rankings are provided by *Track and Field News*.

There is little news on the current



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indoor season itself. January's initial freezing cold weekend netted several low-key meets. Check our updated Results Page, which is posted weekly. And Check out the USATF website for a press release/information on the Millrose Multis, Friday, January 28 which will feature: Bryan Clay, Trey Hardee, Ashton Eaton, Jake Arnold and Curtis Beach in a 3 event affair (shot put, 60m hurdles, high jump).

**Here are details on how to obtain this year's "2010 Combined Events Annual" from Hans van Kuijen in the Netherlands. As always, it is well done an invaluable for the athlete, coach, official or fan. Highly recommended and all US CE fans/coaches/athletes should have a copy....**

# COMBINED EVENTS ANNUAL 2010

**The new yearbook of international combined events will appear [beginning of January 2011](#) with the following information:**

- world rankings 2010 men and women. This year including the top 200 for men and women and all results up till 7.500 points men and 5.600 points women
- results major meetings in 2010, including complete results of world championships,, European cup Super League and First League, Götzis and I.A.A.F.-challenge
- top men performers and women performers all time
- all time top performances men and women
- national and international records
- indoor rankings 2010, all time and national records
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- world rankings according personal records in individual events
- 10 best rankings all time per event
- who is who in combined events

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***Copies from 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 are still available for a price of EUR 15,- (cash or on bank account) per copy.***

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