

NCAA II, III, NAIA CHAMPS CROWNED

Walker, Nwanna, Gustavson Win; Götzis Next

Hello Again....The “small college” weekend is complete and at least one of the meets went as expected. Here’s how the weekend of meets ended:



**NCAA II Champs
Johnson C Smith U
Charlotte, NC
May 27-28, 2010**

The NCAA II affair at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC resulted in the three top seeds capturing the gold, silver and bronze medals, in that order, Central Missouri soph Darius Walker, Lee’s Summit, MO, led throughout, held off the challenge of Bemidji senior Zac Preble, as prevailed by scant 29 points, 7222-7193. As a matter of fact the top 3 all PR’d. Walker teammate Brent Vogel was third with a 7072 total. It was the 2nd CE national title for Walker who won the indoor heptathlon in early March.



RESULTS:

5/27-28 NCAA D-II Championships, Johnson C Smith U, Charlotte, NC

7222	Walker, Darius/C Missouri	10.84+1.7
695-0.5	1177 183 47.75 14.55+1.4 3755 415 4783	4:49.56
7193	Preble, Zac/Bemidji St	11.36+1.2
649 0.0	1508 186 50.39 16.35-0.8 4178 465 5282	4:50.47
7072	Vogel, Brent/C Missouri	11.35+1.7
662+1.0	1102 192 48.99 15.12-0.8 3376 415 5243	4:26.84
6794	Fulfer, Talor/Chico St	11.54+1.2
670+1.6	1216 192 52.51 16.31-0.8 3767 425 5819	5:02.84



Darius Walker/Central Missouri (left) and Zac Preble/Bemidji State (right) duplicated their 1-2 indoor finish. But this time the results were much closer and Walker won by just 29 (83 indoors) points

6770	Kump, Ricky/WV Wesleyan	11.11+1.2
639-0.1	1136 198 48.63 15.89+0.3 3120 375 4601	4:34.23
6718	Hardin, James/Abilene Christian	11.39+1/7
646+1.8	1161 180 51.80 15.46+1.4 3721 455 4893	5:00.16
6620	Saalfield, Craig/Emporia St	11.61+1.7
657 0.0	1050 201 50.34 15.23+0.3 3518 365 3758	4:32.11
6535	Grimslid, Eldon/W Texas A&M	11.51+1/7
632+2.8	1219 180 53.40 16.02-0.8 4113 395 6513	5:33.59
6305	Smith, J Patrick/Chico St	11.12+1.2
674 0.0	1142 192 50.86 15.89+0.3 3172 385 3745	5:26.41
6117	Hernandez, Michael/Cal Poly-Pom	11.37+1/7
686+1.4	1132 174 54.61 15.43+1.4 3572 375 4282	5:31.70
6142	Harrison, Alex/W Washington	11.55+1.2
625+1.7	1234 168 51.60 15.77+0.3 3780 435 5931	7:16.62
6036	Nelson, Jake/Chico St	11.65+1.2
630+1.1	1271 183 58.59 15.93+1.4 4121 425 4548	6:01.53
	12s,12f	



**NCAA III Champs
Baldwin Wallace College
Berea, OH
May 27-28, 2010**



Case Western Reserve's Obinna Nwanna, (left) a biomedical engineering student from Maumee, OH, won the NCAA D-III decathlon by adding 514 points to his lifetime best, scoring an eye-opening 7056 points.

Linfield senior Josh Lovell was defending but had not competed much of the spring season due to injuries. Central's (IA) Kurtis Brondyke led at the break and held the lead until the vault when Case's Obinna Nwanna assumed the lead. The Case senior extended his lead in the javelin and held a 165 point lead over the first day leader Brondyke/Central (IA), with Josh Lovell another 65 back. Brock Solveson's javelin win moved him from 8th to a tie for 4th with one event remaining to set up a wild finish at the NCAA III nationals of the campus of Baldwin-Wallace College. Berea, OH.

Lovell gave it the "college try" giving it a mad dash in the final event and made up 33 seconds and all but 34 points of Nwanna's lead. But the Case senior hung on for the national crown. Behind the pair was another scramble as 5 (all with significant PRs) came within 75 points of one another. Impressive Christopher Newport frosh Richard Roethel (6989) nipped Concordia's Brock Solveson (6985) by 4 points, 23 more than Central (IA) junior Kurtis Brondyke who was just 3 points ahead of Cornell's (IA) James Wohrley. Whew. This was one of the highest scoring D-III meets ever. Consider that Jeremy Lovell, Josh's twin, who was runner-up a year ago, posted a near PR in Berea and placed 8th! Eight of the top 10 posted lifetime best scores and the improved depth at D-III is heartening.

But the final chapter was written by Nwanna, from nearby Case Western Reserve, and at the finish he had popular upset.



RESULTS:

5/27-28 NCAA D-III Championships, Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, OH

7056	Nwanna, Obinna/CaseWR	11.25+0.3
645+1.0	1534 188 52.26 15.09+1.3 3849 445 5290 5:11.98	
7022	Lovell, Josh/Linfield 7125	11.16+0.3
629+0.3	1197 194 50.62 15.75+2.3 3606 445 5254 4:38.50	
6989	Roethel, Richard/CNU	11.06+0.7 649-0.6
1087	212 51.84 15.36+1.3 3020 405 5384 4:39.37	
6985	Solveson, Brock/Concordia	11.31+0.3
684+0.4	1235 185 50.56 16.48+0.6 3786 385 6224 4:40.01	
6962	Brondyke, Kurtis/Central (IA)	11.29+0.7
696+0.1	1283 200 51.99 15.38+2.4 3708 375 5437 4:59.21	
6959	Whorley, James/Cornell(IA)	11.70+0.3
636+0.2	1287 191 50.21 15.90+2.3 3879 445 4714 4:33.93	
6914	Engelking, Jared/Tufts	11.44+0.3 642-0.7
1200	178 49.77 14.76+1.3 3505 435 5000 4:41.43	
6862	Miller, Ethan/Central(IA)	11.07+0.7
698+0.2	1058 194 51.35 15.05+0.6 3260 455 4236 4:57.38	
6833	Lovell, Jeremy/Linfield	11.30+0.7
662+0.1	1087 185 50.41 15.99+2.3 3468 435 5061 4:36.27	
6784	Price, Steve/Bald-Wall	11.38+0.3 639-0.6
1258	191 52.56 15.60+0.6 3644 415 5269 4:51.47	
6638	Harmon, Ben/Wash(MO)	11.35+0.3 680-0.2
911	188 51.07 15.74+2.4 2947 475 4508 4:48.60	
6477	Pittman, Ryan/ClaremontMS	11.32+0.7
621+0.2	1188 191 51.09 15.80+2.3 3409 345 4320 4:35.56	
6126	Colignon, Evin/Williamette	11.62+0.7
611+0.5	1331 170 51.70 16.44+2.4 3507 325 4892 4:56.49	
5883	Stake, Alex/Augustana	11.61+0.7
647+0.4	990 191 54.84 16.87+1.3 2503 435 3973 5:11.70	
5575	Lockington, Pat/Whitewater	11.69+0.7
580+0.1	1089 170 51.37 16.28+0.6 nm 435 4029 4:50.12	
	15s,15f.	

NAIA Champs Indiana Wesleyan University Marian, IN May 27-28, 2010



Reid Gustavson hung on. After a near perfect day one where his overall lead on the NAIA field was a whopping 365 points, the British Columbia senior gave it all up then overcame Oregon Tech (Klamath Falls, OR--- Dan O'Brien's hometown) junior Bryant Sentman (Cottage Grove, OR) in the final event for the national crown by a scant 33 points. Both (7026-6993) PR'd and, as a matter of fact 6 of the top 8 and 9 overall recorded lifetime best scores in one of the closest NAIA finals ever. Seasonal leader and pre-meet favorite Aaron Hannon, a senior at



Oregon Tech's Bryant Sentmann was 455 points down after 5 events and led (!) after nine. He placed 2nd overall with a huge PR, just 7 digits shy of 7k.

Baker University (KS) just missed his own PR and placed 3rd.

Sentman had taken the lead on the basis of a winning 58.55m/192-1 javelin effort and held a 42 point margin after nine events. But Gustavson out-legged him by 12 seconds (4:40-36 to 4:52.53) in the final event to take the title to Vancouver. Azusa Pacific's Casey Stevick (6807) was fourth.



RESULTS:

5/27-28 NAIA Championships, Indiana Wesleyan U, Marian, IN

7026	Gustavson, Reid/B Columbia-CAN	11.13+0.1
702+2.0	1268 201 49.65 16.21+1.9 3064 405 5002	4:40.36
6993	Sentman, Bryant/Ore Tech	11.45+0.1
647+1.3	1283 192 53.86 15.80+1.4 4251 435 5855	4:52.53
6827	Hannon, Aaron/Baker	11.12+0.8
669+1.4	1251 174 50.42 15.64+1.9 3351 435 5198	4:52.93
6807	Stevick, Casey/Azusa Pacific	11.53+0.8
640+2.3	1379 189 54.24 15.40+2.0 3952 405 5417	4:53.27
6709	Staehele, Ivan/B Columbia-CAN	11.34+0.8
641+3.4	1205 189 50.39 16.23+2.0 3165 395 5533	4:43.26
6620	Waroff, Alex/Sn Oregon	11.55+0.8
642+2.7	1112 177 50.98 16.48+1.9 3914 435 5000	4:46.22
6572	Keeney, Rob/Doane	11.40+0.8
693+1.1	1100 186 50.51 15.04+2.1 3042 375 4312	4:47.97
6481	Schmidt, Taylor/Concordia(OR)	11.71+0.8
616+2.2	1203 186 52.23 15.28+2.1 3333 405 5233	5:01.94
6455	Douglas, Derrik/Okla Baptist	11.26+0.8
661+1.5	1113 186 49.56 14.93+1.4 3249 335 4879	5:15.67
6356	Willis, Trevor/Dickinson St	11.36+0.1
635+1.7	1179 186 52.25 16.48+2.1 2953 405 4772	4:52.80
6481	Schmidt, Taylor/Concordia(OR)	11.71+0.8
616+2.2	1203 186 52.23 15.28+2.1 3333 405 5233	5:01.94
6281	Huckabee, Jared/Okla Baptist	11.52+0.1
635+1.9	881 183 51.10 15.65+2.0 3096 405 4435	4:45.74
6213	Petz, Logan/Wm Jewell	11.57+0.1
611+1.3	1016 180 50.65 16.57+1.9 3089 385 4414	4:32.53
6150	Brummit, Ben/Graceland	11.73+0.8
616+1.1	1049 192 52.71 16.32+3.2 3218 375 4507	4:50.60
6130	Higgins, Brad/Doane	12.00+0.1
623+1.6	1119 180 54.94 16.86+1.9 3365 424 4444	4:39.16

5962 Altizer, Jeff/Azusa Pacific 12.01+0.1
 562+1.2 1030 177 53.94 16.91+1.9 3058 455 5239 5:01.35
 dnf Ewalt, Josh/Jamestown 11.66+0.1
 3f 1091 180 51.39 16.16+2.1 3058 nh 4336 dns
 16s,15f.



Baker's Aaron Hannon (left) was the pre-meet favorite but the NAIA title went to Reid Gustavson (right) of UBC.

I am in Gotzis, Austria for the 35th Hypo Bank Meeting and will file Newsletter reports each day.