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European Title Won by Barras Draudvila 6th, Rise 11th; Thorpe Cup Next

Hello Again....France is on a roll. A week after 17 year old Kevin Mayer won the 13th IAAF World Junior decathlon in Canada consistent vet Romain Barras captured the European title in Barcelona on June 28-29. Barras turns out 8200 scores like a baker. It was his first major title for Barras who was a week shy of his 30th birthday. Heretofore his major victories had come at the 2003 World University Games and the 2005

Mediterranean Games. He was 12th in Berlin a year ago and 5th in Beijing. His victory was hard earned and by a scant 17 points over Dutchman Eelco Sintnicolaas, 23 who won the vault in Barcelona at 5.35m/17-6½ . A clearance at the next bar, 5.45m/17-10½ , his PR, would have made it considerably more difficult for Barras. As it was the latter, with excellent 1500m credentials (4:20), he held a five point lead (7698 to 7693) after nine and simply had to stay with the Dutchman during the final event. In fact he out-sprinted him to the tape by two seconds and the margin was 17 at the finish, 8453-8436, significant PRs for both. [NB, trailing by 25 seconds would have made the 1500m a much different race]. Still only 24, Andrei Karuchanka/BLR, the runner-up in Beijing, was 3rd at 8370.

Missing from the final results was 2x and defending champion, 35 year old Roman Sebrle/CZE, who had never not finished a European championship meet, the victim of a June hamstring pull in Kladno. Another casualty was first day leader Oleksiy



France's 29 year old Romain Barras won the European crown in Barcelona with a PR 8453 score.

Kasyanov/UKR who was the pre-meet favorite and seemed to have a lock on the gold medal in Barcelona. His 4400+ 1st day [10.60-0.6 788-0.7 1427 204 49.41] was impressive but he did not start day two.

For American fans this meet had two Big 12 protagonists. 27year old Darius Draudvila/LTU, a grad of Kansas State, was in the medal hunt until the vault and ended with a 6th place 8032 lifetime best score. Draudvila still trains with Cliff Rovelto in Manhattan, KS and competes frequently in the US during the spring. And Missouri's Lars Rise/NOR posted the 2nd best score of his career, 7714 points. Buried deep in the results for 8 events, Rise unleashed an 18 foot (!!!) PR in the javelin, 71.71m/235-3, then scared his 1500m PR and ended 15th overall. With the graduation of Ashton Eaton and other seniors including Big 12 champion teammate Nick Adcock, Rise will be one of

the NCAAs 2011 pre-season favorites. An 18 foot PR!!! Meet results below.

Other News

The USA Junior Olympics season is now complete. The USATF JO version was held July 28-29 in Sacramento where rangy Nathaniel Franks/Gresham, OR (and headed to Arkansas) won the Young Men title (17-18) with a 6905 score. The Intermediate Boys (15-16) crown went to Jamal Jones of Phoenix with 5582. In all, 42 started and 42 finished the 2 divisions in Sacramento.

There was high interest at the AAU JO version (7/31-8/1, Norfolk, VA). Sam Tabor of Memphis won the Young Men's division (6356 points) and James Lazas, Brentwood, TN, won the IB section at 5549. Amazingly, at the AAU meet, 77 started and 73 finished. 77 starters!



Our next newsletter will offer coverage from Marburg, Germany this coming weekend where American and German 5 man teams will square off for

the 17th time at the Thorpe Cup. Coaches Dan Steele and Aaron Fox lead Team USA.

Euro Champs Results:

7/28-29 20th European Championships, Barcelona, ESP

8453	Barras, Romain/FRA	11.09-0.6	724+1.5
1515	204 48.33 14.22-0.6 4451 505 6577	4:28.43	
8436	Sintnicolaas, Eelco/NED	10.71-0.6	754+0.5
1312	195 47.88 14.33-0.6 4243 545 5658	4:30.31	
8370	Krauchanka, Andrei/BLR	11.26+0.8	776-0.9
1432	210 49.01 14.21-0.6 4548 505 5805	4:36.66	
8298	Pahapill, Mikk/EST	11.18+0.8	767+1.8
1493	207 50.13 14.38-0.6 4679 495 5916	4:38.99	
8072	Van Alpen, Hans/BEL	11.20+0.8	726 0.0
1508	189 49.44 14.89-0.2 4767 475 5777	4:21.06	
8032	Draudvila, Darius/LTU	10.71-0.6	752+1.9
1508	204 48.43 14.29-0.2 4453 455 5259	5:02.17	
8029	Drozdv, Aleksey/RUS	11.16+0.8	735-0.2
1589	207 50.88 15.63-0.2 4439 485 5853	4:40.46	
7999	Mikhan, Eduard/BLR	10.84-0.6	747+0.5
1334	192 48.09 14.37-0.6 4504 465 5339	4:34.90	
7995	Sarvevic, Igor/SRB	10.98+0.1	736-0.1
1396	201 49.64 14.23-0.6 3969 505 5523	4:42.41	
7991	Raja, Andres/EST	11.00-0.6	738-1.7
1390	204 49.12 14.20-0.6 3964 455 5934	4:37.13	
7981	Vos, Ingmar/NED	10.95-0.6	756+0.6
1406	201 50.64 14.63-0.2 4176 455 5569	4:37.50	

7906	El Fassi, Nadir/FRA	11.16+0.8	742 0.0
1379	189 50.20 14.65-0.2 4153 495 5149	4:17.25	
7844	Kharlamov, Vasilij/RUS	11.39+0.1	728-1.8
1467	192 49.38 14.95+0.6 4674 465 5794	4:40.96	
7731	Schwartzl, Rolaand/AUT	11.23+0.1	768-2.4
1416	186 50.16 14.70-0.6 4422 505 4986	4:58.69	
7714	Rise, Lars/NOR-Missouri	11.46+0.1	703+0.7
1546	195 50.47 15.66+0.6 3803 445 7171	4:36.04	
7706	Geffrquais, Florian/FRA	11.09+0.1	688+2.1
1126	186 49.15 14.97+0.6 4228 475 6199	4:22.88	
7663	Almgren, Daniel/SWE	11.14+0.8	729-0.3
1418	189 48.34 15.29+0.6 3751 435 5395	4:18.64	
7637	Drozdv, Marcin/POL	11.31+0.1	685+1.0
1402	204 50.26 15.18+0.6 4554 485 5879	5:01.97	
7524	Vaisjuns, Atis/LAT	11.55+0.1	690+0.7
1476	198 51.86 15.17+0.6 4546 475 5826	5:04.22	
7483	Halvari, Mikko/FIN	10.98+0.8	719+1.5
1453	189 49.79 15.26-0.2 5206 425 5038	5:18.86	
7462	Felix, Augustin/ESP	11.41+0.1	721+1.0
1342	192 52.29 15.09+0.6 4193 495 5768	5:01.61	
dnf	Arro, Mikk-Mihkel/EST	11.19-0.6	721+2.5
1379	186 51.58 14.91-0.2 3900	nh	withdrew
dnf	Dudas, Mihail/SRB	10.82-0.6	746+0.7
1353	201 47.92 15.06+0.6 4190 435		withdrew
dnf	Walter, Simon/SUI	11.25+0.8	705+2.0
1299	201 49.19 15.27-0.2 3986		withdrew
dnf	Wiberg, Nicklaus/SWE	11.19+0.1	729+2.1
1486	204 48.74		withdrew
dnf	Kasyanov, Oleksiy/UKR	10.60-0.6	788-0.7
1427	204 49.41		withdrew
dnf	Nikitin, Yevhen/UKR	11.17+0.8	675+0.9
1398			withdrew
			27s,21f.