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FAYETTEVILLE NETS TOP SCORES

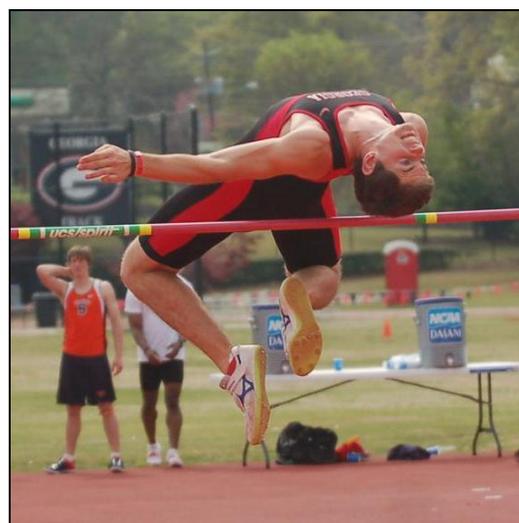
Barrineau's 5608 is National Leader

Hello Again.....The Razorback Invitational Heptathlon in Fayetteville (Jan 22-23/Fri-Sat) produced the early season's top score, a PR 5608 by Georgia senior Tommy Barrineau. It was a provisional NCAA qualifier and was a 277 point lifetime best for the senior from Burke, VA who was 12th at the NCAA outdoor meet in 2008. Teammate Cory Holman, 21, last year's NJCAA champion from Huber Heights, OH, also PR'd with a fine 5527 effort, another provisional Q. He found a 2.11m/6-11 high jump useful. Arkansas' Terry Prentice (a Southern Cal transfer, soph, Pomona, CA) managed 5350, another provisional mark.

Other weekend winners included Notre Dame's sophomore, Justin Schneider, who posted a fine 5236 in South Bend; Jack Szmamda, Minnesota's red-shirt frosh from



Neaman Wise (left) a freshman at South Florida and Jack Szmamda, (right) a redshirt frosh at Minnesota put on a dandy duel in Minneapolis.



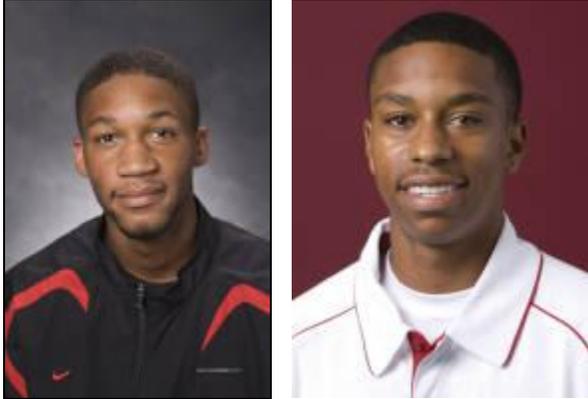
Bulldog senior Tommy Barrineau scored a significant breakthrough at Fayetteville's Razorback heptathlon.

Wausau, WI who won the Jack Johnson meet in Minneapolis with a fine 5377 effort (he caught the diminutive but speedy Norman Wise, a South Florida frosh from Lake Brantley, who ran a nice 6.86 60m, David Drouin, a Canadian at the University of Indiana who won the Gladstein meet in Bloomington and Washington State's Kyle Scauble whose 5062 was good for the victory in Pullman.

NEXT WEEKEND

The 2010 indoor season begins in earnest next weekend with at least four major heptathlons. At the Crimson Heptathlon at Harvard in

Cambridge, MA Olympic champion Bryan Clay and former NCAA indoor winner Maurice Smith, are entered. The intention will be to put up big numbers to garner an invite to the IAAF World Indoor heptathlon in Doha, Qatar (March 12-14). The IAAF keeps the entry to the world field simple: 8



Cory Holman, (left) the 2009 National JUCO champ, scored a terrific 5527 points in Fayetteville for Georgia, while Arkansas's Terry Prentice (right) third.

athletes- the highest 4 decathlon scorers from the previous season and the highest 4 heptathlon scorers from the current season. Since Clay and Smith were both injured in 2009 they will need big numbers in Cambridge. Mid-6200 scores will likely do it.

The Texas A&M Challenge will serve as an opener for Oregon's indoor and outdoor champion, Ashton Eaton and the multis coaching debut for Harry Marra at Oregon. And Ed Nuttycombe's Badger meet in Madison, WI is also likely to have top numbers. 16 Heptathlons are scheduled for the January 29-30-31 weekend. So after next weekend we'll have a much better idea of who is hot and who is not.