

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## SEASONS END, OPEN

### adios '10, 'allo 11; another honor for Eaton

**Hello Again.....**This will be the final Newsletter for 2010. Last season's outdoor campaign is barely over and the indoor season has already started. I am struck by how little time we now have between CE seasons. Consider the current segway was a whooping 8 days, from the final decathlon of the 2010 campaign (Asian games, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, Guangzhou, CHN) and the initial meet of the 2011 season (Liberty U Kickoff, Lynchburg, VA) on Friday morning, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 8 days! Whatever happened to breaks?

The results of the former meet were quite good. Veteran Dmitry Karpov won a 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Games crown with an 8k effort (8026). Korea's KKWoo (7808) and Vietnam's VVHuyen (7755) both PR'd. In fact, the bronze by Vu was the first athletics medal ever earned for his nation in a major meeting. As a product of the Vietnam era myself, to be quite honest, I wasn't sure athletics even existed there. That closed the book on the 2010 season and, just 8 days later, a new seasonal book opened.

Liberty senior Geren Woodbridge (Allentown, PA, PRs 5152, 7112) successfully defended at home to win the Liberty kickoff with 4954 points. Teammate Taylor Schmidt, (a transfer from Concordia, OR) was 68 points back. There were 5 meets on the opening weekend of the indoor season. Boise State senior Kurt Felix (St. David's, Grenada) posted the top score (5257) to win



Notables as the 2011 indoor season opened: Geren Woodbridge/Liberty (left) won the season's first meet. Andy Lillejord's (center) 5254 won the NDSU open and the weekend's top effort (5257) belonged to Boise State's Kurt Felix at 5257 (right).

the Jackson Open in Nampa, and a trio of North Dakota State Bison (what's the plural of bison?) swept the NDSU opener with soph Andy Lillejord (Jamestown, ND) recording a PR 5254.

I will, as always, periodically post a 'Results Page.'

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### EATON WINS JIM THORPE AWARD

Oregon's Ashton Eaton has been named winner of the 2010 Jim Thorpe Award, as announced last week by the US Sports Academy, Daphne, AL. Eaton, Bend, OR, set a world indoor heptathlon record at the 2010 NCAA indoor meet and captured his 3<sup>rd</sup> NCAA decathlon title in June's NCAA affair in Eugene.

Eaton, who also won 5 Pac-10 titles, is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oregonian to win the award (Danny Ainge and Tom Pappas the others).

The Jim Thorpe All-Around Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in multiple sports and/or multiple events of the same sport. This individual should exhibit the qualities of versatility, strength, speed, flexibility, conditioning and training that exemplify superior athletic prowess. It is presented by the US Sports Academy. Dan O'Brien won the award twice. Olympic decathlon champ Bryan Clay was the 2008 winner and Trey Hardee, the 2009 world champ, won in 2009.

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### TALLINN....2011

Organizers of Europe's major 2011 indoor CE invitational (formerly the Reval Cup) have begun to announce their upcoming field...which now includes dec WR holder Roman Sebrle/CZE, 2010 European champ Romain Barras/FRA, 2009 Euro indoor champ Miik Pahapill/EST, and world record holder Ashton Eaton/USA. The meet is schedule for Feb 45-6, 2011.

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### 2010 DECATHLON MEET RANKING

Each season the IAAF evaluates CE meetings by summing the scores of its top 8 male and female competitors. At times the totals are used to include/exclude meetings in the IAAF CE Challenge program. Using just the men's scores the Götzis meeting once again tops the international list (ave 8218 for top 8 scorers). See below. I have also computed the same for the top American meetings.

IAAF CE Challenge meets:

<i>meet</i>	<i>venue/date</i>	<i>sum top 8</i>
Hypo Bank	Götzis 5/29-30	65,743
Euro Champs	Barcelona 7/28-29	65,689
TNT Fortuna	Kladno 6/15-16	65,231
DecaStar	Talence 8/18-19	65,182
ECup- Super League	Tallinn 7/26-27	62,911
MultiStars	Desenzano 5/8-9	62,571
USA Champs	Des Moines 6/12-27	62,029
14 <sup>th</sup> Erdgas	Ratingen 6/19-20	62,024
Commonwealth	New Delhi 10/7-8	60,794
ECup-1 <sup>st</sup> League	Hengelo 6/26-27	60,668
ECup-2 <sup>nd</sup> League	Tel-Aviv 6/26-27	59,468
Asian Games	Guangzhou 11/24-25	46,445
African Champs	Nairobi 7/28-29	41,601
Oceania Champs	Cairns 9/23-24	13,069

Other internationals:

17 <sup>th</sup> Thorpe Cup	Marburg 8/7-8	61,763
IAAF World Jr	New Brunswick 7/20-21	61,538
NACAC u23	Miramar,FL7/9-10	26,125

American meets:

<i>meet</i>	<i>venue/date</i>	<i>sum top 8</i>
USATF Sr	Des Moines 6/25-26	62,029
NCAA I	Eugene 6/10-11	61,765
17 <sup>th</sup> Thorpe Cup	Marburg 8/7-8	61,763
Mt Sac R	Azusa 4/14-15	59,326
Texas R	Austin 3/31-4/1	59,276
Pac-10	Berkeley 5/8-9	57,435
Drake R	Des Moines 4/21-22	57,417
Big 10	Bloomington 5/14-15	57,167
TexasGA	Dallas 6/5-6	55,839
SEC	Knoxville 5/13-14	55,510
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Cal Multis	Berkeley3/24-25	55,102
Cal Invt	Azusa 4/14-15	55,049
Big 12	Columbia 5/14-15	54,998
NCAA II	Charlotte 5/27-28	54,924
Click	Tucson 4/1-2	54,797
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Junior implements:		
USATF Jr	Des Moines6/23-24	54,909