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ARNOLD'S 5743 in ALBUQUERQUE D III Pentathlons Dominate

Hello Again....In a weekend where most of the CE action was taken over by D III pentathlon meets, it was Jake Arnold's 5743 seasonal opener in Albuquerque which drew the most raves. The 26 year Old Tucson area resident turned back 23 (!) other competitors at the University of New Mexico heptathlon at the Albuquerque Convention Center while winning his 3rd consecutive hept. Arnold, a 2x NCAA decathlon champ and 2x USA indoor national heptathlon winner opened his season with 7 solid marks and a score just 166 digits shy of his PR. Four others exceeded 5k.

At the same time Montana State junior Asa Staven, Georgetown, TX, posted the only NCAA D I qualifying mark of the weekend, winning the Mountain State Games hept in Pocatello, ID with a PR 5364 effort.



Jake Arnold's 5743 was good for top honors at the UNM meet in Albuquerque.



Montana State Junior Asa Staven (l) used a 4.90m/16-³/₄ PR vault in Pocatello to win the Mountain State Games heptathlon (PR 5364) while Todd Wildman (r), a senior from Trinity University (TX) ran up a nice 3876 PR in Bloomington, IL

provisional). The springy and speedy Trinity (TX) senior Todd Wildman, Dallas, won the Kecks Ecumenical pentathlon in Bloomington, IL with a terrific 3876 score and Washington U (MO)'s Ben Harmon also notched an auto with 3650. Six others managed provisional marks.

Early in the week IAAF outdoor champ Trey Hardee was 3rd in a triathlon in Goteborg, SWE. BUT, his marks included a very speedy 7.70 60m hurdles.

(Check our Results Page)

Of the dozen CE meets, half were devoted to NCAA III qualifying (3600=auto, 3350

