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Conference Champs Season Underway Schneider is Big East Winner

Hello Again....the collegiate indoor championship season began in earnest during the 3rd weekend of February with ten conference meets and a variety of qualifying invitationals.

Of the six NCAA D-1 conference meets Notre Dame junior Justin Schneider had no problem winning the Big East Conference affair at the Armory in NYC with an NCAA I provisional 5339. In all, the week/weekend produced 13 NCAA auto/provisional marks. The most noteworthy at the D-II level was Zac Preble's 5245 win at the Northern Sun Conference meet in Aberdeen, SD. The 6-2 senior (Bemidji State, MN) from Coleraine, MN will likely go to the D-II nationals as a solid favorite. A vault 'nh' at last year's nationals in Houston relegated him to 10th place.

The top D-III pentathlon score was turned in by '09 decathlon champ Linfield College's Josh Lovell (3725) who won the Vandal Pentathlon in Moscow, ID. The 6-2 senior from Vancouver, WA was the 2009 NCAA III field athlete of the year. Rob Keeney/Doane (NE), a frosh from Calaway, NE, posted the highest NAIA score over the weekend, 4849 at the Great Plains AC meet in Crete, NE. The weekend's most impressive "team performance" was turned in by the multi-event athletes of UMBC who went 1-2-3-6 at the America East Meet in Boston, led by Dom DeVaud (5216) and Keith Onto (5192).

The final weekend in February will be the busiest on the year with nearly 3 dozen conference meetings. Hold On!



The weekend's top efforts were turned in by Notre Dame junior Justin Schneider (left) who won at Big East; Zac Preble (center), a senior at Bemidji, who captured the Northern Sun league affair; and Josh Lovell of Linfield (right) who won the Vandal meet in Moscow.

TOP FIVE

The top 5 qualifies at 'small college' ranks as of Feb 21, 2010.

D-II	Auto/Prov = 5200/4550 '09 final qualifier=4910	
5245	Preble, Zac/Bemidji St	2/14
5203	Krohn, Carsten/Ashland-Ger	2/12
5104	Walker, Darius/C Missouri	1/30
4987	Vogel, Brent/C Missouri	12/11
4948	Boss, Shawn/C Missouri	12/11
D-III	Auto/Prov= 3600/3350 '09 final qualifier=3440	
3876	Wildman, Todd/Trinity, TX	2/5
3801	Brondyke, Kurtis/Central, IA	2/13
3725	Lovell, Josh/Linfield	2/19
3650	Harmon, Ben/Washington	2/5
3568	Dellemann, Michael/Wisc-Stevens Pt	2/5
NAIA	Top 15 '09 final qualifier=4237	
4983	Stevick, Casey/Azusa Pacific	1/30

4876	Arnold, Staphon/Azusa Pacific	2/12
4864	Altizer, Jeff/Azusa Pacific	2/12
4849	Feeney, Rob/Doane	2/20
4800	Higgins, Brad/Doane	2/20