

# THE DECATHLON ASSOCIATION

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## NEW SEASON CHUGS AWAY

### D-II Meets, Kravec Dominate

**Hello Again.....**This likely will be the final *DECA Newsletter* for 2018. The indoor season is underway with 13 meets completed over the Dec 7-9 weekend. The major Golden Flash meet at Kent State was cancelled for weather related reasons. Temps in Kent never reached above freezing on Dec. 8. and a major snowstorm blanketed parts of the mid-west and southeast.

Most of the early indoor action revolved around NCAA D-II schools as teams attempted to achieve early qualifying scores. See attached box on qualifying for indoor champs.

The top score was posted by Nick Kravec, (22, Fort Collins, CO) an '18 grad of Colorado State who won the quality meet (with 4 event career bests) at Colorado Mines with nearly a 140 point PR, 5649.

Most of the weekend's action came at the D-II level with major meets conducted in Golden, CO; Pittsburg, KS; Maryville, MO; and Saginaw, MI. The top D-II effort came from Angelo State senior Dragan Pesic (Montenegro) at 5228 in Pittsburg, KS. Teammate Harry Maslan of Great Britain got a nice early season score (5191) and yet another teammate, freshman Trpimir Siroki of Croatia (5170) was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last year's D-II indoor and outdoor champion Florian Obst of Germany (TAMU-Commerce) led after six with 4603 points but declined to contest the 1000m. It is obvious that the foreign CE invasion is already heavy into the D-II ranks.



Nick Kravec/ex Colorado St won in Golden, CO with 4 event PRs and a 5649 career best effort.

Seven surpassed 5k scores at the Boo Rogers affair in Pittsburg. NW Missouri senior Kevin Schultz won at home with a nice 5189 opener. Tiffin senior Cameron Burrows won in Saginaw at 5151.

Kansas State swept the Zsivoczky pentathlon in Manhattan. New Zealand redshirt soph won at 3973 while Tejaswin Shankar, a 2.29m/7-6 high jumper from India, was 2<sup>nd</sup> in 3826, and another freshman, Matas Adamonis/Lithuania, was 3<sup>rd</sup> (3619)

#### 2018 National Heptathlon

##### Indoor qualifying

USATF	*, last year 5450/7700 dec
NCAA I	Top 16, last year- [5649]
NCAA II	5343, last year top 15, [5181]
NCAA III	Top 15, last year [4867]
NAIA	Top 15, last year [4560]

\*-to be announced, [ ] = final '18 qualifier