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JANUARY'S SLOW START

Reno Pole Vault Summit

Hello Again....The 2016 indoor season moved at a glacier pace during the 2nd week January which witnessed eight heptathlons while a dozen decathletes headed to Reno for the 16th annual Pole Vault Summit. There most eyes focused on Ashton Eaton who competed in the elite section on Friday evening. He managed the openign bar of 5.00m/16-4¾ but went no higher. The top vaulter/decathlete in Reno was Dan Gooris, Still active and now assistant multis and vault coach at North Dakota State, who cleared 5.10m/16-8¾.

On the track the top performances came at Boise State's Ed Jacoby meet in Nampa. There Serbian junior Dino Dodig of Washington State caught New Zealander Cody Thomas, a senior at Alaska-Anchorage. The scoreboard read: 5464 to 5324. For Dodig the mark was the 3rd best D-I performance but is unlikely to be an NCAA



Ashton Eaton (l) and Dan Gooris (r) were Reno's top decathlete vaulters. qualifier after the season builds up some steam. The mark by Thomas (#2 in D-II) will hold up as a national qualifier.



Foreign born collegians made the most noise last week. At the Ed Jacoby meet Washington State junior Dino Dodig/ Serbia topped Alaska-Anchorage senior Codt Thomas/ New Zealand, 5464 to 5324.

Elsewhere Rhody senior Mike DiMambro won a home qualifier in Kingston with a 5062 effort.

As we go into January's 3rd week the season has netted 24 5000+ efforts, an accelerated pace that may net as many as 300 5k scores before the season is terminated. Here a recent season comparison:

USA Seasonal 5000 point performances

	2014	2015	2016
December	13/ 13	13/ 13	18/18
January	34/ 43	63/ 76	
February	82/125	132/208	
March	103/227	53/261	
Total:	227	261	

The Olympic year, increased interest in CE and a general improvement in the quality of the athletes and the competitions seem to be the likely explanations. Whatever, we'll be busy keeping track. 14 more meets are scheduled in the coming week.

