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WISCONSIN WINS WEBB CUP Ziemek Selected as Bowerman Semifinalist

Hello Again...Relying on top end scores and depth the University of Wisconsin rang up the highest point total yet in winning the 2016 Collegiate Webb Cup, emblematic of the institution leading the nation in decathlon success. The 2016 crystal cup will go to the Badgers and award presentations will be made at next winter's NCAA indoor championship meeting in College Station, Texas.

The Webb Cup was initiated in 2013 in an attempt to recognize colleges and universities for both decathlon quality and quantity. Named for retired Tennessee coach Bill Webb (and with his endorsement), points are awarded for the national ordinal placing of two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight man teams. Score need not be made in the same meet, just in the same season.

Congratulations go to Wisconsin coaches Ed Nuttycombe and Nate Davis since the 31 points accumulated by the Badgers is the highest yet.

Nuttycombe, a long time head coach and now volunteer assistant and Davis, an assistant who focuses on CEs in his 10th year in Madison, had a roster of eight decathletes and the five who competed at the varsity level averaged 7303 points. Two qualified for the NCAA I championships and one, senior Zach Ziemek, Itasca, IL, was the NCAA runner-up and top American at 8300 points. Even more remarkable was that the Badgers relied upon all local talent during the '16 season



As we were preparing this posted *DECA Newsletter* announcing the Webb Cup standings word came from the USTCCA had nominated Wisconsin senior Zach Ziemek, Itasca, IL, as a Bowerman Award Semi-finalist. Double Z was the NCAA I indoor heptathlon champ and outdoor decathlon runner-up, both with world quality totals.

Zach Ziemek '16	[8300]	Itasca, IL
Brandon Mortenson '17	[7335]	Hartland, WI
Trent Nytes '19	[7224]	Kaukauna, WI
Charlie Foss '16	[7085]	Appleton, WI
Sawyer Smith '18	[6969]	LaCrosse, WI

Complete 2016 results as well as a list of appropriate rules is provided below. 15 different schools earned Webb Cup points. Coaches are reminded that a decision will be tendered soon on the question of using foreign born athletes in the Webb Cup calculations.

Previous Webb Cup winners:

2013	U of Texas	18 points
2014	Chico St U	23 "
2015	U of Oregon	24 "
2016	U of Wisconsin	31 "



U Wisconsin & USTFCCA News Release

MADISON, Wis. – Wisconsin men's track and field senior standout Zach Ziemek was named one of 10 semifinalists for the 2016 Bowerman Award, the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association announced Thursday.(6/16)

It marks the first time that a Badger, male or female, has been a semifinalist for The Bowerman. The award has been presented annually by the USTFCCA since 2009 to the most outstanding male and female collegiate track and field athletes in the nation.

Ziemek is coming off of a personal best in the decathlon at the 2016 NCAA Outdoor Championships, where he finished runner-up with a personal-best score of 8,300 points. His score ranks seventh in the world this year and places 'Double Z' eighth in the NCAA record books.

Ziemek's recent decathlon score was 193 points better than his previous best of 8,107 set at the 2015 U.S. Outdoor Championships and was the best score ever at the NCAA meet by a second-place finisher.

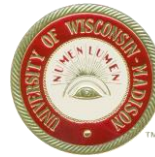
Indoors, Ziemek won the national title in the heptathlon with a score of 6,173 points, which is the seventh-highest total in collegiate history.

A competitor for the United States in the decathlon at the 2015 IAAF World Championships, Ziemek also won the pole vault at both the Big Ten indoor and outdoor competitions.

The top three finalists for The Bowerman will be announced next week.



Ed Nuttycombe (left) and Nate Davis (right) were the coaches responsible for Wisconsin's success in 2016.



Rules:

- 1...No distinction among NCAA D-I, D-II, or D-III or NAIA institutions.
- 2...The "season" will be defined as January 2 thru the final day of the NCAA I decathlon, approximately 22 weeks.
- 3...Scores for decathletes recorded "after" the season (e.g., USA nationals, international meets) will count for team record purposes but NOT for the Webb Cup standings.
- 4...All scorers must be made in bona-fide meets using international implements. Scores using international junior implements will not count.
- 5...All athletes must represent the school during the spring season. Scores for red-shirt or otherwise ineligible athletes will not count.
- 6...No distinction will be made for wind-aided marks.
- 7...Ties will not be broken...co-Cup winners will be announced.
- 8...Scores may not carry-over from the previous fall season.
- 9...Scores need not be made in the same meet.

As of 6/17/16

2016 Webb Cup Scoring

Total Scores:

1...Wisconsin	10+8+8+5=	31
2 Georgia	12+10=	22
3 Texas A&M	8+5+5=	18
4 Arkansas	4+6=	10
5t Colorado St	4+4=	8
t Oregon	5+3=	8
t Wichita St	2+3+3=	8
8t CP-SLO	1+6=	7
t Doane	3+2+2=	7
10 Kentucky	8=	6
11 Azusa Pacific	2+2	4
t Nebraska	4=	4
13 Akron	3=	3
t Chico St	1+1+1=	3
t Idaho St	1+2=	3
Unawarded	1+1=	2
Total		144

Lewis (IL)	19,167
Montana St	18,852
UL-Lafayette	18,603
C Washington	18,422
St Thomas(MN)	18,283

Four Man Teams points

1...Wisconsin	29,944	8
CP-SLO	27,726	6
Texas A&M	27,670	5
Colorado St	27,143	4
Doane	26,738	3
Wichita State	26,612	2
Chico St	26,220	1
North Dakota St	26,095	
C Missouri	26,000	
Sam Houston St	25,184	
SF Austin St	24,981	
Idaho St	24,399	
Liberty	23,885	

Two Man Teams points

1...Georgia	16,431	12 pts
2 Wisconsin	15,635	10
3 Texas A&M	15,600	8
4 Kentucky	15,297	6
5 Oregon	14,988	5
6 Arkansas	14,794	4
7 Arkron	14,629	3
8 Azusa Pacific	14,452	2
9 Chico St	14,408	1
Doane	14,326	
CP-SLO	14,191	
Colorado St	14,152	
Virginia	14,068	
Kennesaw St	13,706	

Five Man Teams points

1. Wisconsin	36,513	5 pts
2. Colorado St	33,324	4
3 Wichita St	32,906	3
4 Doane	32,811	2
5 Chico St	31,865	1
N Dakota St	31,184	
Idaho St	30,139	
Liberty	29,011	

Three Man Teams points

1...Georgia	24,539	10 pts
2...Wisconsin	22,859	8
3...Arkansas	22,092	6
4 TexasA&M	22,024	5
5 Nebraska	21,830	4
6 Oregon	21,801	3
7 Azusa Pacific	21,444	2
8 CP-SLO	21,073	1
Akron	20,993	
Colorado St	20,962	
UCSB	20,764	
Doane	20,566	
Chico St	20,426	
Wichita State	20,277	
C Missouri	20,064	
N Dakota St	19,983	
Dartmouth	19,898	
Kennesaw St	19,872	
Colorado	19,589	
Angelo St	19,554	
S F Austin St	19,188	

Six Man Teams points

1...Wichita St	38,975	3
2 Doane	38,343	2
3 Idaho St	35,703	1

Seven Man Teams points

1... Idaho St	40,844	2
. unawarded		1

Eight Man Teams points

1... unawarded		1
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