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WEBB CUP PRESENTATION

Chico State is 2014 Victor

Hello Again..... We finally managed the 2014 Webb Cup presentation and it came off on Saturday afternoon, April 11 in at University Stadium on the Chico State University campus in Chico, CA. Virtually the entire seven man 2014 Chico State decathlon crew was on hand for the presentation for the annual award for collegiate decathlon success. A scoring rubric is used highlighting season best scores by undergraduates for 2-man, 3-man, 4-man teams, etc. and the D-II Chico crew upset any number of D-I schools earning points in every category from two thru seven man teams.

The Webb Cup, won in 2013 by the University of Texas, is named for retired Tennessee coach Bill Webb whose Volunteer teams set the standards for collegiate decathlon success. Four different Tennessee decathletes captured NCAA I crowns and the Tennessee teams hold virtually all of the combination records. Chico State is the second program to win the award and the first from the Division II ranks.

The intention of the annual award is to recognize and acknowledge the efforts of collegiate coaches who train a number of decathletes annually.

The domination at the top was provided by three-time NCAA-II champion J Patrick Smith, who led the way with 7,645 points, and fellow All-Americans Theodore Elsenbaumer (7,438 points) and John Brunk (7,351). The depth came from Adam Niksarrian, who scored a season-best of 6,574 and finished second at the California



Head Chico State U Coach Oliver Hanf and 6 of last year's 7 man team (only J Patrick Smith was unable to attend) accepts the 2014 Webb Cup.

Collegiate Athletic Association Champs, and three freshmen: Lane Andrews, Scott Pater Jake Mitchell added the depth. All three will redshirt the 2015 season and join recruit Phill Bailey in an attempt to return the Cup in 2016. The seven man team totaled 47,074 points last season, the fourth most in the history of the collegiate decathlon.

"When we're training now and things get



Photo by Steve Plesinger - Chico State Athletics

tough, all we have to say is 'Webb Cup.' It reminds us why we're doing this," Hanf said. "We may not keep this thing forever. But right now we are envisioning, imagining, getting it back in two years," said Hanf.

For calculation purposes scores need not be made in the same meet, just in the same season which ends on the NCAA I weekend in June. The award presentation is normally made at the NCAA I indoor meet the following year.

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Just a reminder...The Rules

Rules:

- 1...No distinction among NCAA D-I, D-II, or D-III or NAIA institutions.
- 2...The "season" will be defined as January 1 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.



2014 WEBB CUP DECATHLON Standings

In March, 2103 DECA, The Decathlon Association announced the initiation of the Webb Cup an attempt to recognize colleges and universities for both decathlon quality and quantity. In a sense, we offer an annual award for the school which leads the nation in decathlon success. Named for retired Tennessee coach Bill Webb (and with his endorsement) we offer the final 2014 results. 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.

The University of Texas was the initial (2013) winner. Chico State is the first D-II winner.

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2014 Standings

Place		Points
1 st	Chico State	23
2 nd	Oregon	20
3 rd	Texas	13
4 th	Akron	11
.....	Wichita St	11
6 th	BYU	10
.....	Georgia	10
8th	Kansas St	8
9th	Arkansas	4
10 th ...	North Dakota St	2
...	Idaho St	2

Just another reminder: At the end of the 2014 season there was a small adjustment in the scoring procedures made at the urging of Bill Webb. It made no difference in the 2014 standings but did put slightly more of a premium on points awarded for smaller teams (2-man, 3-man).

Two Man Teams		points
1...Georgia	16,351	10
<i>[Uibo, Scantling]</i>		
2...Texas	15,694	8
3...Oregon	15,553	6
4...Kansas St	15,410	5
5...Chico St	15,183	4
6...Akron	15,175	3
7...BYU	15,020	2
8...Arkansas	14,780	1
9...Wisconsin	14,728	
10.Wichita St	14,358	

Three Man Teams		points
1...Oregon	22,634	8
<i>[Keys, Modin, Fellows]</i>		
2...Chico St	22,434	6
3...Texas	22,042	5
4...Akron	21,868	4
5...Kansas St	21,908	3
6...BYU	21,717	2
7...Arkansas	21,461	1
8...Duke	21,352	

4 Man Teams		points
1...Oregon	29,121	6
<i>[Keys, Modin, Fellows, Kemp]</i>		
2...Chico St	29,108	5
3...Akron	28,473	4
4...BYU	28,147	3
5...Arkansas	28,106	2
6...Wichita St	28,061	1
7...Duke	27,648	

5 Man Teams		points
1...Chico St	35,177	5
<i>[Smith, Elsenbaumer, Brunk, Nikssarian, Andrews]</i>		
2...Wichita St	34,656	4
3...BYU	34,327	3
4...Idaho St	33,088	2
5...N Dakota St	31,935	1

6 Man Teams		points
1...Wichita St	41,249	3
<i>[Bahner, Veith, Boese Nicholas, Cross, Troxler]</i>		
2...Chico St	41,224	2
3...N Dakota St	37,895	1
4...Idaho St	37,066	

7 Man Teams		points
1...Wichita St	47,827	2
<i>[Bahner, Veith, Boese, Nicholas Cross, Troxler, Johnson]</i>		
2...Chico St	47,074	1
3...Idaho St	45,009	

8 Man Teams		points
1...Wichita St	54,376	1
<i>[Bahner, Veith, Boese, Nicholas, Cross, Troxler, Johnson, Peters]</i>		
2...Idaho St	50,941	

SCORING GRID	Total	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	= man teams
1...Chico State	23	4	6	5	5	2	1	-	
2...Oregon	20	6	8	6	-	-	-	-	
3...Texas	13	8	5	-	-	-	-	-	
4...Akron	11	3	4	4	-	-	-	-	
...Wichita St	11	-	-	1	4	3	2	1	
6...BYU	10	2	2	3	3	-	-	-	
...Georgia	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8...Kansas St	8	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	
9...Arkansas	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	
10...N Dakota St	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	
...Idaho St	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	