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OWENS WITH 8528 CR at CLAY West, Vollmer 8k, 6 Collegians over 7700

Hello Again... This year's Bryan Clay meet at Azusa Pacific U was worth the price of admission. With 4 sections (instead of the normal three) big scores and excellent conditions prevailed. When the dust cleared on April 14th (my birthday ☺) 21-year old NCAA indoor champ Ayden Owen's owned the collegiate record (perhaps), a trio of collegians surpassed 8000 points and three more surpassed 7700. 62 athletes laced 'em up on Wed-Thurs but the Owens' story deservedly took top billing.

The new collegiate record (old mark: 8539 by Texas A&Ms Linden Victor was marginally wind-aided- *and I'm sure there will be a debate on which effort is superior*) eventually boiled down to the Razorback junior's running. He sprinted, scampered, darted and dashed into the record-book. His field events were more than adequate but it was the running marks that were spectacular... 10.27..46.10..13.80..4:13.17worth 3892 points, second only to Ashton Eaton's 2015 WR Beijing performance (3944 =10.23...45.00... 13.69...4:17.52) on the way to a 9045 score.

8528 NR, CR Owens, Ayden/Arkansas'23 10.27+1.2 751+1.7 1489 192 46.12 13.80-0.3 4300 470 5350 4:13.17
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The results of the Collegiate section were deep! Iowa junior Austin West (PR 8179) took over the US lead as the next three



Ayden Owens opened the Bryan Clay meet with an eye-opening 10.27 clocking.



The Arkansas trio of (l-r) Noah Swaby, Ayden Owens and Daniel Spejcher made a Webb Cup statement in Azusa. So did Oregon

collegians Hakim McMorris, Dan Spejcher and JJ Ply) all with PR 7800+ marks.

Section A was captured my Oregon's Max Vollmer, the junior from Ulm, Germany whose 8022 was eye-opening and a career best. UC Irvine junior Josh Farmer was runner-up at 7588. Sam Talbot's 7643 won section B.