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“USA MULTIS” INITIATIVE

Elevated Scores from Down Under

Hello Again.....Who knows what 2021 will bring. But it won't be any worse than the past year. There is reason for hope for USA decathlon followers. Drew Fucci and '96 Olympic champ Dan O'Brien have started a club initiative on the model of the VISA Decathlon program of the 1990s, called "US Multis". You will hear much about it in the new year and updates/news will regularly follow. In the meantime you can visit their website:

<https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fusmultis.com%2F&data=04%7C01%7Czarnowsk%40msmary.edu%7C06cef3c702f6448b941f08d8a74b6def%7C1094034b6e0e4eb3a3bdfa55ae99b718%7C0%7C0%7C637443289695015906%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IkhWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=AFJDaU9Mw1%2BsT6a%2BF0cckvqt9UgAtp%2BJ1Mzzf8a7SwM%3D&reserved=0>

More to follow. The upcoming USA indoor season currently is, at best, fluid. We'll try to keep up. We do know that the NCAA will (as of today) hold its annual indoor champs in Fayetteville but no word yet regarding a USATF champs. We'll play this by ear week by week. 2020 was a bummer but there is some late deca news.

8492....Down Under

The decathlon world has not been depressed everywhere. In mid-December word came from Queensland, Australia where a pair of wunderkinds posted eye-opening (and world leading) scores and Olympic qualifiers (8350 for Tokyo) in a small, mid-week meet at the Queensland S&A Center.

Ashley Moloney, 20, the 2018 IAAF world junior winner (8190 junior implements),



The new 'US Multis' logo.

PR'd in 7 of 10 events, It was the eye-catching speed improvement (10.36 100m, 45.82 400m) that accounted for a good deal of the personal score enhancement. *8492 at 20!* It was a national record by 2 points (Jagan Hames). And there appears a good deal of upside for the tall (6-3½) Moloney (right).

Not far behind (and also with a significant 182 point PR of 8367) was 25 year old Cedric Doubler, the 2014 IAAF world junior silver medalist (in Eugene). He was 14th at Rio two years later.



Ashley Moloney AUS 8492
[10.36-0.3 7.67m+2.3 13.42m 2.11m 45.82 =4613 points]
[14.17+1.6 43.98m 4.80m 57.77m 4:48.49 = 3879 points]

Cedric Doubler AUS 8367
[10.70-0.3 7.62m 0.0 13.24m 2.11m 47.84 =4378 points]
[14.34+1.6 41.70m 5.00m 62.48m 4:41.06 =3989 [points]

Here's to the New Year. May it be a damn site better then the past year and may we return to normalcy before it is over.