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Missouri Men and Nebraska Women Lead After Day Two

Boulder, Colo. – The Missouri men are in first place with 45 points on the second day of action at the 2008 Big 12 Outdoor Track & Field Championships, while Nebraska currently leads the women's field with 79 points.

The Big 12 Outdoor Track & Field Championships is being held May 16-18 at Potts Field in Boulder, Colo. This marks the first time Colorado will host the Championships. The Buffaloes twice hosted Big Eight Outdoor meets, in 1986 and 1993.

After winning three of the seven heptathlon events on day one, Nebraska's Megan Wheatley won the 800-meter run and placed second in the long jump, edging out her teammate Chantae McMillan for top honors with 5,643 points. McMillan won the long jump and the javelin throw as the Huskers placed four competitors in the top six spots. This is fourth consecutive year that a Nebraska athlete has won the heptathlon title.

Texas' Donovan Kilmartin, the 2006 Big 12 Men's Decathlon Champion soared from fourth to first place on day two, claiming his second decathlon title with 7,675 points. Runner-up Nick Adcock (Missouri) led the men's decathlon by one point after day one and finished just 17 points behind Kilmartin with 7,657 points. Kilmartin becomes the second Big 12 athlete to win multiple Big 12 Championship decathlon crowns.

Missouri senior Nate Englin won his second conference title in winning the men's shot put with a mark of 61 feet, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches (18.79 meters), adding to this year's indoor crown in the same event. . On the women's side, Patience Knight of Texas Tech, who was also crowned indoor shot put champion, placed first with a throw of 56'-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (17.13). The 2008 Honda Inspiration Award winner is currently ranked first in the nation after launching a mark of 57'-11" (17.65m) last weekend.

The women's long jump provided a tie for the farthest distance as both Candice Mills (Kansas State) and Toni Smith (Oklahoma) posted marks of 20'-10" (6.35m). Mills won the long jump by outdistancing Smith's second jump with a repeat leap of 6.35m. In the women's high jump, Nebraska's Kim Shubert edged out her teammate and indoor champion Epley Bullock by clearing a mark of 5'-10 $\frac{3}{4}$ (1.80m). The men's high jump featured a matchup of two freshman who finished within .01 meters of each other. Big 12 Indoor Long Jump Champion Julian Reid of Texas A&M captured the title with a leap of 25'-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ (7.78m).

Kansas senior Kate Sultanova became the first Big 12 women's athlete to win multiple pole vault titles after winning as a freshman in 2005. The nation's eighth-ranked pole vaulter passed the bar at 13'-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ (4.10m) edging out Nebraska's Natalie Willer and fellow Jayhawks Libby Harmon and Julia Cummings, who each posted a top heighth of 13'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ (4.00m).

Ticket packages are available online at cubuffs.com. All-Session passes are \$10 while Adult Single Session passes are available for \$6. Senior (55 & up) and Student (13-18) single session tickets are \$5 and youth single session (12 & under) are available for \$2.

For complete results visit the big12sports.com or cubuffs.com.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Missouri (45), 2. Colorado (42), 3. Nebraska (25), 4. Texas Tech (20), 5. Texas A&M (16), 6. Texas (13) 7. Kansas (11), 8. Kansas State (9), 9. Iowa State (8), 10. Oklahoma (6)

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Nebraska (79), 2. Kansas State (45.50), 3. Kansas (40.50), 4. Texas A&M (35), 5. Texas Tech (28.50), 6. Missouri (27), 7. Iowa State (11), 8. Oklahoma (15), 9. Texas (8), 9. Oklahoma State (8), 11. Baylor (2), 11. Colorado (2)

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