Travis J. Geopfert

Speaker

Travis Geopfert is a nationally ranked decathlete, assistant track and field coach at the University of Northern Iowa, and motivational speaker.

He shares his own stories of success and failure, and explains the challenges that he has faced in his life as an athlete. He describes success in life as the path that you take, and not necessarily the final destination. His powerful message encourages listeners of all ages to pursue their dreams whole-heartedly, but to focus on the little things it takes to get you there. Travis's story, attitude, and approach to life can help all of us realize that success can be guaranteed if we want it to be.

Whether you are motivating kids, athletes, small businesses, departments, or corporations, Travis Geopfert will help to inspire everyone in trying to reach their potential. Remember, it is not always where you are going, but how you get there that counts.



A Breakthrough Season

A 2002 graduate of The University of Northern Iowa, Travis now coaches and trains at his alma mater. Geopfert, with the support of his wife Nicole, and help from his fellow coaches at Northern Iowa and Olympian Kip Janvrin had a breakthrough 2004 season. Geopfert won his first Drake Relays Decathlon title by defeating his friend and mentor Janvrin, who has won 15 Drake Relays decathlon titles. He then qualified and placed 11th at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials. During the 2004 campaign Geopfert won the Dakota Multi's where he posted a personal best of 7,785 points. During 2003 Travis Geopfert also had a very successful season competing in eight decathlons, finishing 12th in the U.S. Championships, Runner-up in the Drake Relays, winning the Mid-Summer Games Decathlon, as well as finishing third in the prestigious U.S.A versus Germany Decathlon Duel in Stuttgart, Germany.







Coaching Accomlishments

In his first two seasons of collegiate coaching Travis Geopfert has balanced the difficult task of coaching and competing at the highest level. Geopfert has coached two division II national champions, seven all-americans, twelve national/regional qualifiers, one U.S. national qualifier, nine conference champions, and twenty-two all-conference performers while at Central Missouri State and Northern Iowa. With 17 regional qualifiers and 4 All-Americans returning to the UNI Panther squad it looks to be a very exciting 2005 season.

Personal Bests-Decathlon

Decathlon 7,785 points 10.78 seconds 100 meters Long Jump 24' 1" Shot Put 49' 1" 6' 4" High Jump 400 meters 48.24 seconds 110 HH 14.96 seconds Discus 155' 9" Pole Vault 15' 3"

Javelin 184' 7" 1500 meters 4:21.48seconds

Personal Bests-Open events

 200 meters
 22.03 seconds

 800 meters
 1:56.54 seconds

 400 hurdles
 55.24 seconds

 4x100 relay
 40.90 seconds

 4x200 relay
 1:25.12 seconds

 4x400 relay
 3:11.03 seconds

Indoor Bests

Heptathlon 5471 points 60 meters 7.16 seconds 60 HH 8.45 seconds 1000 meters 2:38.91 seconds