

SYKES & SABOCK CHALLENGE CUP

“Invitational” Shot Put

Saturday, February 4 | | 12:00 p.m.



Ryan Whiting | | Nike

- * 6x NCAA Champion while at Arizona State University
- * 7th Place at the IAAF World Championships in 2011
- * Owns the best throw on U.S. soil this year at 69-10.50 (21.29); 2nd in the World
- * Won the U.S. Open (Madison Square Garden) last weekend
- * Ashenfelter III Facility Record Holder - 69-10.50 (21.29)
- * Current Nittany Lion Volunteer Assistant Coach
- * Career Best - 72-1 (21.97)

Blake Eaton | | Unattached

- * 2x NCAA Shot Put All-American; Best Finish: 3rd, 2010
- * 2x Big Ten Shot Put Champion
- * Ranks 4th in PSU Indoor History; and 2nd Outdoors
- * Threw a lifetime-indoor best 62-7.25 (19.08) at the PSU National last week.
- * Career Best - 64-2.50 (19.57)
- * Graduated from Penn State in 2011 * Former Team Captain



Joe Kovacs | | Unattached

- * 2x NCAA Bronze Medalist in the Shot Put (2010 Indoor; 2011 Outdoor)
- * 2x Big Ten Shot Put Champion
- * Ranks 2nd in PSU Indoor History; and 4th Outdoors
- * Won the PSU National last weekend with a throw of 63-4 (19.30)
- * Has one season of outdoor eligibility remaining with the Nittany Lions
- * 2011 & 2012 Team Captain
- * Career Best - 65-1.25 (19.84)

WOUNDED WARRIORS | | ARMY VS. NAVY

| | Sean Hook | | U.S. Army | |

Sean Hook, from nearby Altoona, Pa., was injured in Iraq after roadside IED explosion on a dismounted patrol. His wife - Melanie - and their three children here today. Hook will be competing in first National Warrior Games in Colorado

| | Chris Marsh | | U.S. Navy | |

Chris Marsh, a Navy veteran who was injured in Iraq, is competing as a Navy Safe Harbour athlete. Marsh is currently training to be Navy's "Ultimate Warrior" - a competition that includes the 100 meters, the shot put, cycling, swimming, rifle, and archery events. Top points will determine ultimate overall warrior from all military branches.