

Vandals win Big Sky track championship

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MOSCOW — Idaho's Francis Dodoo broke the Big Sky Conference triple jump record by more than 2 feet Tuesday night, leading the Vandals to their first conference track championship.

Idaho piled up 138½ points to 99½ for pre-meet favorite Nevada-Reno. Defending champion Northern Arizona was third with 95 points followed by Montana State 74½, Weber State 69, Montana 60, Idaho State 46½ and Boise State 37.

Boise State was riddled with a barrage of injuries that took out the heart of the team.

"We just ended up without a team, basically," a disappointed BSU coach Ed Jacoby said.

Sean Cafferty injured his ankle in the high hurdles and finished fourth, but couldn't compete in the intermediate hurdles later. Kenrick Camerud, the Big Sky's indoor champion in the 400 meters, pulled a groin or abdominal muscle early in the final, according to Jacoby, and faded to fifth. Just ahead of him in the 400 was Randy Mayo, who ran a lifetime best 47.8.

But even Mayo pulled up with a hamstring injury at the end of the 400, leaving Jacoby without three of his four runners in the mile relay.

On the brighter side, Anthony Bailey went a foot and a half further than he ever had — 49-4¼ for sixth place; Yair Mackler put the shot 57-0 for fourth place; and Howard Conley finished half a second off the old meet record with his second-place 3:49.74 in the 1,500.

But, as Jacoby said, "We had some good performances — personal bests — but that just isn't going to get the job done."

After 15 events, Idaho led Nevada-Reno by just eight points, but Dodoo, a sophomore from Ghana, exploded to a personal record of 53 feet, 6½ inches. That broke the old record of 51 feet, 1 inch set four years ago by Osita Nsofor of Idaho.

On their final jumps, Vandall teammates Neil Crichlow hit 52 feet, ¾ inch and Marvin Wadlow leaped 51-4½.

The 1-2-3 sweep gave the Vandals 24 points and a comfortable margin.

"The kids in the triple jump put them away," said Idaho coach Mike Keller, who won his first conference meet after seven tries. "They really came through."

Dodoo was voted the meet's outstanding performer.

The Vandals' Jim Sokolowski was a double winner, capturing the decathlon with 6,947 points and coming back to win the high jump with a leap of 7 feet.

BSU's Chris Smith cleared 6-10¾ for third place behind Sokolowski in the high jump.

Northern Arizona's Ron Gray captured both sprints. He edged Reno's Noah Levingston in 10.58 seconds in the 100 meters and won comfortably over Weber's Bruce Perry in 21.06 in the 200 meters.

Montana's Dave Gordon, beaten Monday night by Reno's Derek May in the 10,000 meters, staved off May's finishing kick to win the 5,000 meters in 14:26.20.

Idaho's John Trott, a senior from South Africa, broke the 800-meter record for the second straight night. Trott set a record of 1:50.79 in qualifying Monday night, then lowered the mark to 1:50.17 in the finals Tuesday night.

Teammate Leroy Robinson took second in that event and Keller said that was another key to the Vandals' victory.

"He's (Robinson's) been injured three times this spring, but he did a super job for us tonight," he said. It was the second straight year that Trott has won the 800 meter championship.

Idaho's Ray Prentice set a record in the 1,500 meters with a clocking of 3:49.19. That broke the league mark of 3:49.21 set by Weber's Javier Chavez two years ago.

Other defending champs didn't fare as well. The only other defending champion to win was Reno's Jan Mikaelsson, who captured the javelin by 27 feet over teammate Mickey Cutler with a toss of 240 feet 4 inches.

The Vandals had been rated as
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contenders the past three years, and each time came up short.

Idaho became only the fourth school to win the Big Sky's outdoor title. The Vandals dethroned two-time defending champion Northern Arizona, which has won four times. Idaho State has taken the crown 12 times and Montana and Idaho now each have one championship.

It was the third time the host team had won the title. Idaho State did it twice, in 1965 and 1978.

The Vandals, who were tied for third place with Weber State after Monday's action, caught Northern Arizona and Nevada-Reno after the pole vault and steadily piled up points the rest of the evening.

Sokoloski, who won three of the five decathlon events contested Monday, snared the 110 hurdles Tuesday with a 15.1 time. Montana's Jake Lind won the discus with a 139-5 throw, Jeff Qualle of Nevada-Reno poled vaulted 14-7½ to win that event, and Ken Young of Idaho State triumphed in the javelin event of the decathalon with a 202-9 toss.

Sokolowski's winning total was far off the conference record of 7,266 points set by Weber State's Jeff Swanger last year.

ISU's Ken Young was fourth with 6,763 points, followed by Jeff Qualle, Nevada-Reno, 6,496, and teammate, Jerry Baughman, 6,343.

Finals

Discus — 1, Mitch Crouser, Idaho, 188-0 (Record, old record, 184-5, Lance Deal, MSU, 1980). 2, Lance Deal, MSU, 184-3. 3, Zane Hubbard, Reno, 175-0. 4, Mickey Cutler, Reno, 174-5. 5, Rich Fajer, ISU, 162-9. 6, Byrl Thompson, MSU, 159-2.

Long jump— 1, Derek Shelton, NAU, 23-6., Ken Riedl, MSU, 22-8. 3, (tie) Mike Martin, Idaho, and Elbert Gray, Weber, 22-7³/₄. 5, Anthony Bailey, Boise State, 22-7¹/₄. 6, Jim Horner, ISU, 22-7.

3,000-Meter steepchase — 1, Doug Friedli, Weber, 8:50.20 (Record, old record 8:58.4, Dean Ehrhard, Montana, 1975). 2, Rudy Munoz, Reno, 8:54.7. 3, Ron Davis, Weber, 8:56.2. 4, Gary Gonser, Idaho, 9:01.30. 5, Scott Descheemaeker, MSU, 9:03.0. 6, Paul Pilkington, Weber, 9:06.4.

10,000-meter — 1, Derek May, Reno, 29:47. (Record, old record 30:43.07, Norberto Segura, Weber, 1980). 2, Dave Gordon, Montana, 29:48.6. 3, Tom Raunig, Montana, 29:50. 4, Steve Bishop, MSU, 30:09.8. 5, Fred Mullenbach, NAU, 30:17.2. 6, Kole Tonnemaker, Idaho, 30:17.6.

Big Sky Track Meet

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Here are the decathlon results of the Big Sky Conference track meet (first five events):

100-meters — 1, Matt Davison, Montana State, 11.0, 804 points. 2, (tie) Jerry Baughman, Nevada-Reno, and Dean Rominger, Montana, 11.2, 756 points. 4, Jim Sokolowski, Idaho, 11.3, 733 points. 5, Rudy Madrigal, NAU, 11.4, 710 points. 6, (tie) Ken Young, Idaho State, and Jake Lind, Montana, and Steve Dick, Weber State, all 11.5, 687 points.

Long Jump — 1, Sokolowski, Idaho, 22-1, 763 points. 2, Baughman, Reno, 20-9 $\frac{3}{4}$, 680 points. 3, Madrigal, NAU, 20-5 $\frac{1}{4}$, 655. 4, Davison, MSU, and Dick, Weber State, 20-3 $\frac{1}{4}$, 644 points. 6, Jeff Qualle, Reno, 19-11 $\frac{1}{2}$, 622 points.

Shot Put — 1, Lind, Montana, 45-2 $\frac{1}{4}$, 714 points. 2, Rominger, Montana, 44-6, 700. 3, Dick, Weber, 40-4, 618 points. 4, Davison, MSU, 39-6 $\frac{3}{4}$, 603 points. 5, Young, ISU, 38-5, 580 points. 6, Sokolowski, Idaho, 36-8 $\frac{1}{4}$, 544 points.

High Jump — 1, Sokolowski, Idaho, 6-11 $\frac{1}{4}$, 950 points. 2, Madrigal, NAU, 6-9, 900 points. 3, John Barrett, Boise State, 6-4 $\frac{1}{4}$, 796 points. 4, Davison, MSU, 6-3, 769 points. 5, (tie) Qualle, Reno, and Dick, Weber State, 6-1 $\frac{7}{8}$, 743 points.

400 Meters — 1, Sokolowski, Idaho, 50.1, 801 points. 2, Dick, Weber, 50.8, 770 points. 3, Baughman, Nevada, 52.1, 716 points. 4, Davison, MSU, 52.5, 699 points. 5, Young, Idaho State, 52.6, 695 points. 6, Qualle, Nevada, 53.2, 671 points.

Shot Put — 1, Zane Hubbard, Reno, 61-5 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2, Mitch Crouser, Idaho, 61-5. 3, Mickey Cutler, Reno, 58-2 $\frac{3}{4}$. 4, Yair Mackler, Boise, 57-0. 5, Lance Deal, MSU, 56-2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 6, Paul Palkovic, ISU, 53- $\frac{1}{2}$.

1,500 meters — 1, Ray Prentice, Idaho, 3:49.19 (Record. Old record 3:49.21, Javier Chavez, Weber, 1979). 2, Howard Conley, ISU, 3:49.74. 3, Doug Friedli, Weber, 3:50.28. 4, Mark Lomeland, NAU, 3:51.81. 5, Mike Brady, Montana, 3:51.99. 6, Bill Graff, NAU, 3:52.47.

110-meter hurdles — 1, Ted Zakoscleny, NAU, 14.23. 2, Ken Riedl, MSU, 14.43. 3, Mike Martin, Idaho, 14.62. 4, Sean Cafferty, Boise, 14.63. 5, Daryl Hill, Reno, 14.68. 6, Jan Harland, Montana, 14.69.

400 meters — 1, Mark McGavish, ISU, 46.67. 2, Dave Harewood, Idaho, 46.75. 3, Greg Carson, NAU, 47.19. 4, Randy Mayo, Boise, 47.88. 5, Kenrick Camerud, Boise, 48.23. 6, Sam Koduah, Idaho, 48.36.

400-meter relay — 1, NAU (Micah Williams, Mark Mielke, Ron Gray, Tim Nelson), 41.45 seconds (Record. New distance). 2, Idaho, 41.55. 3, Idaho State 41.73. 4, Weber 41.78. 5, Boise, 41.83. 6, Montana 41.91.

100 meter — 1, Ron Gray, NAU, 10.58. 2, Noah Livingston, Reno, 10.59. 3, Paul Anderson, Montana, 10.61. 4, Bruce Perry, Weber, 10.63. 5, Mark Mielke, NAU, 10.78. 6, Mike Steigler, Boise, 10.93.

800 meters — 1, John Troft, Idaho, 1:50.17 (Record. Old record, Troft, 1:50.79 in preliminaries). 2, Leroy Robinson, Idaho, 1:51.39. 3, Terry Elton, Weber, 1:51.59. 4, Guy Rodgers, Montana, 1:51.64. 5, Jorgen Elmore, Reno, 1:51.94. 6, Felix Diaz, ISU, 1:54.26. MORE

400-meter hurdles — 1, Lars Wellander, Reno, 52.32. 2, Willie Schoenbeck, MSU, 52.93. 3, Shawn Dorr, Weber, 53.33. 4, Don Roberts, Weber, 53.95. 5, Pete Scholten, NAU, 54.38. 6, Greg Hall, BSU, 54.56.

200 meters — 1, Ron Gray, NAU, 21.06. 2, Bruce Perry, Weber, 21.32. 3, Paul Anderson, Montana, 21.33. 4, Greg Carson, NAU, 21.68. 5, Mark Mielke, NAU, 21.79. 6, Kenrick Camerud, Boise, 22.17.

5,000 meters — 1, Dave Gordon, Montana, 14:26.20. 2, Derek May, Reno, 14:31.2. 3, Steve

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Bishop, MSU, 14:32.4. 4, Miguel Tibaduiza, Reno, 14:33.8. 5, Rick Beach, NAU, 14:33.8. 6, Tom Raunig, Montana, 14:35.7.

1600-meter relay — 1, Idaho State (Tom Calvert, Dennis Smith, Ron DeLaney, Mark McGavish) 3:14.06 (Record, new distance). 2, Idaho, 3:14.21. 3, Montana State, 3:16.56. 4, Weber, 3:17.44. 5, NAU, no time. 6, Boise State, 3:18.39.

Pole Vault — 1, Dave Tucker, NAU, 15-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2, Tom Eitel, MSU, 15-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3, Brian Worder, ISU, 15-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. 4, John Ortiz, NAU, 15-6 $\frac{3}{4}$. 5, Roger Harris, ISU, 15-6 $\frac{3}{4}$. 6, (tie) Mark Rab-dau, Idaho, and Jeff Qualle, Reno, 15-2 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Javelin — 1, Jan Mikaelsson, Reno, 243.4. 2, Mickey Cutler, Reno, 216.4. 3, Robert Hanson, Idaho, 212.3. 4, Bruce McKean, MSU, 205. 5, Ron Kyle, Montana, 202.3. 6, Duff Kerr, Montana, 198.

Triple Jump — 1, Francis Dodoo, Idaho, 53-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Record. Old record, 51-1, Osita Nsofor, Idaho, 1977). 2, Neil Crichlow, Idaho, 52-3 $\frac{1}{4}$. 3, Marvin Wadlow, Idaho, 51-4 $\frac{1}{2}$. 4, Derek Shel-ton, NAU, 51-3. 5, Jim Horner, ISU, 49-7 $\frac{3}{4}$. 6, Anthony Bailey, Boise, 49-4 $\frac{1}{4}$.

High Jump — 1, Jim Sokolowski, Idaho, 7-0. 2, Mike Deden, Montana, 6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$. 3, Chris Smith, Boise 6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$. 4, Erik Rollenberg, Montana, 6-8 $\frac{1}{4}$. 5, (tie) Rick Berrett, ISU, 6-8 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Terry Eichelberger, MSU, 6-8 $\frac{1}{4}$.

DECATHALON Final scores

1, Jim Sokolowski, Idaho, 6,947 points. 2, Matt Davison, MSU, 6,886. 3, Steve Dick, Weber, 6,796. 4, Ken Young, Idaho State, 6,763. 5, Jeff Qualle, Reno 6,496. 6, Jerry Baughman, Reno, 6,343. 7, Rudy Madrigal, Northern Arizona, 6,300. 8, John Barrett, Boise State, 6,123. 9, Bill Bogan, Reno, 5,841. 10, Jake Lind, Montana, 5,085.

110-meter hurdles — 1, Sokolowski, Idaho, 15.1. 837 points. 2, Baughman, Nevada-Reno, 15.2. 827 points. 3, Dick, Weber State, 15.3. 817 points. 4, Young, Idaho State, 15.8. 767 points. 5, Qualle, Reno, 16.0. 748 points. 6, Davison, Montana State, 16.2. 739 points. 7, Barrett, Boise State, 16.5. 703 points. 8, Madrigal, Northern Arizona, 17.0. 670 points. 9, Bogan, Reno, 17.3. 637 points. 10, Lind, Montana, 19.1. 506 points.

Discus — 1, Lind, Montana, 139-5. 734 points. 2, Young, ISU, 127-7 $\frac{1}{2}$. 664 points. 3, Davison, MSU, 124-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. 647 points. 4, Dick, Weber, 118-5. 606 points. 5, Bogan, Reno, 109-4 $\frac{1}{2}$. 548 points. 6, Sokolowski, Idaho, 107-5. 535 points. 7, Qualle, Reno, 106-11. 531 points. 8, (tie) Baughman, Reno, and Barrett, BSU, 100-7. 503 points. 10, Madrigal, NAU, 96-1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 458 points.

Pole Vault — 1, (tie) Qualle, Reno, and Madrigal, NAU, 14-7 $\frac{1}{4}$. 920 points. 3, Davison, MSU, 13-7 $\frac{1}{2}$. 845 points. 4, (tie) Young, ISU, and Bogan, Reno, 13-3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 820 points. 6, Baughman, Reno, 12-11 $\frac{1}{2}$. 794 points. 7, (tie), Sokolowski, Idaho, and Barrett, Boise, 11-7 $\frac{3}{4}$. 686 points. 9, Dick, Weber, 11-0. 630 points. 10, Lind, Montana, 0.

Javelin — 1, Young, ISU, 202-9. 783 points. 2, Davison, MSU, 181-1. 701 points. 3, Sokolowski, Idaho, 169-5. 655 points. 4, Dick, Weber, 166-5. 643 points. 5, Barrett, Boise, 161-6. 622 points. 6, Bogan, Reno, 156-9. 603 points. 7, Baughman, Reno, 151-5. 580 points. 8, Qualle, Reno, 148-1. 566 points. 9, Lind, Montana, 144-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. 552 points. 10, Madrigal, NAU, 130-8. 488 points.

1,500 Meters — 1, Dick, Weber, 4:23. 638 points. 2, Qualle, Reno, 4:27. 508 points. 3, Barrett, Boise, 4:46.4. 486 points. 4, Young, ISU, 4:52.7. 449 points. 5, Sokolowski, Idaho, 4:53.8. 443 points. 6, Davison, MSU, 4:55.1. 435 points. 7, Madrigal, NAU, 4:59.8. 409 points. 8, (tie) Bogan, Reno, and Baughman, Reno, 5:01.4. 400 points. 10, Lind, Montana, did not finish.

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