

**GOLDEN, Colo.** — The University of Nebraska at Kearney men's track team won its fourth straight Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship Friday and Saturday in Golden, Colo.

Unlike last year when the Lopers had to win the meet in the last event, the 4x400 relay, the Lopers won easily, outscoring runner-up Adams State by 48

points.

In the women's division, UNK finished second to Western State, with senior Janet Boettcher setting two meet records.

The UNK men's win was the first time a school has won four straight RMAC Indoor Championships. The Lopers also set a team record for the most points scored (144), breaking the record of 143 set by UNK when it

won its first championship in 1998.

Four Loper men won individual events — senior Wes Hinze in the 55-meter high hurdles, senior Brett Wetton in the weight throw, freshman Clark Spanel in the long jump and freshman Mike Ford in the pole vault. Wetton's throw of 63-11 broke the meet record.

Ford was named the

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Newcomer of the Year, while coach Marcus Scheid was named the league's Coach of the Year.

UNK also had four second-place finishers — Ryan Bedlan in the 200, Scott Schepers in the weight throw and shot put, Derek Bailey in the high jump and John Laux in the triple jump. Laux's effort of 48-4 1/2 is a provisional national qualifying jump.

**THIRD-PLACE** finishers for UNK were Brian Meade in the weight throw, Joel Janecek in the hurdles, Garth Mins in the 55-meter dash and Casey Marsh in the 400.

Boettcher's throws of 59-11 in the weight throw and 48-5 in the shot put were meet records. Her weight throw breaks her own school record.

UNK's Jana Marco broke the meet record and the school record when she won the pole vault with a mark of 11-0.

**LOPER WOMEN** also dominated the jumps with Leah Lewis and Renee Bergmeier finishing 1-2 in the triple jump, while freshman Jessica Reinsch won the long jump with a provisional qualifying mark of 19-9. Bergmeier and Lewis were third and fifth, respectively.

Reinsch also placed second in the 55-meter high hurdles

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## **RMAC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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### **WOMEN**

#### **TEAM SCORES**

Western State 165, Nebraska-Kearney 106.33, Adams State 85, Fort Hays State 57, Colorado Mines 41.33, Chadron State 30, UC-Colorado Springs 10.33.

#### **Individual results**

##### **(Winners and UNK placers)**

**55-METER DASH** — 1, Deborah Borne, AS, 6.99. 4, Sabrina Jensen, FH, 7.32.

**200** — 1 Deborah Borne, AS, 25.73. 6, Maria Sharp, UNK, 27.86 1 1

**400** — 1 Amber Crowder, AS, 1:00.22

**800** — 1, Najeeby Quinn, WSC, 2:22.23. 5, Kathryn Alt, UNK, 2:24.75.

**MILE** — 1 Jen Michel, WS, 5:03.61.

**3,000** — 1, Jen Michel, WS, 10:14.99.

**5,000** — 1, Zolla Gomez, AS, 18:03.52.

**55 METER HIGH HURDLES** — 1, Randi Crowder, CSM, 8.43. 2, Jessica Reinsch, UNK, 8.52.

**4x400** — 1, Western State College, 4:03.67. 5, UNK 4:12.63.

**DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY** — 1, Western State 12:53.95. 3, Nebraska-Kearney 13:31.57.

**HIGH JUMP** — 1, Reidun Dailey, WS, 5-6. 3, Becky Williams, UNK, 5-4. 6, Amanda Cronin, UNK, 5-0.

**POLE VAULT** — 1, Jana Marco, UNK, 11-0 (meet record). 6, Amanda State, UNK, 9-0.

**LONG JUMP** — 1, Jessica Reinsch, UNK, 19-9. 3, Renee Bergmeier, UNK, 18-1 1/2. 5, Leah Lewis, UNK, 17-10 1/2.

**TRIPLE JUMP** — 1, Leah Lewis, UNK, 39-3. 2, Renee Bergmeier, UNK, 38-8 3/4. 5, Maria Sharp, UNK, 35-11 1/2.

**SHOT PUT** — 1, Janet Boettcher, UNK, 48-5 (meet record) 4, Karen Koch, UNK, 40-10 1/2. 5, Timmery Nielsen, UNK, 40-3 1/2.

**WEIGHT THROW** — 1, Janet Boettcher, UNK, 59-11 (meet record). 3, Timmery Nielsen, UNK, 50-2 1/2.

## **MEN**

### **Team Scores**

Nebraska-Kearney 144, Adams State 96, Colorado Mines 94, Fort Hays State 65.5. Western State 64, Chadron State 19.5, UC-Colorado Springs 12.

### **Individual results**

#### **(Winners and UNK placers)**

**55-METER DASH** — 1, Mike Appelhans, FH, 6.40. 3, Garth Mins, UNK, 6.50.

**200** — 1, Mike Appelhans, FHS, 22.17. 2, Ryan Bedlan, UNK, 22.34. 3, Scott Schukar, UNK, 22.73.

5, Garth Mins, UNK, 23.19.

**400** — 1, Dayven Johnston, CSM, 49.20. 3, Casey Marsh, UNK, 50.57. 6, Joel Brandt, UNK, 52.52.

**800** — 1, Eric Weaver, AS, 1:52.37. 4, Joe Cooper, UNK, 1:56.12.

**MILE** — 1, Brandon Leslie, AS, 4:13.53.

**3,000** — 1, Jason Hubbard, AS, 8:26.74.

**5,000** — 1, Jason Hubbard, AS, 14:21.02.

**55-METER HIGH HURDLES** — 1, Wes Hinze, UNK, 7.55. 3, Joel Janeczek, UNK, 7.69.

**4x400** — 1, Colorado School of Mines 3:17.33. 4, Nebraska-Kearney 3:25.83.

**DISTANCE MEDLEY** — 1, Adams State 10:20.82. 5, Nebraska-Kearney 10:57.77.

**HIGH JUMP** — 1, Brennen Rigsby, WS, 6-11. 2,

Derek Bailey, UNK, 6-9.

**POLE VAULT** — 1, Mike Ford, UNK, 15-5. 3, Garth Mins, UNK, 14-11.

**LONG JUMP** — 1, Clark Spanel, UNK, 23-10 1/2. 6, John Laux, UNK, 23-0 3/4.

**TRIPLE JUMP** — 1, Jesus Salazar, CSM, 49-2. 2, John Laux, UNK, 48-4 1/2. 4, Joel Farrand, UNK, 47-10 1/2. 5, Jeremy Chancellor, UNK, 47-2.

**SHOT PUT** — 1, Casey Seyfert, FH, 57-10. 2, Scott Schepers, UNK, 55-0 1/2. 4, Brett Wetton, UNK, 51-6 1/2. 5, Kurt Nielsen, UNK, 51-4 1/2.

**WEIGHT THROW** — 1, Brett Wetton, UNK, 63-11 (meet record). 2, Scott Schepers, UNK, 53-10 1/2. 3, Brian Meade, UNK, 51-4. 5, Jim DeLaet, UNK, 49-5 1/2.