

UNK men win sixth straight indoor title, women hold championship trophy briefly

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CHADRON — Taking a victory lap with the conference championship trophy has become old hat for the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's track team.

The Loper women got a little practice on Saturday, too, but that's all it was.

After the victory lap, after the Lopers had posed for pictures, officials reviewed the score and gave the trophy to Adams State.

"I wish they would have caught it a little earlier than that.

That was kind of a bad deal," said UNK coach Andy Meyer, who had to give back the Coach of the Year trophy as well. "But our girls showed some class. They hand-delivered (the trophy) as a team and congratulated them. ... But our girls are going to use this as a lot of drive for the outdoor season. There's no doubt about that."

AFTER THE recount, UNK's women finished six points behind Adams State. No recount could take the trophy from the Loper men, who won by 36½ points. The win gave the

Lopers their sixth straight Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference indoor championship.

"We've won six in a row, and No. 6 feels every bit as good as No. 1 did," Meyer said.

Part of the joy for Meyer was the reaction and emotion of his team.

"Emotion, the way both our teams competed and the way they backed each other. We were by far the loudest group out there. And with the energy they were throwing toward their teammates, I think that psyched

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a lot of other teams out," Meyer said.

Despite the run of conference titles, the Lopers were underdogs to Adams State, based on premeet performances.

"**THERE WASN'T** too many areas where we didn't make gains. ... The long jump and weight throws and the high jump went extremely well on Friday for both the men and women. Just the momentum from the huge performances we had on Friday carried over into Saturday," Meyer said. "And we knew the triple jump could be a big event for us ... because we had three guys jumping in it who had never jumped before."

One of those was Derek Bailey, who won the high jump by clearing 7 feet on Friday. He jumped 45 feet on his first jump in the triple jump "and that took the wind out of Adams State right there," Meyer said.

John Laux won the triple jump, tying the meet record at 49 feet, 2 inches.

Other winners for the men were Casey Marsh in the 400 and Lance Pfeiffer in the shot put. Pfeiffer was named the Freshman of the Year. His

winning throw of 54-6 was nearly two feet farther than his previous best.

"I knew the last two weeks he's been ready to make a big jump. ... He competed unlike a freshman, that's for sure," Meyer said.

Winners for the Loper women were Jessica Reinsch in the hurdles, Timmy Nielsen in the shot put and Amber Tiefenthaler in the weight throw.

MEYER SAID he reported 14 improved times or new provisional NCAA meet qualifiers after Saturday's meet. The new provisional qualifiers include pole vaulters Dustin Vermier and Will Hood, Skyler Price in the triple jump, Clark Spanel in the 55-meter dash and Laux in the long jump. Women who posted provisional qualifying marks were Randi Furman in the 55, Kelly Johnson in the 800 and Reinsch in the long jump.

The national qualifiers will be announced Tuesday.

RMAC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletes of the Meet — Deborah Borne, Adams State; Mike Appelhans, Fort Hays State.

Regional Athletes of the Year — Amber Klein, Adams State; Tony Milhon, Fort Hays State.

Freshmen of the Year — Gina Nichols, Colorado Mines; Lance Pfeiffer, Nebraska-Kearney.

Coaches of the Year — Women: Damon Martin, Adams State; Men: Andy Meyer, Nebraska-Kearney.

WOMEN'S RESULTS TEAM STANDINGS

1, Adams State 153; 2, Nebraska-Kearney 147; 3,

Western State 115.5; 4, Fort Hays State 115; 5, Colorado Mines 47.5; 6, Chadron State 37.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (Winners and selected placers)

55-METER DASH — 1. Deborah Borne, ASC, 7.05; 3. Sabrina Jensen, FHSU, 7.25; 4. Randi Furman, UNK, 7.27; 5. Amanda Maryott, UNK, 7.30.

200 — 1. Deborah Borne, ASC, 25.20 (meet record)*; 2. Sabrina Jensen, FHSU, 25.31; 8. Randi Furman, UNK, 26.97.

400 — 1. LeeAnne Grace, FHSU, 58.12; 2. Kate Semin, UNK, 59.34.

800 — 1. Victoria Martinez, ASC, 2:12.12; 3. Kelly Johnson, UNK, 2:15.17; 5. Kathryn Alt, UNK, 2:17.53; 8. Andrea Anderson, UNK, 2:21.72.

1 Mile — 1. Alisha Williams, WSC, 4:56.12; 8. Stephanie Schneider, UNK, 5:23.78.

3,000 — 1. Amber Klein, ASC, 9:40.16 (meet record).
5,000 — 1. Amber Klein, ASC, 17:02.37 (meet record); 6. Stephanie Schneider, UNK, 18:47.09; 8. Kelly Throener, UNK, 19:16.37

55 hurdles — 1. Jessica Reinsch, UNK, 8.32; 7. Abby Lewis, UNK, 9.09.

Shot Put — 1. Timmy Nielsen, UNK, 43-9; 4. Shauna Birchard, UNK, 42-7; 5. Carl Seeba, UNK, 41-3½; 6. Lisa Calleroz, UNK, 39-6½; 8. Leann Fritsche, UNK, 38-½.

Weight throw — 1. Amber Tiefenthaler, UNK, 54-11; 2. Megan Holmes, UNK, 53-2½; 5. Timmy Nielsen, UNK, 49-8; 7. Leann Fritsche, UNK, 47-6¼; 8. Lisa Calleroz, UNK, 46-2.

Long jump — 1. Deborah Borne, ASC, 18-10; 2. Jessica Reinsch, UNK, 18-4½; 4. Call Cordes, UNK, 17-8; 6. Denise Kolar, UNK, 17-2¾; 7. Lesley Crutcher, UNK, 17-½.

Triple jump — 1. Gina Nichols, CSM, 37-2; 4. Kate Semin, UNK, 36-8¼; 5. Lesley Crutcher, UNK, 36-6¾; 7. Denise Kolar, UNK, 34-6¼.

High jump — 1. Michelle Price, WSC, 5-6½; 2. Erin Gudmundson, UNK, 5-6½; 6. Shana Drumheller, UNK, 5-2½; 8. Jessica Reinsch, UNK, 5-0½.

Pole vault — 1. Jessica Isenberger, CSC, 10-7; 7. Calli Cordes, UNK, 9-1; 8. Jennifer Slaymaker, UNK, 9-1.

4x400 relay — 1. Fort Hays, (Holly Fehrenbach, Angela Funk, Bree Butler, LeeAnne Grace), 3:58.52; 3. Nebraska-Kearney, 4:01.50.

Distance medley relay — 1. Adams State, (Beth Lee, Relene Houser, Emily Mortensen, Rebekah Walter), 12:18.80; 5. Nebraska-Kearney, 13:05.26.

MEN'S RESULTS TEAM STANDINGS

1, Nebraska-Kearney 165; 2, Adams State 128.5; 3, Western State 124; 4, Fort Hays State 107.5; 5, Chadron State 53.5; 6, Colorado Mines 39.5.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

(Winners and selected placers)

55-METER DASH — 1. Mike Appelhans, FHSU, 6.31; 2. Clark Spanel, UNK, 6.42.

200 — 1. Mike Appelhans, FHSU, 21.64 (record); 2. Clark Spanel, UNK, 22.38; 4. Scott Schukar, UNK, 22.49; 7. Casey Marsh, UNK, 22.79.

400 — 1. Casey Marsh, UNK, 49.33.

800 — 1. Eric Weaver, ASC, 1:51.93 (record).

1 Mile — 1. Will Banks, WSC, 4:14.21.

3,000 — 1. Josh Eberly, WSC, 8:25.72; 7. Luke Garringer, UNK, 8:42.64.

5,000 — 1. Josh Eberly, WSC, 14:34.71.

55 hurdles — 1. Tim Reetz, ASC, 7.47; 2. Derek Bailey, UNK, 7.76; 3. Kris Schaff, UNK, 7.79; 7. Al Stahlnecker, UNK, 7.96; 8. Nathan Cheetsos, CSC, 8.05.

Shot put — 1. Lance Pfeiffer, UNK, 54-6; 2. Dave Smith, UNK, 54-1; 4. Kurt Nielsen, UNK, 52-3; 6. Scott Jorgensen, UNK, 51-2½.

Weight throw — 1. Kyle Herl, FHSU, 59-3½; 3. Derek Frese, UNK, 57-0½; 4. Dave Smith, UNK, 56-1½; 5. Kellen Jacobs, UNK, 51-1½.

Long jump — 1. Andrew Batten, ASC, 23-8¼; 2. John Laux, UNK, 23-7¾; 4. Skyler Price, UNK, 23-2½; 6. Clark Spanel, UNK, 22-9.

Triple jump — 1. John Laux, UNK, 49-2 (ties record); 2. Skyler Price, UNK, 47-4; 4. Derek Bailey, UNK, 45-1¾; 6. Nate Harms, UNK, 44-1; 8. Lane Fattig, UNK, 43-0¼.

High jump — 1. Derek Bailey, UNK, 7-0; 8. Jesse Kruger, UNK, 6-2½; 8. Skyler Price, UNK, 6-4½.

Pole vault — 1. Tony Milhon, FHSU, 16-9 (record); 4. Dustin Vermiere, UNK, 15-06; 5. Will Hood, UNK, 15-6.

4x400 relay — 1. Adams State College (Tyler Hostetter, Eric Weaver, Aaron Davis, Leo Rodgers), 3:18.87 (record); 6. Nebraska-Kearney, 3:27.09.

Distance medley — 1. Western State College (Paul McRae, Pat Walker, Scott Nagelkerke, Jason Donald), 10:13.88; 4. Nebraska-Kearney, 10:42.30.

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