UNK track teams finish third at RMAC indoor

CHADRON — The University of Nebraska at Kearney track teams placed third Saturday at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Confererence Indoor Track and Field Championships at Chadron State.

The UNK women tallied 109 points in the 10-team race to place behind Adams State (161) and Western State (128) for a second consecutive year. Adams has now won eight straight

indoor titles.

A banged-up Loper men's team tied Colorado School of Mines for third (94.5) in a six-team race. Adams State won the title with 214.5 points after placing second to Western State last season. The Mountainers were

second Saturday with 128.5 points.

UNK claimed four gold medals — Sam Murphy in the women's shot put, Jessie Golden in the women's 55-meter high hurdles, Dakota Cochrane in the men's pole vault and Allen

Osborn in the men's 55-meter high hurdles. UNK's second-place finishers were Kelli Dring in the women's 55-meter high hurdles and triple jump, Kiley Peterson in the women's shot put and Dane Tobey in the men's shot

Cochrane won his third conference pole vault crown, clearing 15 feet, 7 inches. UNK freshman Caleb Brandt was third at 14-1¹/₄.

Osborn ran a 7.55-second time in the hurdles to edge Adams State's Josh Streeter (7.74). In fifth place was UNK's Anthony La Rosa (8.06).

Loper freshman Alex Paul was third in the 400 (50.72) and seventh at 200 meters (23.21). and Tobey was one of three UNK throwers to place in the top eight in the shot. He tied a ceason-best (58-6) to only trail Matt Gersick of Adams State, who set an arena record with a throw of 63-6.

UNK's women went 1-2 in the shot as Murphy had a seasonbest toss of 47-10¾ with

Peterson also having her top throw (46-0½) of the winter. The Lopers also had the gold and silyer in the 55 hurdles as Golden ran an 8.25 with Dring finishing at 8.28. Holdrege freshman Jena Isaacson was seventh with an

8.79 time.

In the triple jump, Dring went a season-best 37-9½ but finished behind New Mexico Highlands' Angella Graham (38-2¾).

On the track, UNK freshman Amy Long was third at 3,000 meters (10:36.71), freshman Tabitha Kreutzer was sixth in the 200 (26.65) and seventh in the 55 (7.43) and freshman Kylie Hauer was seventh in the 400 (1:00.78).