

Adams State Takes RMC Track

Adams State College of Alamosa, Colorado surprised no one as they placed first in 10 events and used their superior depth to win the Rocky Mountain Conference track and field championships Saturday on the Thunderbird Stadium track.

The Indians rolled up 200 points and the next closest

team was Southern Utah with 195. Western State finished with 100. Colorado School of Mines had 92, and Western New Mexico was last with 42.

Adams had three men who won two events. Sprinter Steve Nichols took the 100 and 220 in 9.8 and 21.8, respectively. Keith Johnson took the high jump as he cleared 6-6

and one-half. He also won the triple jump with a leap of 44-3 and one-half. Charlie Vigil took the mile and three-mile with times of 4:20.1 and 14:54.2.

Other winners for the Indians were the mile relay team with 3:23 winning time. John Wilson took the 880 with a time of 1:54.4, and Ken Witaker won the 440 in 49.4. Mark Weeks copped first in the steeplechase with a time of 9:50.3.

The Indians also had six second place finishes and three third places. They also scored well in the fourth, fifth and sixth positions.

Greg Sisk of Colorado Mines was the only other double winner as he took both hurdle events, winning the 120 highs in 14.5 and the 440 intermediate's in 54.0.

Southern Utah had two first place finishers as Bryan Wood won the javelin with a heave of 187-2, and Carl Cochrane threw the shot put 49-5 for a first place finish.

Coach Steve Lunt's T-Birds had some good overall performances, which was

instrumental in the SU second place finish. Ned Lunt, who had not run since high school, placed second in the high hurdles, and Barry Whittaker was second in the intermediate hurdles.

Harry Johnson had a busy day, as he finished third in the triple jump, fourth in the javelin and long jump. Cochrane was third in the discus, and baseball pitcher Don Kolstad placed fourth in the shot put.

Mark Richtsteig finished second in the 440 with a time of 49.6 and then anchored the mile relay team to a third place finish by nipping a Western State runner at the tape. Rick Packard was fifth in the half mile and Bob Nash was fourth in the steeplechase.

George Stransky was sixth in the 220 and 440 and Chuck Comeford placed sixth in the intermediate hurdles as brother Robert pulled up lame. The T-Birds were shut-out in the pole vault, high jump and 100.

Western State had three firsts, as Dough Clark won

the pole vault at 13-6. John Nance took the discus with a throw of 153-0 and the 440-relay team upset Adams State with a time of 43.2. They had two second and two third place finishes.

Western New Mexico only had one first place finish as Tommy Booner won the long jump with a leap of 21-10 and one-half. He also placed second in the 100 and third in the 220.

Southern Utah was not able to qualify anyone for the NAIA championships, but Adams State had already qualified Nichols, Johnson and Vigil.