Tiger men honored, place second at RMAC Championships

Three RMAC titles for FHSU women in third-place finish

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ALAMOSA, Colo. — Adams State (Colo.) College set a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships record on both the men's and women's side to sweep the track and field titles on Tuesday, scoring 250 and 263 points, respectively.

Fort Hays was second on the men's side with 197¼ points, while the women took third with 113½.

Tiger senior Joe Wurtz was named the Athlete of the Meet for his performance while junior Maurice Henson, running track for the first time in college, was named the RMAC Freshman of the Year.

Conference champions for the Tiger men were sophomore Zach Brown, who won the 200-meter dash in 21.12 seconds; Brown, sophomore Aaron Pablo, senior Casey Antholz and sophomore Jamall Gaines, who continued their domination of the 400-meter relay; senior Matt Bixenman in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 9 inches; junior Sheldon Funk who won the pole vault at 16-6; junior Maurice Henson who beat second place by more than one foot to take the triple jump title at 48-41/2; senior Jeremiah Huyett, with a throw of 191-9 in the javelin and Wurtz in the hammer throw at 178-7.

Women's champions were senior Kollisa McVay in the pole vault at 11-1; freshman Megan McClain in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:04.03 and senior Tara White in the javelin with a throw of 132-6.

All-RMAC honors went to the top three finishers in each event. On the men's side for the Tigers, that included Antholz, who took second in the 100-meter dash; Brown, second in the 400; sophomore Nate Stroup, who was third in the 110-meter hurdles; Henson was second in the high jump and third in the long jump; juniors Dustin Hamilton and Chad Burks who completed the sweep of the pole vault; senior Chris Gannon, third in the triple jump; sophomore Josh Wendland and freshman Chase Rogers, who took second and third in the javelin, while Wurtz was third in the discus at 158-9 and second in the shot put at 50-6.

For the women, freshman Megan McClain took third in the 100; freshman Ashley Dopita in the 400-meter hurdles was second; junior Jolene Hoffman, sophomore Kara Boyd, sophomore Morgan Riekenberg and McClain, third in the 400-meter relay; Dopita, McClain, Boyd and junior Cara MacDonald, third in the 1,600-meter relay; senior Cristy Hall was second in the hammer throw with a toss of 163-5 and senior Amy Farlee was second in the javelin, six inches behind White at 132-0.

Fort Hays now travels to Emporia on Saturday for the Emporia State University Qualifier. The NCAA II National Championships are in Abilene, Texas, on May 26-28.

College meets

• RMAC Championship
• Team scores •

Men

1. Adams State, 292. 2. Fort Hays, 197.5. 3. Western State, 130. 4. Nebraska-Kearney, 105.5. 5. Colorado Mines, 65. 6. Chadron State, 44. 7. CU-Colorado Springs, 29.

Men

1. Adams State, 263. 2. Nebraska-Kearney, 200. 3. Fort Hays, 113. 4. Western State, 58. 5. Chadron State, 91. 6. CU-Colorado Springs, 48. 7. Colorado Mines, 24.5. 8. New Mexico Highlands, 9.

• Fort Hays men's results •

Decathlon — A. Alan Yoder, 6,081
Shot put — 2. Joe Wurtz, 50-9¾. 7. T.J. Hogle, 44-8. 13. Chase Rogers, 37-8
Hammer throw — 1. Joe Wurtz, 178-7. 10. Jeremy Danler, 100-10

Discus — 3. Joe Wurtz, 159-6. 5. T.J. Hogle, 135-5. 11. Chase Rogers, 120-1. 14. Jeremy Danler, 101-10

Javelin — 1. Jeramiah Huyet, 191-9. 3. Josh Weisland, 182-6. 3. Chase Rogers, 162-4. 4. Richard Bakken, 159-1. 6. Lane Patterson, 150-5. 11. Kyle Jilka, 155-0

Long jump — 2. Maurice Henson, 23-10.25. 5. Alan Yoder, 22-9.8. A.J. Prairone, 22-4.5. 11. Derek Mayfield, 20-11.25

Triple jump — 1. Maurice Henson, 48-6.3. 5. Chris Gannon, 46-2. 8. Dustin Hamilton, 43-9.5. 9. Matt Baierman, 43-0.5. 10. Derek Mayfield, 43-4.1. 14. J. Preisner, 41-11.

High jump — 1. Matt Baierman, 6-10. 2. Maurice Henson, 6-7

Pole vault — 1. Sheldon Funk, 15-6. 2. Dustin Hamilton, 16-2.3. Chad Burks, 15-6. 6. Randy Purdue, 15-4. 7. Blake Kitchen, 14-6

110m high hurdles — 3. Nate Stroud, 15.04. 8. Jude Fox, 26.70

3000m steeplechase — 7. Jared Fox, 10:24.63

100m dash — 2. Casey Anthoiz, 10.59. 5. Aaron Patric, 10.74. 7. Jamal Gaines, 10.89. 9. Richard Bakken, 11.01

1,500m run — 9. Darryn Parker, 4:17.13

10,000m run — 15. Todd Worcester, 36:06.69

400m dash — 1. Casey Anthoiz, 47.4. 7. David Quilin, 48.6

400m relay — 1. Fort Hays, 41.12 (Zach Brown, Aaron Patric, Casey Anthoiz, Jamal Gaines)

200m dash — 1. Zach Brown, 21.12. 7. Casey Anthoiz, 22.04

1,600m relay — 5. Fort Hays, 3:33.49 (David Quilin, John Welsh, Matt Kraft, Zach Brown)

• Fort Hays women's results •

400m relay — 4. Fort Hays, 49.50
Shot put — 6. Emily Huyett, 42-6. 8. Leah Melby, 39-3. 11. Lindsey Crosswhite, 38-9. 13. Megan Nelson, 37-6

Javelin — 1. Lindsey Crosswhite, 137-2. 6. Leah Melby, 110-2

Discus — 4. Makssa Nelson, 136-2. 9. Tara White, 131-11

Javelin — 1. Tara White, 132-06. 2. Amy White, 132-0. 7. Abby Ream, 113-9. 9. Lindsey Crosswhite, 106-5

Long jump — 12. Casey Vaughn, 16.75

13. Amanda Monti, 16-2.5. 15. Cassandra McDonald, 16-1. 16. Emily Humphrey, 15-8.

Triple jump — 11. Amanda Monti, 35-0. 12. Cassandra McDonald, 34-5. 14. Emily Humphrey, 34-4

High jump — 2. Amanda Poore, 5-4. 9. Samantha Costas, 4-11. 10. Kelsea McVay, 4-7.5

Pole vault — 1. Kalisa McVay, 11-1.6. April Mantz, 10-0. 7. Casey Wanger, 9-6. 8. Abby Ream, 9-3

3,000m steeplechase — 7. Bridget Kuntzsch, 12:39.64

100m high hurdles — 3. Megan McClain, 14.78. 4. Casey Wanger, 15.51. 9. Jolene Hoffman, 12.68

1,500m run — 7. Bridget Kuntzsch, 5:16.86. 10,000m run — 9. Pam Weber, 48-14. 400m dash — 6. Kara Boyd, 60.54

200m dash — 5. Megan McClain, 1:03.74. 9. Ashley Sopta, 1:05.84

400m relay — 3. Fort Hays, 49.10 (Jolene Hoffman, Kara Boyd, Morgan Riskenberg, Megan McClain)

800m run — 5. Casey MacDonald, 2:27.86. 8. Kristi Perez, 2:38.22

200m dash — 6. Emily Humphrey, 25.78

1,600m relay — 3. Fort Hays, 4:01.73 (Ashley Sopta, Megan McClain, Kara Boyd, Cara McDonald)