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(Neb.)-Five Eagles set provisional marks in first outdoor meet

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SPEARFISH, S.D. – The Chadron State College track and field team got the outdoor season off to a strong start Thursday at the Yellow Jacket Spring Open hosted by Black Hills State.

Five CSC athletes – Cody Hunt, Charith Kapukotuwa, Karl McFarlane, Alyssa Norton and Kaelie Jelden – all provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championships in late May and eight others claimed first place finishes at Lyle Hare Stadium Thursday.

Hunt easily won the shot put with a throw of 57-feet, 9-inches, nearly four feet farther than Kapukotuwa's second place toss of 53-11 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Kapukotuwa was busy. In addition to the shot put, he finished second in both the discus (150-0) and hammer throw (151-1).

McFarlane also had an active day. He ran the 110-meter hurdles in 14.52 seconds, just a hundredth of a second behind Nathan Magstadt's time of 14.51. McFarlane, who finished second in the triple jump (44-10 $\frac{1}{4}$) also joined Brandon Segelke, Lanar Newman and Gavan Archibald on CSC's winning 400 relay team (43.92).

Norton highlighted a strong day by the Chadron State female throwers. She easily won the discus with a throw of 152-1 and she also finished second in the shot put (42- $\frac{3}{4}$).

Mel Herl, a true freshman, won the shot put (42-2 $\frac{3}{4}$) and finished second in the discus (128-3) and fourth in the hammer (137-10).

Also for the CSC throwers, Cyndi Thomas was a close second in the hammer throw (149-6) and Kaelie Jelden and Michaela Odenbaugh, who won the 400 hurdles in 1:07.06, both placed in the top seven in the javelin.

The pole vault, punctuated by Jelden's provisional effort of 11-6 $\frac{1}{4}$, also treated the CSC women well. Erin Krause finished second (10-0) and Kali Blevins and Leah Uhlir were both in the top seven.

Other high placers for the Eagles included Chelsea Murray in the 100 hurdles (15.27) and high jump (4-11), Shelby Bozner in the 100 hurdles (15.51) and the high jump (4-11), Rebecca Volf in the 3000-meter steeplechase (12:48.40).

The Eagles were also strong in the relays, winning the 400 (51.13) and the 1600 (4:04.87).

On the men's side, Chadron State's Lanar Newman won the long jump (22-9) and finished third in the triple jump (44-3 $\frac{1}{2}$).

Also for the men's team, Zerek Jones was third in the 400 (49.83) and fifth in the high jump (6-2), Phil Rivera was third in the 800 (1:56.08) and Barrett Browne was second in the long jump (21-9 $\frac{1}{2}$).