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(S.D.)- Hardrockers Set 2 School Records At Eagle/Jacket Invite



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(Gillette, WY)- The South Dakota School of Mines indoor track and field teams continue to improve on the season as the Hardrockers earned 22 personal records (PR's) and broke two school record during the Birds and Bees Indoor Invitational this past weekend in Gillette, Wyo. The meet was co-hosted by Chadron State College and Black Hills State.

Sophomore Nick Alberts set a new South Dakota School of Mines school record in the men's 400-meter dash after clocking a time of 50.64 seconds. The record was previously held by Josh VanLaecken, who posted a time of 50.89 in 2005. Alberts, a native of Langford, S.D., earned fifth place in the event.

Sophomore McKenzie Butcher also set a new school record in the women's weight throw after a toss of 48-feet-0-inches. She took the record from teammate Cori Christensen who held the record at 46-10.75 set in 2013. Butcher, a native of Cheyenne, Wyo., took fourth place in the event. She also set a PR in the women's shot put (36-9).

Senior Anna Haneline set two PR marks --- racing to a fourth-place finish in the women's 60 dash (8.14) and then earned third place in the women's 200 dash (26.63).

Senior Brian Freed continues to be a competitive force in the throwing events. The Staunton, Va., native earned third place in both the men's shot put (49-6.5) and the men's weight throw (58-2). Freed has provisionally qualified for the weight throw (59-0) and as of Jan. 27 was ranked 16th in all of NCAA Div. II.

Senior Lillian Tempe set a PR in the 800 leg of the women's pentathlon clocking a time of 2:30.62. She went on to finish fifth overall in the event with 2,977 points. The Glendive, Mont., native also placed second in the women's high jump after clearing a height of 5-3 and then secured third in the women's triple jump.

Other top performances by the Hardrockers included: junior Sam Hill took third in the men's pole vault after clearing a height of 14-1.25; freshman Katie Croell grabbed fourth in the women's 60 high hurdles with a time of 9.78; junior Brittane Wood finished fourth in the women's 5-kilometer run in a time of 20:11.97 which was also a new PR for her; the men's 4x400 relay team (senior Seth Brotherton, junior Taylor Heaps, freshman Sean Earley and Alberts) clocked a time of 3:30.63 to earn fourth place in the event; freshman Garrett Lane secured fifth place in the men's 60 high hurdles with a time of 8.58; and the women's 4x400 team (Croell, junior Kaelyn Kenner, freshman Sharla Maginnis and Temple) finished fifth with a time of 4:22.97.

Other Hardrockers who earned PR's included: sophomore Ethan Sager in the men's 60 dash (7.56); Earley in the men's 60 dash (7.67); freshman Max Hanna in men's 60 dash (7.74); sophomore Alex Wood in the men's 60 dash (8.52); freshman Marcus Cannon in the men's 60 high hurdles (9.29); sophomore Brandon Antoine in the men's 60 high hurdles (9.63); Sager in the men's 200 dash (24.25); Earley in the men's 200 dash (24.31); Cameron in the men's 800 run (2:02.04); Davis Mathieu in the men's mile run (4:52.02); freshman Cassidy Knutson in the women's 5K (21:40.32); Christensen in the women's shot put (33-7.25); and Tasha Timm in the women's shot put (33-6).

Next on the schedule, the Hardrockers travel to Spearfish, S.D., Saturday for the Black Hills State Rock-n-Jock Invitational.