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(Neb.)-Eagles Have Strong Showing At Birds And Bees Meet

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GILLETTE, Wyo. - The Chadron State College track and field teams continued their strong showing Friday and Saturday during the Birds and Bees Meet in Gillette's Cam-Plex.

Chadron State women won 10 events and the CSC men claimed eight firsts. There were 17 events in each competition. Athletes from nine schools competed.

Four Eagles were double winners, including junior Shelby Bozner. She won the pentathlon on Friday by scoring 3,577 points, the second highest total in Chadron State history. One of her top performances in the pentathlon was in the 60-meter high hurdles, which she ran in 9.04 seconds. She matched that time Saturday while winning the event in the open competition.

The time is a school record by two one-hundredths of a second. Bozner was one of three CSC women who shared the old record.

Another school record was set Friday, when CSC women won the distance medley relay. The runners were Rebecca Volf, Shelby Guy, Meagan Nahrwold and Ashley Riesen. Their time of 12:35.16 was more than 13 seconds faster than the Eagles' old mark that was set two years ago.

Two CSC women besides Bozner were double winners. Freshman Stachia Reuwsaat won the 60 meters (7.94 seconds) and the long jump (19 feet even) and sophomore Mel Herl won the shot put (44-4) and the 20-pound weight (52-6).

Another CSC winner was junior Jayme Nunes, who ran the 3000 meters in 10:55.30, a career-best by nearly 20 seconds.

The other CSC women who won events were Riesen in the mile (5:18.17) and Josey Pehringer in the pole vault (10-6).

CSC senior Charith Kapukotuwa was the meet's only double winner in the men's competition. He won both the shot put (56-4) and the 35-pound weight throw (59-9).

Other Eagles who won individual events were senior Dean Francis, 200 (22.00); senior Karl McFarlane, 60-meter hurdles (8.03); freshman Chris Cutcher, long jump (22-4); sophomore Skylar Hoopes, pole vault (15-1); and junior Greg Rodriguez, heptathlon (4,867 points.)

CSC also won the men's 4x400 relay in 3:21.38. The runners were Gavan Archibald, Zerek Jones, Xavier Kvistad and Brandon Segelke.

Rodriguez's point total in the heptathlon is the second highest in CSC annals, exceeded only by the 5,456 points that Brad Gamble, now a CSC assistant coach, compiled in 2011 when he set the record at NCAA Division II National Championships.

The Eagles' Hunter Dittbenner and Jazz Bozner finished second and third, respectively, in the heptathlon at the Birds and the Bees Meet, both with career-best totals.

(Courtesy Chadron State College)