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(Neb.)-Norton ties school record in discus

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GOLDEN, Colo. – Several Chadron State College field events contestants had strong performances Saturday at the Pre-Conference Track and Field Meet hosted by Colorado Mines in Golden. Most of the Eagles' track participants did not make the trip.

Junior Alyssa Norton of Rushville tied her school record of 159 feet, 8 inches while winning the discus throw. The throw moves her into eighth place on the NCAA Division II list, improving her chances of qualifying for the national championships. Her previous best this spring was 155-2.

Norton also had a career-best hammer throw Saturday, hitting 159-4, only four inches shy of her discus mark. She placed fourth in the event.

Another of the Eagles' veteran throwers, senior Sadie Waugh of Paxton, made her season debut and was second in the discus at 146-7, just six feet less than her career-best.

The Eagles also swept the top four places in the women's shot put with junior Cyndi Thomas of Omaha leading the way at 41-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, her career-best. Freshman Mel Herl was second at 41-7 and Norton third at 40-5.

In the men's competition, senior Cody Hunt of Lingle, Wyo., won both the shot put and the discus. He shoved the shot 58-9 $\frac{1}{4}$, just nine inches under his season best, which ranks third in the nation. He had a season-best of 159-4 in the discus.

Another CSC thrower, Charith Kapukotuwa, was third in both the discus and the hammer throw. His discus mark of 155-5 is a season-best and his hammer throw of 157-11 is a career-best. Kapukotuwa, a native of Sri Lanka, also was second in the shot put at 51-1 $\frac{1}{2}$, but he's thrown 54 feet this spring.

Another of the Eagles, Tanner Rien of Mitchell, hit a career-best of 48-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ to place third in the shot.

Freshman Donnie Butler of Mathis, Texas, won the long jump at 22-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ while competing outdoors in track and field for the first time after practicing with the football team.

The Jelden siblings from Eaton, Colo., continued to place high in the pole vault. Kolten was second in the men's vault at 15-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ and Kaelie was third among the women by going 11-2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The Eagles will return to Golden for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships from Sunday, May 5 through Tuesday, May 7.