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(Neb.)-CSC throwers fare well at Concordia meet

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Led by Cody Hunt, several Chadron State College throwers performed well Friday evening during the Concordia University Twilight Track and Field Meet in Seward. The meet is held annually to give athletes another chance to qualify for national championship competition.

Hunt hit a season-best 62-feet, 1 ¼ inches while winning the shot put. The throw moved him into second place on the NCAA Division II chart. Previously, Hunt was third in the nation with his mark of 60-9 ¼ which won first place at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships on Monday. He is a senior from Lingle, Wyo.

Another of the Eagles' RMAC winners, Alyssa Norton of Rushville, was first in the discus throw at Concordia at 156-5. The mark is 3 feet and 3 inches shy of her career-best, which ranked ninth in Division II entering this weekend.

Another CSC discus thrower, Sadie Waugh of Paxton, placed third in the discus at Concordia at 150-9, a 4-foot, 7-inch improvement over her previous best this season. There were 18 longer throws on the national list entering this weekend, but with other "last chance" meets taking place across the country this weekend Waugh will have to wait and see whether she will be one of the 20 qualifiers for the national meet that is the last weekend of May in Pueblo, Colo.

The Eagles' Charith Kapukotuwa also had a season-best discus throw Friday evening. He hit 167-8, some 6 feet, 6 inches farther than his previous best. It will take a throw of about 171 feet to move into the nation's top 20.

A native of Sri Lanka, Kapukotuwa placed third in the discus at Concordia. He also was fifth in the shot put at 51-9 ¾. Freshman Mel Herl of Eaton, Colo., was fifth in the women's discus at 143-9.

The Eagles will enter another last chance meet on Sunday at Colorado Mines in Golden.