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## **Evans and Rodgers Named Outstanding Athletes**

Heidi Evans of North Dakota and Kelvin Rodgers of Minnesota State have been named the Outstanding Athletes for their efforts at the North Central Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships held May 9-10 in Sioux Falls, S.D. The award is voted on by the league's coaches.

Evans, a senior from Roseau, Minn., won the 1500- (4:31.77) and 3000-meter (10:06.71) runs at the Championships.

Rodgers, a sophomore from O'Fallon, III., was part of four NCC titles and helped lift Minnesota State to the team title. Rodgers won the long jump (23-7 1/4), 100-meter dash (:10.60) and 200-meter dash (:21.57) individually and was part of the winning 4x100 meter relay. Because of the weather-abbreviated schedule all four victories happened in the span of just a few hours on Friday evening.

## Huber and Schuck Named Coaches of the Year

Lucky Huber of South Dakota and Mark Schuck of Minnesota State have been named the North Central Conference Outdoor Track and Field Coaches of the Year. The award is voted on by the conference's track and field coaches.

Huber tutored the Coyote team that set a league mark by racking up 255 points to win the NCC title for the fifth consecutive season. USD captured 12 of 22 events at the final NCC championship to outdistance second-place Minnesota State 255 to 164. This is the sixth time that Huber has been tabbed by his peers as the NCC Women's Outdoor Track & Field Coach of the Year.

Schuck guided the Minnesota State men's team to the North Central Conference championship with a 283.5-167 edge of second-place South Dakota, completing cross country/indoor track & field/outdoor track & field title sweep for the 2007-08 year. It is the second time that Schuck, a three-time indoor and four-time cross country honoree, has been named the Outdoor Track & Field Coach of the Year. The Mavericks took championships in 13 events at the 21 meet events.

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