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Kavan and Mokaya Named Outstanding Athletes

Ramsey Kavan of South Dakota and Denise Mokaya of Minnesota State have been named the Outstanding Athletes for their efforts at the North Central Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships held February 29 & March 1 in Mankato, Minn.

Kavan, a sophomore from Yankton, S.D., won the mile, 3000-meter and 5000-meter runs and ran a leg of the winning distance medley relay. Kavan had an NCAA provisional mark in claiming the one-mile run in 5:01.40. She also won the women's 3,000 meter run in 10:13.01 and the 1,000-meter run in 2:53.33. South Dakota claimed the team title for the eighth time overall and third time in the last four years.

Moyaka, a junior from Ngong, Kenya, won the mile and 800-meter run at the Championships and helped lead Minnesota State to a 284-148 victory over second-place South Dakota. He finished the mile in 4:16.47 as Minnesota State took four of the top five places in the event. Mokaya won the 800 in 1:53.71, an NCAA provisional-qualifying time. Mokaya was the Outstanding Athlete at the 2007 NCC Cross Country Championships.

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 Indoor Track and Field Coaches of the Year announced today by the conference office. The award is voted on by the conference's track and field coaches. Huber represents the women's coaches while Schuck was honored by the men's coaches.

Huber guided South Dakota to its eighth NCC Indoor Track & Field Championship and the third in the last four years. The Coyotes captured seven event championships at the meet to finish with a 192-162 edge over second-place Minnesota State. Huber is being honored for the sixth time in his career.

Schuck led Minnesota State to a resounding 284-148 victory over second-place South Dakota, the largest point total and largest margin of victory in the history of the league. The Mavericks captured 14 of the 19 events in the meet. Minnesota State has now claimed eight indoor NCC titles, including two of the last three.

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