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South Dakota and Utah Valley Claim Track and Field Accolades

Erickson and Dodge share women's award; Relay team takes men's honor

NAPERVILLE, Ill. - South Dakota's Emma Erickson and Utah Valley's Shantay Dodge share the Great West Conference Women's Track & Field Athlete of the Week honor while the Wolverine's 4x100-meter relay team earns the men's award, the league office announced Wednesday.

Erickson, a sophomore from Gayville, S.D., broke her own school record in the 800 meters last Friday at the prestigious Drake Relays, finishing third with a 2:07.26, giving her the fastest time in the GWC by five seconds. The time bettered her two-year old previous record of 2:07.36 by one-tenth of a second. The next day, she was part of USD's sprint medley relay team that broke the school record with a time of 3:54.40, finishing sixth.

Dodge had a big week last week as she won and set a new school record in the women's triple jump (11.78m or 38'-07.75") Saturday at Weber State's Javier's Wildcat Tri-meet. Her triple jump performance was also a new personal record for her by more than one foot and good enough for tops in the conference. Earlier in the week, the junior from Bancroft, Idaho, placed seventh overall in the women's heptathlon, with 3,956 total points at the BYU Robinson Invitational.

The men's honor went to the UVU 4x100 meter relay team of Akwasi Frimpong (Fr., Amsterdam, Netherlands), Allah Laryea-Akrong (Fr., Ghana), Mike Keith (Fr., South Jordan, Utah) and Brent Fogt (Sr., Belmont, Mass.), after posting a school-record time of 41.19 last Saturday at Weber State. The stellar time in the relay race was good enough for second in the conference and second place at the meet.

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