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## **South Dakota and Seattle Claim Track and Field Honors**

### **USD's Schiernbeck and SU's Sears named Athletes of the Week**

NAPERVILLE, Ill. - South Dakota's Crystal Schiernbeck and Seattle University's Kelton Sears have been selected Great West Conference Track & Field Athletes of the Week after outstanding performances last weekend. The honors were announced Wednesday by the conference office.

Schiernbeck, a junior from Ida Grove, Iowa, claimed the award after winning the long jump with a personal-best leap of 18-3 3/4 at the Nebraska Open. The meet, in which the Coyotes squared off against Top-20 teams Kansas-State and host Nebraska, was held last Saturday at Lincoln, Neb.

On the men's side, Sears set a school record in the 1,500 meter run while finishing fourth in the event at the Ken Shannon Invitational in Seattle, Wash. The freshman from Maple Valley, Wash., posted a time of 3:54.92 in the event that featured 46 competitors from Washington, Gonzaga, Western Washington, Central Washington and Seattle Pacific.

Other outstanding performances nominated for the honors were Lindsay Carrier of Seattle, Rob Gregoire of South Dakota and Jacob Buhler and Mary Nothum of Utah Valley.

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