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### Sayler, Hiller set MSU records

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FREEMONT, Neb. and AMES, Iowa - Minot State University track and field performers Cassandra Sayler and Devin Hiller got off to great starts for their respective seasons Friday and Saturday.

Sayler, a freshman from West Fargo, broke the MSU women's half marathon record at the Warrior Half Marathon at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb. Saturday. Sayler bested her personal best and the MSU mark by running the half in 1 hour, 30 minutes, 56 seconds. She broke the old mark by 4:44 and her personal mark by 3:43 in finishing 10th overall.

Hiller, a night before at the Holiday Inn Preview Track and Field meet at Iowa State, broke the 300 meters mark with a 36.26, nipping the former record held by Eric Bachmeier by .14 of a second. Bachmeier's record had stood since 1993.

"They both did great," MSU head coach Stu Melby said. "The time for Cassandra automatically qualified her for the outdoor championships. In Devin's record, it had held up for 15 years."

Amanda Towle also competed at the half marathon, finishing in 1:39:22 in her first attempt at the distance. She was 24th overall.

"Amanda and Cassie both did a great job," Melby said.

Also competing at Ames was assistant coach Reece Vega. Vega won the 400 and would have set a meet record but was disqualified for stepping on the lane line.

"He beat a pro runner that was with Nike and would have had the record, but got DQ'd," Melby said.

The Beavers indoor season is set to begin Jan. 23 with a trip to Bozeman, Mont., for the MSU Bobcat Open.