Several Eagles earn medals at UNK Indoor Invite.

KEARNEY—With only a couple of track practices last week that included field events, Brady coach Rich Britten knows there's nowhere to go but up from the first meet of the season.

The Eagles competed in the Class D portion of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Indoor Invite on Saturday.

The Brady boys finished in a tie with Elwood for fifth place as a team and the girls came in ninth.

"We know we've got a ways to go," Britten said. "I sure hope the kids didn't hit their best marks at the first meet. We've got a lot of track season left."

Brady brought home one gold medal, winning the boys 4x800 relay.

Team members Tyrel Grasz, Cole Viter, Lincoln Blede and Dalton Riedel combined for the winning time of 9:26.99.

“I knew if they worked hard they should do well,” Britten said, “but it was a pleasant surprise to see them win it.”

Grasz, Blede and Riedel all earned medals in individual events as well to help build the Eagles’ team score.

Kyle Pohlman was a double winner in the jump events. He placed second in the triple jump and third in the long jump hitting personal best marks in both.

Britten said the returning state qualifier hasn’t got his step down quite right in either event.

“Kyle still has some room to improve,” he said. “It’s a really good start for him.”

Bertrand won the Class D meet with 67 points. Brady scored 40.

On the girls side, freshman Dakota Terry earned the most hardware getting two individual medals and a bronze in the 4x400 relay.

She finished fourth in the 1600-meter run, sixth in the triple jump and ran on the third-place 4x800 relay.

“We only got to practice the jump events a couple times last week,” Britten said. “That’s not much preparation, especially for a freshman, but she did well.”

Britten said Courtney Widick ran her personal best time in the 1600-meter run, placing third in 6:23.42.

Bertrand swept the meet winning the girls team title as well with 65 points. Brady scored 22.

This week the Eagles head outdoors for the first time at the Hershey Invite on Saturday.

Britten said running outside will give him a little better indication of where the Eagles stand.

“You compete different outside, with wider curves and longer straightaways,” he said. “Things just look different outside.”

The Hershey meet will include 13 schools, many of which the Eagles will compete against later at the district meet.

“It will be a good indicator of where we need to go,” he said.

The meet is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

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