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1. Arapahoe 93, 2. Loomis 84; 3. Eustis/Farnam 74; 4. Bertrand 73; 5. Southwest 56; 6. Brady 47; 7. Elm Creek 31; 8. Maxwell 27; 9. Elwood 25; 10. Arnold 15; 11. Elwood JV 2.

BOYS TEAM SCORING
1. Bertrand 109; 2. Elm Creek 88; 3. Brady 86; 4. Eustis/Farnam 80; 5. Loomis 52; 6. Arapahoe 49; 7. Maxwell 38; 8. Elwood JV 8; 9. Arnold 10; 10. Southwest 8.

The weather may have been the biggest surprise Friday at the Elwood Invitational.

“It was a nice day,” Eagle coach Rich Britten said. “It ended up getting a little bit windy. The wind was out of the south but they do have a tree break, so it didn’t seem that bad.

“Usually we expect wind and we expect it to be cold. It was a pretty nice day.”

Next up for the Eagles is the Arnold Invitational which will start at 9 a.m. Friday.

Brady boys

A good overall team effort pushed the Brady boys to within two points of getting some hardware. Bertrand won the meet with 109 points.

Brady, with 86, finished just two points from second place Elm Creek.

“The boys did very well, although not with necessarily best performances,” Britten said.

Junior Brad Ward added to his medal collection with a pair of wins and a silver medal in the jumps.

Despite scratch problems in the preliminaries, he uncorked a 20-4 effort on his last attempt to

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earn the finals. That mark held up for the gold medal.

While it was Ward's turn to shine in the long jump this week, teammate Kyle Pohlman took second at 19-8.25.

Ward wasn't near his recent efforts in the high jump, but he still won the event with a 6-0 effort. He went 40-6 for third in the triple jump. Pohlman got the edge there with a 40-8 performance for second.

Joining Ward for a silver medal finish in the 4x100 relay with a time of 48.3 seconds were Pohlman, Russel Miller and Christian Arterburn.

The Eagle foursome of Tyrel Grasz, Cole Viter, Lincoln Blede and Dalton Riedel also placed second in the 3200 relay at 9:17.

Grasz placed second in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles and third in the 110 highs.

Corbin Blede posted a personal best 49-1 in the shot.

Eagle girls

Brady placed sixth in the meet with 47 points.

The 1600 relay was the lone winner for the Brady girls. Posting a time of 4:27.2 were Megan Polt, Brittney Christophersen, Dakota Terry and Courtney Widick.

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“The time was really surprising,” Britten said. “The school record is 425.5. We hadn’t even been anywhere in that neighborhood before the meet.”

Widick competed in the 800 for the first time this season and ran 2:37.7 for third. She followed a short time later with a 6:20 in the 1600 for fourth place. Both times were personal bests.

Among the other top Eagle performances, Polt placed second in the 200 with a time of 28 seconds flat while Mikaela Eckholt was third in the high jump at 4-6.

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