

## Eagle girls, boys win invite

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GOTHENBURG—Brady track and field athletes left no doubt that the team titles would belong to the Eagles at the Brady/Gothenburg Invite on April 17.

The boys varsity gathered 210 points with 12 first-place finishes to blow away second-place Maxwell at 97.5 points.

The girls did just as well, winning nine events and earning 168 points. Gothenburg was second with 139.5 points.

“It was a really good meet for us,” said coach Rich Britten. “We had a lot of personal best performances.”

One surprise for Britten came in the boys 100-meter dash when Eagle junior Michael Nieman won in 11.66 seconds.

“I think we might have found a new spot for Michael,” Britten said. “He’s been doing OK in the 200 and 400 but the 100 might be his event.”

Junior Bryley Roper was a triple winner, taking first in the 400, 800 and triple jump.

“He was so sick after that first race that he wasn’t sure he’d be able to run again,” Britten said, “but he came back to win the 800 and got first in the triple jump with just two jumps.”

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The girls spread out their gold medal performances with six different girls earning individual golds along with three relay wins.



“Valerie Most had a great meet,” Britten said. “She got back up there in the high jump, won the pole vault and improved her time in the 100 hurdles by a whole second and she three-stepped them all the way.”

Britten expects the winning ways to continue as the Eagles travel to North Platte High on Thursday for the Sandhills Conference meet.

He said Cody-Kilgore could challenge the girls for the top spot. Brady has not competed against the Cowboys yet this season but based on posted times, it could be close.

For the boys, Britten expects the Eagles to walk away with the title.

“I just don’t think anyone has enough depth to beat us,” he said.

Thursday’s field events are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.