

Eagles set solid baseline at UNK

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KEARNEY—To finish second as a team with only six participants, among 20 Class D schools, shows the quality of athletes the Brady girls bring to the track.

The Eagle girls earned three event championships during the University of Nebraska at Kearney Indoor Invite on Friday and had multiple medalists in three events.

“I thought maybe we could do well,” said Brady coach Rich Britten, “but until you actually put kids on the track, you don’t really know.”

Sophomores Autumn Hild and Josie Palmer took first in the 400-meter dash and high jump respectively. Junior Valerie Most won the 55-meter hurdles.

“We didn’t really know how Josie might do with as much as she’s grown,” Britten said. “She didn’t seem to skip a beat in the high jump so I guess it hasn’t affected her much.”

On the boys side, the Eagles earned one gold medal in the 4x800 relay with Troy Lusk, Cole Viter, Zach Mann and Bryley Roper.

“In other years we’ve won that relay fairly easily,” Britten said. “This year it took a little more but they did it and that’s a good way to start the season.”

Brady finished a close second to Bertrand in the boys 4x400 relay as well.

Overall, the Eagle boys were fifth.

“It’s a good baseline for us and a good place to start,” Britten said. “We know we’ve got some

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work to do and we know that if that was our best meet of the season, we're in trouble."

The Eagle boys and girls will take their talents outdoors this weekend at the Hershey Invite on Saturday. The meet begins with field events at 10 a.m.