

Brady girls start season with a bang

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The Brady girls track team picked up where they left off last year while the Brady boys are trying to sort out the pieces after major loses to graduation. Both squads made good showings at the University of Nebraska at Kearney Indoor Meet Saturday.

Eagle girls

The Eagle girls captured the Class D championship buoyed by three gold medal performances by junior Shaylin McClellan. Brady scored 68 points to finish ahead of Ansley-Litchfield with 66 and Bertrand with 63.

“We finished second there last year and basically we’ve got most everybody returning,” Brady coach Rich Britten said. “I thought we might have a pretty good chance of scoring well there and we did. We had some kind of exceptional results there from a couple of people.”

McClellan dominated the sprints with first place finishes in the 55 and 200. She bested her own school record by one-quarter inch in the long jump going 16-2.

Valerie Most won gold with a personal best 9-3 in the pole vault. She also posted a personal best in the high jump. Her 5-5 jump tied the school record and was good for second place.

Most, the defending Class D state champion in the 100-meter hurdles, came within one-hundredth of a second of winning the 55-meter hurdles at UNK. Her time of 9.35 seconds took runnerup honors.

“We were happy,” Britten said. “We had some personal bests. We have a couple of freshmen

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where we're trying to find out where they fit in and they had some good showings."

Eagle boys

It's a rebuilding year for the Brady boys and it may take a few meets to sort out the best places for some quality younger athletes, Britten said.

Still, Brady placed third in the team standings with 52 points, just 8 points out of first.

Eric Roe earned the only first place medal for the Eagles. He ran the 55-meter hurdles in 8.21 seconds for the win.

Troy Lusk placed second in the 400 at 55.55 seconds.

Brady's 3200 relay also was a runnerup. Combining for a time of 9:41 were Lusk, Dayne Porter, Chase Viter and Cody Most.

"Our throwers didn't place but they were in the personal best area," Britten said.

Brady will compete Saturday in the Hershey-St. Patrick Invite at Hershey.