

## Sunny skies for Bronco tracksters at Cambridge

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**Jacob Maris trails Chase County's Dan Sullivan and Alma's Brent Janssen during the boys 1600 meter run at the Don Stine Invitation Saturday. Janssen won the event ahead of Sullivan after a mad dash down the home stretch. Maris finished third.**

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**The Wauneta Breeze**

After the Don Stine Invite had been cancelled for the past two years due to weather Mother Nature more than made up for itself Saturday at Cambridge.

Beneath blue skies with an occasional breeze the Wauneta-Palisade track teams set eight personal records despite only having three boys and nine girls compete.

The event featured a slightly different format than most track meets. Each athlete was given four attempts in the shot put, discus, long jump and triple jump, with no finals. There were no prelims held in running events, so all events were finals.

Girls high jump featured four girls, including Lady Bronco Jonee Maris, jumping 4'8." Southwest

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Kenzie May won with a jump of 5', while Maris ended up tied for sixth.

At the long jump pit, Maris competed along with teammates Emma Skelton and Sydnee Harchelroad. Skelton leaped 13'11.5" and failed to place by 1.5." Harchelroad was close behind with a jump of 13'10." Maris jumped 12'0.5." Cambridge's Jordin Wasson jumped 15'4" to win the event. With 27 girls jumping Coach Dawn Doetker said the waiting time hurt her athletes.

Girls shot put was also in the first session and featured Taylor Lee, Brooklyn Nordhausen, Hannah Nordhausen and Nicole Strand. Lee won second by one-quarter of an inch over Chase County's Jodi Koellner with a throw of 32'0.5." B. Nordhausen finished sixth with a toss of 30'3.5." H. Nordhausen and Nicole Strand threw 28'1" and 24'9.5," respectively.

Both shot put and discus tosses were personal records for Lee. B. Nordhausen and H. Nordhausen also earned personal bests in the shot put.

Cody Hicks started off his morning with a throw of 76'8 in the discus and in the second session threw the shot put 29'6.25." Cambridge's Mike Shoff set a meet record with a throw of 56'8.25" in the shot.

Lee picked up her second second place medal of the day with a throw of 96'4" in the discus. Teammates H. Nordhausen threw 77'1," 12. B. Nordhausen went 74'5" and Strand had a heave of 62'7."

In the girls triple jump Skelton leaped 29'11," good enough for fifth place, while Harchelroad jumped 27'09."

Fans got their money's worth when the running events kicked off in the afternoon.

In the third race of the day Skelton placed third in the 100 meter high hurdles with a time of 17.55. Skelton finished .05 seconds behind Aubrey Fisher of Chase County Kristen Jussel, also

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of Chase County, won with a time of 16.7.

Following the high hurdles Jacob Maris placed third in the mile. Maris ran with Chase County's Dan Sullivan and Alma's Brent Janssen through much of the race but watched the two pull away down the stretch. Maris finished with a time of 4:59.9.

Abbie Fanning started her day with a third place finish in the 400 meter dash. Fanning finished .8 seconds behind Southwest's Kenzie May. Teammates Leiauna Alberts, 1:09.47, finished eighth and Brianna Einspahr, 1:14.69, tenth.

The boys 400 meter dash featured two heats. Wauneta/Palisade's Hayden Pollmann won the first heat, but placed second overall with a time of 55.72, a personal record. First place finisher Kaden Huxoll of Cambridge won the second heat with a time of 53.2.

The action continued with the 300 meter hurdles when Skelton finished third behind Jussel and Fisher again. Skelton finished .38 seconds behind Fisher with a time of 52.3, a new personal best.

Fanning's day continued with a second place finish in the 800 meter run. After watching Chase County's Paige Spady run out in front of the field for all of the race, Fanning ate up Spady's 50-yard lead coming down the home stretch and finished a step behind Spady with a time of 2:37.71. Alberts came in sixth with a time of 2:46.07. Brianna Einspahr, 2:56.70, finished the race ninth .

Coach Doetker said she was pleased with how well Fanning, Alberts and Einspahr ran in the 800 despite having only the 300 hurdle races to recuperate.

Alberts picked up personal records in both the 400 and 800 meter runs.

Hayden Pollmann finished fifth in the boys 800 with a time of 2:24.92.

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Jacob Maris wrapped up his day with a fourth place finish in the 3200 meter. Alma's Janssen swept the 800, 1600 and 3200 meter races.

The Broncos' day concluded with a fifth place finish in the girls 4x400 meter relay.

Coach Doetker said that despite having team members at All State Band Competition in Kearney she was very happy with how the day went.

She also credited Pollmann and Maris for competing well despite both missing several practices to attend State Speech.

"This was a great start for everyone. We had eight PRs which is very exciting due to the fact that we are a D2 school and all the others are C1 and C2," said Doetker. "We worked hard and competed well."

The Broncos take to the track again Saturday in Sutherland with field events starting at 9:00 MT. The team will be in Benkelman for the Dundy Co. Invite on Tuesday.