

## **Broncos face tough competition at Perkins County Invite**

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**In the cold at Grant, Chris Carl lets fly with the discus.**

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The Wauneta-Palisade Broncos traveled to Grant Friday for the Perkins County Invitational. In one of the largest meets of the season the girls placed seventh with 35 points and the boys earned 19 points on the day.

The dreary morning kicked off with three Lady Broncos finishing in the top 15 of the girls shot put.

Brooklyn Nordhausen led the way with a personal best throw of 32'6.75" and a second place finish. Taylor Lee's throw of 30'8.75" put her in seventh place. With well over 30 throwers, Cassidy Rathe finished in the top 15 with a toss of 28'0.50".

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Also in the morning session was the boys long jump, girls triple jump and girls high jump.

Connor Kayton, in his first meet of the season after an injury, qualified for finals in the long jump with 18'7.25". The jump was good enough for a third place finish overall.

Jonee Maris continued to be consistent in the high jump with a leap of 4'8", good enough for a tie for fourth.

Emma Skelton qualified for finals in the triple jump with a jump of 30'6.25". She finished in seventh place.

Morning running events began with the 3200 meter relay. The Bronco team of Wes Anderjaska, Hayden Pollmann, Kayton and Jacob Maris finished two seconds behind Sutherland for sixth place with a time of 9:24.

Skelton qualified for the finals of the 100 meter high hurdles with a time of 17.1 and, in the afternoon, ran a 17.4 for a fourth place finish.

Abbie Fanning finished in a dead heat in the 400 meter dash. Running with two Southwest athletes, Fanning finished second at 1:02.4. Fighting off injury, Sydnee Harchelroad finished seventh, 1:07.

Pollmann finished his heat of the 400 with a wide lead, but was not able to place with a time of 56.4. Sixth place finisher ran a 56.2.

Jacob Maris finished third in the 3200 meter run. Winning the event was last year's Class C state champion Cole Wellnitz from Gordon-Rushville.

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Under a sunny sky, afternoon events started with girls discus and boys shot put.

Hannah Nordhausen placed in the discus for the second meet in a row. Her throw of 96'3" was good enough for fifth place. Lee, 87'4", and B. Nordhausen, 87'01", finished in the top 15 in 11th and 13th places, respectively.

In his first meet of the season Jack McGraw jumped 5'8" to bring home fourth place in the high jump. Jutten placed eighth with a 5'2".

Fanning picked up points in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:34.9 and a fourth place finish.

Pollmann finished ninth in the boys 800. He missed placing by less than four seconds.

Following the 800, Skelton earned fifth place in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 53.0, nosing out sixth place by 0.2.

In the boys 1600 meter run, Jacob Maris, 5:05.9, finished fifth and Anderjaska, 5:09.6, seventh. Anderjaska missed sixth place by three seconds.

H. Nordhausen, B. Nordhausen, Rathe and Lee competed in the 400 meter powder puff relay. The quartet finished in fourth place. Sutherland won the powder puff relay and the regular 400 meter relay. Sutherland's powderpuff time would have placed sixth in the regular division.

The day wrapped up with the 1600 meter relay. The girls team of Leiauna Alberts, Jonee Maris, Skelton and Fanning placed fifth.

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Many events were made up of four heats or flights.

“This was a tough meet and we were the smallest school,” said Head Coach Dawn Doetker.  
“The boys and girls worked hard and competed well.”

The boys team benefited from the additions of McGraw, Kayton and Weyland Davis. With three more team members the squad was able to run three relays on the day.

The season continues April 13 with a return trip to Sutherland.

The team will make up the postponed Dundy Co.-Stratton Invite on April 23.