Hannah Nordhausen lets fly with the discus in Benkelman. Nordhausen, a freshman, placed second in the event with a throw of 106’10”.

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The Wauneta Breeze

No one who enjoyed the sunshine in Benkelman Monday, April 23, would disagree with the decision to postpone the Dundy County-Stratton Invitational for three weeks.

Instead of cold and misty rain, athletes enjoyed temperatures in the 80s and a southerly breeze.

Coach Dawn Doetker said, “We didn’t compete in every running or jumping event that the kids are usually in due to RPAC on Friday, but we still scored points throughout the day.”

The Lady Broncos picked up two places in the 200 meter dash. Sydnee Harchelroad and Leiauna Alberts qualified for finals with times of 28.9 and 30.4, repectively. Running a 29.0, Harchelroad placed fourth in the finals while Alberts was eighth at 29.8. Alberts’ time was a personal best.

Abbie Fanning continued to duel Southwest’s Kate Kelley and Kenzie May in the 400 meter dash. Fanning has run stride-for-stride with the pair all season long. Fanning finished third in Benkelman. Kelley ran 1:01.3; May, 1:01.8, and Fanning, 1:02.2.

Jonee Maris also ran into the Southwest pair in the high jump. The event was won by Arapahoe’s Rochelle Wendland. May and Kelley both jumped 4’10’’ to win second and third. Maris leaped 4’8’’ to pick up fourth.

Emma Skelton also continued to place in the 100 hurdles. Skelton improved on her qualifying time of 17.6 with a time of 17.2 in the finals, good enough for third place.

Skelton, Harchelroad, Alberts and Fanning teamed up to take second in the 1600 meter relay. The quartet finished two seconds behind Southwest’s Kelsey Longnecker, Cassa McConville, May and Kelley. The Lady Broncos time was a personal record.

Two Lady Broncos placed in the shot put. Tailor Lee brought home seventh place with a throw of 31’6.5’’. Teammate Brooklyn Nordhausen placed eighth with a toss of 30’10’’.

Hannah Nordhausen placed second in the girls discus to lead three Lady Broncos. Nordhausen’s throw of 106’10’’ was good enough for second. Lee picked up third place with a throw of 98’8’’. Cassidy Rathe placed eighth with a toss of 89’1’’. All three throws were personal records.

For the Broncos, with a time of 12.4, Jack McGraw was eighth in the 100 meter dash. McGraw also tied for fifth in the high jump. Both McGraw and Dundy County-Stratton's Lane Krug jumped 5'4''.

Hayden Pollmann earned second place with a run of 54.6 in the 400 meter run. Pollmann's time was a personal record.

Jacob Maris and Wes Anderjaska brought home third and fourth in the 1600 meter run. Maris's time of 4:55.02 was a second behind Dundy County-Stratton's Tyler Freeland. Maris' time was a personal best.

Anderjaska ran his 1600 meters in 5:13.10, more than ten seconds ahead of fourth.

Anderjaska, Maris, Pollmann and McGraw were sixth in the 1600 meter relay. Their time of 3:57.0 was a personal record.

"The kids were very excited and they have been working so hard. It was a great day," said Doetker.

Doetker added she was very pleased with the times and marks of her team and felt the team was ready for another meet–the RPAC conference meet–on Friday. Weather interfered again and the meet was postponed until Monday, April 30. Results will run in next week's paper.

The Bronocs will travel back to Benkelman Friday for the Dundy County-Stratton Twilight. The Twilight will be the final meet of the season before Districts on Wednesday, May 9, in Sutherland.