Bronco tracksters were in Benkelman Friday for their final meet before districts. Cody Hicks gets ready to throw the discus, he will compete in the same event at districts in Sutherland.

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The Wauneta Breeze

After a three-day weather delay the Bronco track team headed to Southern Valley for the RPAC track meet.

The Broncos faced stiff competition from teams from Alma, Arapahoe, Bertrand, Cambridge, Dundy County-Stratton, Hayes Center, Hitchcock County, Maywood, Medicine Valley, Paxton, Southern Valley, Southwest and Wallace.

Coach Dawn Doetker said it was a tough meet during an emotional week.

“We had some things that went well and some competitors that were disappointed in the end result. We have to overcome the disappointments and look ahead.”

Thirteen meet records were broken on the day.

Cambridge’s Kaden Huxoll won and set records in the 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes and was a member of the record setting 400 meter relay. Teammate Mike Shoff won and set records in the shot put and discus.

For the Broncos, three boys placed at the meet with two running personal bests.

Hayden Pollmann picked up sixth place in the 400 meter dash with a PR of 54.23.

Wes Andrejaska was sixth in the 1600 meter run. His time of 5:07.59 was a personal best.

Jacob Maris was fifth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:23.53.

Girls records fell also. The Southwest 3200 meter relay topped the old record and Arapahoe’s Rochelle Wendland jumped 5’4” to set a new high jump standard.

Individually on the girls side, Sydnee Harchelroad was sixth in the 400 meter run, Emma Skelton was fifth in both hurdle events.

The 1600 meter relay team of Skelton, Leiauna Alberts, Jonee Maris and Harchelroad were

sixth.

Maris and Tailor Lee picked up eighth place points in the high jump and shot put, respectively. Maris jumped 4’8”. Lee threw 31’0.5”.

Hannah Nordhausen was second in the discus with a throw of 97’9”.

The week wrapped up with a trip to Benkelman for the Dundy County-Stratton Twilight.

Coach Doetker said she thought the meet went really well through out the hot day.

The team picked up six personals bests at the meet.

Brooklyn Nordhausen just missed finals of the discus with a personal best throw of 90’3”.

Anderjaska lowered his RPAC time to 5:05.4 in the 1600 meter run, good enough for fourth place. Maris was second in the race with a time of 4:57.3.

The boys 1600 meter and 3200 meter relays each earned personal records. Jack McGraw, Anderjaska, Maris and Pollmann ran the 1600 meter relay in 3:54.9, good enough for fifth.

Pollmann, Anderjaska, Logan Bischoff and Maris recorded a time of 9:06.2 in the 3200 meter relay and picked up third place.

Sydnee Harchelroad and Brianna Einspahr improved their times in the 400 and 800, respectively. Harchelroad lowered her 400 meter dash time to 1:04.1 and earned second place.

Einspahr finished eighth in the 800 with a PR of 2:48.3.

Abbie Fanning picked up first in the 400 meter dash and second in the 800 meter run.

Skelton was fifth in the 100 and 300 hurdles.

Maris won the high jump with a leap of 4’8”.

Five competitors threw over 100’ in the discus. H. Nordhausen was sixth with a toss of 99’4”.

The 1600 meter relay team of Skelton, Harchelroad, Maris and Fanning was second with a time of 4:24.6.

Connor Kayton placed in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes and threw the shot put.

Kayton was seventh in the 100. Fifth and sixth places ran 12.3. Kayton and eighth place finisher Michael Capo both ran 12.4.

Pollmann and Chase County’s Kale Gockley each ran 55.1 in the 400 meter dash. Gockley was fifth and Pollmann sixth.

In his second meet, Logan Bischoff was eighth in the 800 with a time of 2:31.2.

McGraw was one of three jumpers who cleared 5’6” in the high jump. Based on misses, McGraw finished fifth.

“We are starting to peak with more personal bests and that is what we want coming near the end of our season,” said Doetker. “I feel that our team is ready for districts at Sutherland. We just have to stay focused and go out and give it their all.”

Districts were Wednesday. The State Track meet will be May 18 and 19 in Omaha.