

## **Bronco tracksters picking up the pace: more meets, more PRs**

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**Weylin Davis clears the bar in the high jump. Davis finished fifth with a jump of 5'2".  
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Four meets into the season and the Bronco track team continues to make improvements.

The boys' track team set eight personal records while at the Dundy County-Stratton Invite on Tuesday.

Coach Dawn Doetker was pleased with the boys' efforts on the cold day.

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“The boys had a fabulous day,” Doetker said. “This is the first time in a long while that we scored over 25 points and brought home a lot of medals. It was very exciting for the Broncos.”

The boys’ team opened running events at the DCS Invite with a dominating win in the 4x800 meter relay. The team of Hayden Pollmann, Wes Anderjaska, Logan Bischoff and Jacob Maris won the event in 9:07.5, 26 seconds ahead of second place. Saturday at the E. Lee Todd Invite in Grant the team knocked another five seconds off the time and claimed third place.

Maris had another successful outing at Benkelman, winning the 1600 and 3200 meter run. Maris finished five seconds ahead of second place in the 3200 meter run and his time was a personal best. Saturday at Grant, Maris finished second and lowered his personal best by nine seconds.

Maris won the 1600 by just over a second at the DCS Invite and was second at Grant.

Anderjaska finished third in the 1600 meter run and fourth in the 800 meter run at Benkelman and at Grant was fourth in the 800 meter run and fifth in the 1600 meter run.

Other top finishers at the DCS Invite were Pollmann with a seventh place finish in the 400 meter run and fifth place finish in the 800 meter run, Weylin Davis was fifth in the high jump and was seventh in the 100 meter dash and Bischoff was seventh in the discus.

Two other boys’ relay teams placed at Benkelman.

The 4x100 team of Connor Kayton, Davis, Jeremiah Kerns and Billy Straub was fifth.

The 4x400 team was eighth. Team members were Maris, Anderjaska, Kayton and Pollmann.

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Doetker said the boys faced some stiff competition at the DCS meet and fared well against teams from W-P's district.

At Benkelman, Abbie Fanning placed fourth in the 400 meter run, 0.3 seconds out of third place. Fanning won the 800 meter run by four seconds.

Fanning brought home three medals from Grant, first in the 400 meter dash, second in the 800 meter run and fifth in the 200 meter dash.

At Grant, the girls' 800 was one of the most exciting races of the day. Sydnee Harchelroad finished third, 0.2 behind Fanning, and with the exact same time as fourth place.

Emma Skelton placed third in the 300 meter hurdles and was fifth in the long jump at Benkelman and Leiauna Alberts was seventh in the long jump.

At Grant, Skelton also had an exciting race in the 100 meter hurdles. Skelton finished in fourth place, but second, third and fourth all ran the same time.

Skelton was also fourth in the 300 meter hurdles.

At Benkelman, Taylor Lee was sixth in the shot put and second in the discus, while Hannah Nordhausen was fifth in the discus.

The 4x400 team—Skelton, Alberts, Lee and Fanning—was fourth and the same quartet placed fifth in the 4x100 relay at Benkelman.

In Grant, Alberts, Harchelroad, Fanning and Skelton were third in the 4x400 relay.

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The boys' and girls' squads were both shorthanded at Grant due to the State FFA Convention.

Coach Doetker said it was a very tough meet with teams from much larger schools. The team still finished with ten personal bests.

"Everyone has been working very hard in practice," Doetker said. "It was great experience for us as a Class D school competing with Class C schools."

The team was scheduled to travel to Cambridge Tuesday for the postponed Don Stine Invitational. The weather forced the cancellation of the event.

Friday the team will be in Sutherland. Wednesday, April 17, the Broncos will be in McCook for the Hayes Center Invite.