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With the help of Weylin Davis, Connor Kayton comes out of the blocks at the start of the 200 meter dash at the Med Valley Invite held in McCook.

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With the cancellation of two meets last week, the Wauneta-Palisade track team took a detour from the schedule and ended up in McCook at the Medicine Valley Invite.

The team had planned to be at Cambridge Tuesday, April 9, and Sutherland Friday, April 12, for meets, but the threat of poor weather led the events to be cancelled. The team was able to secure a spot in the Medicine Valley meet instead.

The decision worked out well for the boys' and girls' teams, which ended up in third and fourth places, respectively.

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“With two meets cancelled during the week, we really needed a meet and we were glad we could go and compete,” said coach Dawn Doetker.

On the boys’ side, Jacob Maris was first in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs and fifth in the 800. Maris’s 3200 meter time was a personal best.

Wes Anderjaska won the 800 meter run with a personal best time and was sixth in the 1600 meter run.

Hayden Pollmann was fourth in the 400 meter dash, Logan Bischoff was third in the discus and Weylin Davis was fifth in the high jump.

“The boys had a fun meet” Doetker said. “We swept mid-distances and long distances and the boys were very excited.”

Individually for the girls, Emma Skelton finished second in both the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. Abbie Fanning was fourth in the 800 meter run and fifth in the 400 meter run. In field events, Hannah Nordhausen was second in the discus and Taylor Lee was third in the shot put with a PR, and fifth in the discus.

Besides T. Lee, shot putters Ellie Lee, Stephanie Acosta, Nicole Strand and Cassidy Rathe all had personal bests.

Doetker said the girls faced some of the toughest competition in the area.

“They had some disappointments but we’re ready to go and compete hard at the next meet,” she added.

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Both the boys' and girls' 4x800 meter relays finished first, the boys ran a season best and won by seven seconds over Cambridge. Relay members were Maris, Anderjaska, Pollmann and Bischoff,

The girls, Fanning, Sydnee Harchelroad, Skelton and Alberts, won by eight seconds over Dundy County-Stratton.

Strong finishes by anchors Anderjaska and Harchelroad moved both 4x400 meter relay teams up several places to fourth place for each.

The boys' relay included Pollmann, Davis and Connor Kayton. Like the 4x400 relay Fanning, Skelton and Alberts rounded out the girls' quartet.

The teams were back in McCook Wednesday for the Hayes Center Invite and then the RPAC track meet at Benkelman Friday, April 26.