

Broncos build confidence at heading into districts

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After passing Chase County's Dan Sullivan on the final turn, Wes Anderjaska sprints to the finish line of the 800 meter run. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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Wauneta-Palisade track coach Dawn Doetker hopes good showings at the Best in the Midwest meet Tuesday, April 30, in Sutherland and Friday's Dundy County-Stratton Twilight in Benkelman will propel her teams to a good showing at next Wednesday's district track meet.

Four girls and four boys placed at the Best in the Midwest meet. Athletes had to qualify for the meet with only athletes with the top eight times submitted competing.

Abbie Fanning placed third in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.5. Fourth place Tresann Waites of Ogallala also ran a 27.5. Fanning placed second at the Dundy County-Stratton

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Twilight Friday with a PR of 27.0.

Fanning was fifth in the 400 meter dash at 1:04.00. Fanning ran a 1:03.3 for first place at the DCS Twilight.

Emma Skelton was sixth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.1. Skelton was second at the DCS Twilight. At Benkelman Skelton was third in the 300 meter hurdles.

The pair teamed up with Leiauna Alberts and Sydnee Harchelroad to finish sixth in the 4x400 meter relay. The group was first at the DCS Twilight, running 10 seconds faster than the Best of the Midwest.

For the boys, Jacob Maris won the 3200 meter run, finishing three seconds ahead of second place. Maris ran a 10:35.6.

In the 800 meter run, Wes Anderjaska was fifth with a time of 2:10.7, less than a second behind fourth place. Anderjaska was first in the 800 meter run at the DCS Twilight, improving his time to a PR of 2:08.5.

Maris, Anderjaska, Logan Bischoff and Hayden Pollmann were third in the 4x800 meter relay. The Broncos will face first place Paxton and second place Brady Wednesday at districts.

“The Best of the Midwest was a good challenge and great experience for the Broncos,” Doetker said. “I wish we could have taken the whole team.”

Maris was one of the highlights of the DCS Twilight Friday.

His time PR of 4:44.70 set a new meet record.

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The boys 4x800 meter relay placed first and the 4x400 relay team of Anderjaska, Connor Kayton, Pollmann and Weylin Davis was second. The 4x400 relay time of 3:52.8 was the best of the season.

The Broncos placed two in the boys' high jump. Davis was third and Bischoff seventh.

Bischoff was also seventh in the discus and added a fourth place finish with a PR in the 800 meter run.

Davis was sixth in the 100 meter dash and Pollmann was third in the 200 meter dash. Pollmann's time was a PR.

Fanning was fourth in the 100 meter dash. First place finished with a time of 12.9, second and third ran 13.0 and Fanning had a PR of 13.1.

Taylor Lee threw a personal best of 34'5" in the shot put to finish fourth. Lee was seventh in the discus.

Harchelroad had a personal best in the 800 meter run and was fourth.

Overall the girls had eight PRs at the DCS Twilight and the boys had 13.

"The Twilight was a great meet for us," said Doetker. "This meet built our confidence up going into districts."

"I'm proud of everyone," she added. "We're ready for districts on Wednesday."

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District competition

The Broncos are showing up on the Omaha World-Herald's prep track leaders list.

Fanning is seventh in the 200 meter dash.

Eighth on the Class D list of the 4x400 meter relay is 4:26.2. The Lady Broncos clocked in at 4:26.9 Friday.

Maris will face tough competition at Sutherland. Paxton's Garrett Perlinger has a season best of 4:44.3 in the 1600 meter run.

Maris' season best time of 10:32.6 is seventh in the 3200 meter run. Perlinger and Medicine Valley's Rodger Farr are also on the list.

Perlinger and Hitchcock County's Austin Blume are in the top five of the 800 meter run. Perlinger's top time is 2:04.1 and Blume, last year's State Champion in the event, has run 2:02.4. Anderjaska ran a 2:08.5 last week.

Teams competing Wednesday were Brady, Hayes Center, Hitchcock County, Maxwell, Maywood, Medicine Valley, Paxton, Sutherland, Wallace and Wauneta-Palisade.