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Blede wins boys shot.

HERSHEY—The first outdoor competition of the spring for the Brady track team was a success in many ways, despite blow-you-over wind gusts and a last-minute meet format change.

“We were pleased with the results in most areas,” said Eagle coach Rich Britten. “Regardless of the weather, it’s good to get outside.”

The Brady boys earned one gold medal and a host of personal best performances in the non-scoring Hershey/St. Pat’s Invite.

The Eagle girls improved several marks and times over last week’s season opener, even without the benefit of finals.

Due to the wind and threat of rain, meet officials decided to eliminate the traditional preliminaries and run all events as finals.

For the boys, senior thrower Corbin Blede earned the only first place of the day in the shot. He threw 47 feet, 3.5 inches, more than three feet farther than the No. 2 thrower.

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On his 50-yard dash, the Eagles' top sprinter, Matt Smith, finished with a time of 5.9 seconds, a personal best. Smith's performance was a significant improvement over his previous time of 6.2 seconds. The Eagles' 4x100 relay team also showed improvement, finishing with a time of 1:12.5, down from 1:15.5 in their previous race. The team's success was attributed to their improved start and better coordination on the track.