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Brady competes at D-10 district meet May 12.

ARNOLD—Ugly wind on an already chilly spring day makes for rough track and field conditions.

Cold gusts recorded up to 51 mph by the National Weather Service affect performances a lot, said Brady coach Rich Britten.

“The weather can play with you mentally too,” he said. “It makes it a little difficult to concentrate.”

That’s part of the reason Britten thinks the Eagles didn’t have their best day at the Dave Blevins Memorial Invite hosted by Stapleton at Arnold on Friday.

“Don’t get me wrong, we had some good performances,” Britten said. “But overall, we weren’t up there where we have been.”

Another factor in how the Eagles stacked up came from some Class C opponents.

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“St. Pat’s has a lot of quality kids,” Britten said, “and so do Sutherland and Hershey.”

BOYS TEAM SCORING	
1. North Platte 30, Pat's 130; 2. Sutherland 78, 3. Brady 70, 4. Hershey 67, 5. Maxwell 48, 6. Stapleton/McPherson County 40, 7. Eagle-Hornum 28, 8. Pawnee 25, 9. Hitchcock County 19.5, 10. Arthur County 18, 11. Hyannis 2.	
GIRLS TEAM SCORING	
1. North Platte 31, Pat's 80, 2. Hershey 80, 3. Pawnee 67, 4. Eagle-Hornum 59, 5. Hitchcock County 56, 6. Brady 50, 7. Maxwell 43, 8. Stapleton/McPherson County 37, 9. Sutherland 27, 10. Hyannis 14, 11. Arthur County 2.	

The Brady boys finished third, just eight team points behind runner-up Sutherland.

St. Pat’s swept the team titles taking first in both the boys and the girls. Brady girls came in sixth.

Eagle senior Corbin Blede was the only Brady competitor to bring home a gold medal. He won the shot with a toss of 50 feet even.

Britten said now that the D-10 district meet is all that’s left before state, weather is no longer a concern.

“We’re not going to discuss the weather at all,” Britten said of the wet and cold forecast for the district meet in Sutherland Wednesday (today). “The kids have to show up mentally and be prepared to compete hard regardless of what it’s doing outside. Now’s the time to put up or shut up.”

It will take strong performances to get Brady athletes to state, Britten said.

“We’ve got a shot in several events, it just depends on who shows up,” the coach said.

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