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Brady athletes found their home meet April 22 to their liking.

The Eagle boys won the Brady-Gothenburg Invitational by nearly 100 points. Brady totaled 182, compared to the North Platte St. Patrick JVs with 86.

The Eagle girls scored 110 points and finished as runners-up to the Gothenburg girls with 161.

“We were expecting some good things there,” Brady coach Rich Britten said. “There are not a lot of varsity teams there so we thought we’d do pretty well.”

The meet is hosted by both schools at the Gothenburg track.

Brady will compete in the Sandhills Conference Meet Thursday in North Platte.

Brady boys

The Eagles won seven individual events and two relays.

Eric Roe was his consistent self with wins in the 110 hurdles (:16.5) and 300 hurdles (:43.2).

“Eric is real steady there,” the coach said. “We’re hoping to get better times. From seeing district

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times (of other athletes), he's got a little competition."

A move of Troy Lusk to the 800 was effective for Brady.

"Usually he's our best 400 guy, but the (400 and 800) were a little too close to run together," Britten said. "We needed to improve his time in the 800. He had some good competition in there with the St. Pat's kid and just got edged out at the finish line.

"It did improve his time and was good for his conditioning after being sick."

The Eagles didn't suffer without Lusk in the 400 race. They went 1-2-3 with Chase Viter capturing the gold medal with a time of 56 seconds flat.

"Chase has been running well; he has been for a while," Britten said.



Dayne Porter was the runner-up followed by Jon Taullie.

Taullie got his hands on a gold medal with his winning performance in the long jump. He improved his distance to get a little closer to the district lead with his best jump of the season at 19-1.

Trevor Mann won the triple jump with a personal best effort of 41-5. He also was second to Roe in both hurdles events.

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Cody Warren came close to being a double individual winner. He placed first in the 100 with a time of 11.5 seconds and just got edged out of first in the 200.

“He did real well,” the coach said. “His time has been real good. He’s got a packed district.”

Distance runner Sean Thomas won first place in the 1600.

“Sean trailed for a ways and came on at the last 100 to get across the finish line ahead,” Britten said. “He’s got a really tough district coming up so he’s going to have improve his time quite a bit.”

Relay wins for Brady came in the 4x100 and 4x400.

Eagle girls

Brady’s chances for a team title were hampered by a lack of depth. They made up for it with quality.

Shaylin McClellan captured three gold medals and ran on the third place 4x400 relay.

McClellan swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes with times of :13.3 and :27.7, respectively. She also won the long jump with a top effort of 16-1.

“Shaylin is doing well,” Britten said. “We’re just really pleased with what she is doing.”

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Valerie Most won both the 100-meter hurdles (:16.1) and the high jump (5-0). She placed second in the pole vault and the 300-meter hurdles.

“We put Valerie in the 300s because we weren’t going to run the 4x100 relay,” Britten said. “She ran really strong there and just barely got beat.”

Michaela Jurgens earned gold in the 400-meter dash with a time of :65.3.

“She has some knee problems once in a while and doesn’t run it as well,” Britten said. “She ran well and we were pleased with that.”