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**Emma Skelton, middle, comes out of the blocks at the start of the 100 meter hurdle finals. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)**

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The Wauenta-Palisade girls picked up five district championships and two runners-up en route to a third place finish at the District track meet in Sutherland, Wednesday, May 8.

Abbie Fanning led the way for the Broncos, winning the 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes.

Sydnee Harchelroad was the district champ in the 800 meter run.

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It was the first time in school history the Bronco girls swept the 100, 200, 400 and 800 at districts. The boys did it in 1997.

Fanning, Harchelroad, Leiauna Alberts and Emma Skelton repeated as 1600 meter relay champs.

Skelton was second in the 100 meter hurdles and 200 meter hurdles.

In the 100, Fanning and Sutherland's Jalyne Schuster qualified for state with a time of 13.0.

In the 200, Fanning won by 0.6 seconds, running a 27.1, over Hitchcock County's Lesley Towery.

Fanning also beat Towery in the 400 meter run. Fanning's winning time was 1:01.70 to Towery's second place 1:02.0.

Leading for most of the final lap, Harchelroad out ran Tawnie McConnell of Sutherland down the stretch, winning with a personal best 2:34.8 ahead of McConnell's 2:35.8.

With a runner falling in the 100 meter hurdles, Skelton's PR of 16.8 sends her to state.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Skelton finished over a second ahead of third place.

Running in second and third for most of the 1600 meter relay, Fanning's anchor leg pushed the Broncos to a PR and repeat win.

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Also medalling for the Broncos was Taylor Lee. Lee was sixth in the shot put with a throw of 30'11-1/2". Lee was also sixth in the discus with a throw of 93'1-1/2".

The Bronco boys will be sending the 3200 meter relay to the state meet and Jacob Maris qualified with a third fastest time in the 3200 meter run.

Maris' PR of 10:19.9 is fourth fastest in Class D, but Paxton's Garrett Perlinger and Wallace's Tanner Clough were both faster at the D10 meet.

Though Maris' 1600 meter time at districts was faster than more than half the qualified field at the state meet, Maris finished fourth and will not run the event in Omaha. Only the top two finishers from each district then the next two fastest thirds from the Class D district meets qualify.

The 3200 meter relay team has the seventh fastest time heading to Omaha. At districts, Hayden Pollmann, Logan Bischoff, Wes Anderjaska and Maris ran a PR of 8:35.3, good enough to qualify as a fastest third.

Also placing at the district meet was Weylin Davis, fifth in the 100 meter dash and fifth in the high jump; Pollmann, sixth in the 200 meter dash; and Anderjaska, third in the 800 meter run.

Anderjaska missed out on going to state by 1.4 seconds in the 800. Time of 2:06.4 was a PR.

Coach Dawn Doetker was pleased with her team at districts.

"Our girls and boys did outstanding, peaking at the right time," she said. "We came together and fought for every finish. It was an incredible day."

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### **State Track Meet**

Class D track will begin Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. MT/3:30 p.m. CT. The Bronco boys will take the track right off the bat in the 3200 meter relay, followed by Skelton in the 100 meter hurdles.

Fanning will run back-to-back in the 100 and 400 before Maris takes the track in the 3200.

Skelton will do the 300 meter hurdles before Fanning in the 200 rounds out Friday.

Harchelroad will take the track in Saturday's first event, the 800 meter finals. With finals throughout the day Saturday, the girls' 1600 meter relay is the last event of the meet.

Fans traveling to the state track meet Friday and Saturday are encouraged to use the free shuttle bus from Westroads Shopping Center. For more information call (402) 557-2448.