Swedes reign at Broken Bow Invite

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Gothenburg dominated the medal presentation Saturday at the Broken Bow speech invitational.

The Swedes came home with six gold medals in varsity competition and added four more in novice categories.

The domination didn't stop there, through. Varsity competitors from Gothenburg also earned three silver medals and placed third in five events.

"As a team, this was our best performance yet," speech team advisor Dan Jensen said. "I was very pleased with how the students remained focused with so many activities going on back home." Gothenburg's annual coronation ceremony was later that evening.

Madison Costello was a double winner in varsity action capturing gold in persuasive speaking and informative speaking.

Winning individual gold medals were: Betsy Potter, serious prose; Carlin Daharsh, poetry; Drake Brand and Brett Mann, duet acting; and Ashley Wilkerson, Rachel Rice, Rebecca Miller and Kennedy Wahlgren, oral interpretation of drama.

On the novice side, Roman Schmidt placed first in extemporaneous and humorous prose. Dylan France earned first in entertainment and Kylee Beyea was tops in informative.

In addition to Gothenburg, there were 22 other schools at this event: Litchfield, Valentine,

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Burwell, Perkins County, Minden, Lexington, Broken Bow, Ord, Elwood, Loup County, Ansley, Kearney Catholic, Callaway, Palmer, North Platte, Sargent, Ainsworth, Loup City, Cozad, Rock County, Elm Creek and Arcadia).

The Swedes will be back in Grand Island Saturday at the second Central Nebraska Forensic League contest.