

Gothenburg girls continue finding niche at Broken Bow

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Swedes finish third.

BROKEN BOW—With a relatively young girls track team, Gothenburg coach Steve Reeves is staying patient and hopeful.

“We’re still trying to find which events each girl fits best in,” Reeves said. “And we’ve had some injuries so that leaves us a little short handed.”

The Swedes are on the mend, though, and Reeves expects to see them stronger and much improved across the board as the season goes on.

“Experience is such a key element in track,” he said. “You learn from competition.”

The Swede girls earned three individual gold medals at the Broken Bow Invite on Friday to collect 94 points and finish third in the team standings.

McCook’s girls cruised to the title with 154 points and Holdrege was second with 105.

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“We’re starting to get healthy again so we should be able to put a few more girls in events,” Reeves said.

GIRLS TEAM SCORING
1. McCook 1542, Holdrege 106;
2. Gothenburg 944, Ord 69, 5;
Grand 47, Broken Bow 26.

Emily Max was Gothenburg’s big winner of the day with gold medals in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdle races.

Max’s winning time of 15.9 seconds ties her personal best from last year which is also No. 2 on the school’s all-time Top 10 performance list.

Joslyn Oliver, a junior, also had what Reeves called an outstanding day winning the high jump while placing second in the 100-meter hurdles and third in the triple jump.

“We’re getting better every week,” Reeves said. “That’s what we all want to see from the girls.”

The Swedes earned multiple medals in four of the 17 meet events. That, Reeves said, is how a team racks up points.



Gothenburg will face McCook again this week during the Dutch Zorn Invite at home on Friday.

Other teams involved include Kearney Catholic, Lexington, Sidney, Ogallala, Valentine and Kearney reserves.

Field events are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

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