

Swede golfers end five-year dry spell

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KEARNEY—It's been five years since Gothenburg girls golfers have placed team hardware in the school trophy cases.

The long streak of watching trophy presentations instead of participating in them came to an end last week as the Swedes received a second-place plaque for a 421 team score at the Kearney Catholic Invite at Meadowlark Hills on Thursday.

"I am so very proud of my girls," said Swede coach Tara Foster. "All of their hard work and dedication at practice really paid off."

Three Gothenburg golfers finished in the top 15 to start the season with medals.

Senior Heidi Teahon led the way with a personal best 18-hole round of 97 to finish in fourth place.

"Heidi hit the ball very well and played with confidence," Foster said.

First-year team members Mallory McCoy and Andrea Coder stepped up for the Swedes.

McCoy, a junior, was 10th with a total of 104 while Coder, a senior, carded 108 in 14th place.

"The girls are proud of their accomplishment at their first invite of the year," Foster said.

Taylor Marshall shot 112 while McKinley Harm and Kelsey Kuhlman each had 121 to contribute to the team finish.

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Grand Island took first in the team standings with a combined score of 376.

The Crusaders had four medalists, including individual winner McKenna Kime and runner-up Erin Boon.

The Swedes play next at the North Platte Invite on Friday.

“I am very anxious for our season to unravel,” Foster said. “I have high expectations for these girls this year.”