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Boys biggest strength in field events.

Gothenburg's boys racked up the majority of their points before they ever hit the track at Ogallala on Thursday.

Swede coach Steve Reeves knew from the start of the season that his boys' strength would come from mainly in the field events.

That notion proved true during the Ed Moore Invite.

"We had outstanding effort across the board," Reeves said. "I think Cozad just had a little more depth."

The Swedes were second as a team among the 10 schools competing, behind the Haymakers as champions.

Gothenburg earned 76 of the 84 team total in the field events and hurdles.

"Now we've just got to find a way to scratch out a few more points on the track," Reeves said.

Winners on the day were Preston Franzen and Tanner Borchardt.

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Franzen took gold in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 40.4 seconds. That moves him up from No. 9 on the school's all-time list in the event to a tie for No. 6.

Borchardt won both throwing events.



The sophomore had a personal best mark in the shot at 51-11 and threw 158-7 in the discus to move into the No. 6 position all-time.

"We knew Tanner had a lot of potential in the throws," Reeves said. "He performed very well."

The entire team, the coach said, had solid performances.

Gothenburg will compete next at the Broken Bow Invite on Friday.

The meet, Reeves said, has grown to seven teams with the addition of Scottsbluff this year.

"It's not a huge meet in terms of numbers but they're all quality track schools," Reeves said.

The meet begins with field events at 2:30 p.m.

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