Most of Gothenburg's points come from field events.

The competition Friday at the Broken Bow Invitational was too tough for the Gothenburg boys track team to have designs on team hardware.

Scottsbluff wrapped up the team championship early as the Bearcats amassed 157 points. McCook, a distant second with 113, still led other schools by a large margin. Gothenburg was in the middle of the pack that followed finishing with 66 points for fourth place.

"The encouraging thing is that our kids compete hard," Swede coach Steve Reeves said. "That's all we ask and most of the time things come out pretty good for us."

As was forecast at the beginning of the season, Gothenburg's strengths showed in the field events, with the Swedes placing in just two individual running events.

One of those provided the Swedes with one of their two gold medals. Preston Franzen cruised the 300 intermediate hurdles in 41.40 seconds for the win. He also placed third in the 110 highs.

"In the regular running events we're still trying to find our way a bit and get some points on the track in addition to the hurdles," Reeves said.

Logan Koehler earned the other gold with a first place high jump of 6-0.

Among the other top efforts was a silver medal triple jump by Aaron Collins (41-6).

Gothenburg continues to get points in the pole vault.

“Our vaulters—Blake (Ristine) and Skyler (Kottwitz)—have been solid in the pole vault,” Reeves said. “We need to get after that next six inches and get over 13-6 and keep climbing.”

Kottwitz and Ristine were third and fourth, respectively, with top efforts of 13-0.

Roy Slack continues to improve in the discus and placed third (148-5).

The competition will again be difficult Friday as the Swedes host the Dutch Zorn Invitational.