

All-time shot effort highlights Swede SWC performance

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The effort was there but there were too many missing pieces, particularly in the events on the track, for Gothenburg to challenge for the Southwest Conference crown Saturday at McCook.

Cozad won the team hardware with 109 points holding off a challenge from runner-up Ogallala which finished with 100 points.

Gothenburg and Ainsworth tied for fifth place with 71 points apiece.

“Our boys competed extremely hard,” Swede coach Steve Reeves said. “I was really pleased with the way that they performed.”

Gothenburg brought home just one gold medal and it came with an exceptional effort.

Sophomore Tanner Borchardt climbed to No. 6 on the Swede all-time chart with his winning toss in the shot at 53-7. He also placed second in the discus.

Blake Ristine was second in the pole vault (13-1) and ran the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.5 seconds for third place.

Jacob Clark and Seth Eggleston tied for silver medal honors in the high jump, both clearing 5-8.

The 4x800 relay provided a surprise for the Swedes.

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“We got some points in the 3200 relay that we hadn’t previously gotten this year,” Reeves said.

The foursome of Alex Spencer, Jacob Franzen, Bryce Kowalewski and Jacob Clark placed third.

Dillon McKeag of Ogallala was the recipient of the Mark Russell Award as the outstanding male performer. He took gold in the 800, 1600 and 3200 events.



Gothenburg closes out a busy week Friday by seeing some familiar faces at the Cozad Invitational. The meet includes all the conference schools but two—Ainsworth and Valentine. The boys pole vault begins the action at 3:30 p.m. with the rest of the field events following at 4 p.m. and running events at 4:30.

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