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While many questions remain about the Gothenburg boys track team, one thing is certain. Tanner Borchardt, a junior, is headed for an excellent season in the weight events.

Borchardt broke—twice—the Swede shot record during the Kearney Indoor meet at the University of Nebraska at Kearney indoor track facility. Other teams competing included Kearney, Grand Island and Omaha South.

Borchardt's fifth toss erased Brandon Koch's old record of 56-3 set in 2001. On his sixth attempt, he established another record at 56-10 to win the gold medal.

"That's going to be an event, as well as the discus, that he can do a lot of good things," Gothenburg coach Steve Reeves said.

The Swedes' next two shot putters also set personal records at the meet.

Borchardt added a silver medal to his collection as he placed second in the discus with a toss of 147-3.

"Overall, I was very pleased with our efforts," Reeves said. "We showed up very well in the field events. On the track we had some good things happen."

Some track events at the meet have unusual lengths due to the shorter indoor track. Gothenburg mastered the 4x160 relay to take gold with a time of 1:19.49. Members of the foursome included Dawson Graham, Ross Ostendorf, Braeden Brundage and Zach Wolf.

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Two Swedes—Seth Eggleston and Jacob Clark—tied for runnerup honors in the high jump, each clearing 5-8.

Gothenburg's 4x800 relay placed second with a time of 9:52.38. Members of the foursome were Jayden Miller, Jacob Franzen, Kenny Shuman and Joshua Elliott.

Franzen also took silver in the 600 (1:39.72).

Collin Hahn was the only other runnerup for the Swedes, placing second in the 1000 (2:53.34).

A number of factors make the Kearney meet good for the Swedes, Reeves said.

“We get to see some Class A schools. It's a chance to compete,” he said. “We know we're going to have the meet because it is indoors.”

The Swedes travel to the Ogallala Invitational Saturday. Field events start at 10 a.m. MDT with track events set to begin at 11:30 a.m.

