

Gothenburg Youth Trap Club taking aim at state

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DONIPHAN—A total of 451 shooters competed at the Mid-Nebraska Trapshooting All-Conference Finals in Doniphan on Saturday including 274 senior-division and 177 junior-division shooters.

Gothenburg's senior-level team finished their season eighth out of the 14 participating schools with a grand total score of 2,464 of 3,000 possible from six shoots. The junior-level squad finished in 10th place with a season total of 1,072 of a possible 1,800. Both teams placed a level up from the previous year.

All-conference final standings for members of Gothenburg's Youth Trap Club included senior male shooter Talbot Buchholz placing 20th of 269 division participants. Buchholz was Gothenburg's top senior shooter for the season scoring 443 of a possible 500 targets, followed by teammate Dalton Simants with a grand total of 432 of 500.

Senior female shooter Anna Eggers placed 11th of 71 in her division with a total of 393 of 500. Junior male division shooter Zach Rittgarn totaled 206 of 250 placing 21st of 174 competitors, and Lexi Simants placed 11th among 40 in the junior female division with a season total 167 of 250.

Senior shooter Landon Johnson was Gothenburg's high scorer for the week with 48 of 50 from the 16-yard line and 46 of 50 from the handicap 24-yard line for a total 94 of 100 rocks. Johnson also earned a 25-straight shoot award. Dalton Simants was top senior shooter in the handicap division breaking 47 of 50 rocks at the 23-yard line.

Rittgarn was Gothenburg's high junior-division shooter for the week hitting 46 of 50 at the 16-yard line, followed by teammates Zachary Maurer and Lexi Simants, each hitting 38 of 50 total.

Rounding out the season, the team will compete at Doniphan May 1-3 in the 45th annual Cornhusker State Trapshoot, sponsored by the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission and the Nebraska Trapshooting Association (NTA). The three-day event will host junior-division shooters on Thursday, May 1, and senior-division shooters will compete Friday, May 2, and

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