

## Good efforts for Swede boys at Lex

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Good performances against some top competition highlighted the Gothenburg boys efforts Friday at the Lexington Invitational.

“This is a meet where a lot of kids Classes A through D come to,” Swede coach Steve Reeves said. “They promote it as a meet where your better kids are competing. It’s a meet where coaches try to do some different things with kids to try to figure out what they are going to end up with come district time.”

While weather conditions were mild for most of the day, junior Tanner Borchardt may have hoped for a little more breeze when he competed in the discus.

Still, he uncorked a throw of 160-4, which ranks fourth on the Swede all-time chart. It earned him a silver medal.

“The wind kind of died down when he threw his 160-foot throw,” Reeves said. “I wish he had the wind some of the earlier kids had.”

“He’s on the verge of popping some good ones yet. He came back in the shot put and threw pretty well.”

His shot toss went for 55-1, which was also good for second place.

Gothenburg’s senior vaulters performed well.

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Placing second and third, respectively, were Blake Ristine and Skyler Kottwitz.

Ristine didn't get unnerved with his pole breaking on an attempt at 14-0. He simply grabbed another pole and cleared the height.



"It's a little scary to have one of those things break," the coach said.

Ristine's pole break was one of three during the competition.

For Kottwitz, getting over 14-0 overcomes a possible mental barrier.

"The big thing there is the psychological hurdle of breaking a different plateau," Reeves said. "Those kids know they can do it now."

Ristine also earned silver in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.61 seconds.

Seth Eggleston, a junior, gained a personal record while clearing 6-1 in the high jump for third place.

Collin Hahn ran a very competitive 1600 with a time of 4:42.61 for third place.

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“When you look at the ages of those (other) kids, he’s a freshman and he’s hanging right in there with them,” Reeves said. “There’s some good things happening there. I like the way he competed.”

No team scores are kept.

Gothenburg will compete Saturday at Cozad in the Southwest Conference Meet. The action starts at 11 a.m.