

Golfers don't react well to windy conditions

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Very windy conditions elevated the scores Thursday at the Gothenburg Invitational played at Wild Horse Golf Club.

Just two golfers broke 80 for the 18-hole event.

Noah Hofman of McCook paced the winning Bison and he won meet medalist honors with a 78. McCook finished with a team score of 328, two strokes better than Scottsbluff. Four of the Bison finished in the top 11.

“The scores were higher and it doesn't make a lot of sense,” Swede coach Don Graham said. “It was pretty windy but we burned all of the rough this year. If you hit it in there you could find it. It should have played easier.”

Gothenburg's varsity golfers had problems responding to the conditions. In fact, the Swede reserves finished in front of the varsity by five strokes.

Gothenburg was led by Adam Speck with an 89. Dominic Long of the Swede JVs carded a 94.

“I'm getting a little frustrated right now,” the coach said. “We can't practice again today (Monday).”

“We don't have a group of kids that play much golf in the summer time. They play their golf during the golf season of the school year. When you can't practice and you can't play, you can't get much better.”

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Graham has seen some positive things from younger players but they are not ready for the varsity level.

It's a busy week for the Swedes. The Holdrege Invitational scheduled for Tuesday was delayed until Thursday, which is the same day as the Dawson County Meet at Cozad. Gothenburg will play in the Broken Bow Invitational Friday.

