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Gothenburg qualifies four for state in five events.

Tanner Borchardt smashed his own record in the shot to win the event and lead the Gothenburg boys at the District B-6 track meet Thursday at Ogallala.

Borchardt's winning throw of 58-1 broke his old record set early this year by 15 inches.

As a team, the Swedes placed fourth in the meet with 54 points. Sidney took the team title with 112. Scottsbluff was the runner-up with 86.

"Tanner got it started off with his outstanding shot put," Swede coach Steve Reeves said. "It was a great throw and he was pretty consistent with his throws."

Borchardt, a junior, qualified for state in both weight events. He placed second in the discus a throw of 155-8.

Blake Ristine, a senior, returns to the state meet in the 110-meter high hurdles. He earned second place covering the race in 14.96 seconds, which moves him to No. 7 on the Swede all-time chart.

"Blake came back and ran a nice flight of highs and is setting in good position there for competing for a medal at state," Reeves said.

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“With any districts, you have some surprises and a couple of disappointments,” the coach said.

One of the surprises may have come from Seth Eggleston in the high jump. He placed third with a 6-0 jump that took third place and earns a trip to state.

Collin Hahn will compete at state in the 1600 after placing third with a time of 4:38.95.

“Collin, for a freshman, handled the mile very well and earned a spot there,” Reeves said. “We’re hoping he can shave a couple of seconds off down at state.”

The disappointments included vaulters Skyler Kottwitz and Ristine, who both have been clearing 14-0 recently. They couldn’t match that height at Ogallala and failed to qualify for state.

