

Swedes are tops in six events at Broken Bow speech invite

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A stronger-than-usual start in the first round of the Broken Bow speech invite Saturday helped buoy the Swedes to six first-place finishes.

Speech team coach Dan Jensen said he felt the students did well at the contest, especially the novices who are first-year speech competitors.

“I was especially pleased with their strong showing,” Jensen said. “Every novice on our team came home with at least one award.”

Clinching the top spot in varsity competition was Chris Block in extemporaneous speaking, Ashlee Bruntz in entertainment speaking and Josh Clark in serious prose.

Makayla Franzen and Lauren Schmiett scored first in duet acting.

Novice Carlin Daharsh was a double winner in both extemporaneous and persuasive speaking.

Competing so well in round one was critical to the contest, Jensen said, which had two rounds and only finalists competing in the last round.

“That was critical because with traditional rounds, and no finals, students can take a dink in one round and still come out okay,” he explained.

At the Broken Bow meet, Jensen said students don’t usually

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