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Colds don't deter success.

Sniffles and coughs didn't deter the Gothenburg Speech Team from bringing home nine first-place medals and a smattering of other hardware and ribbons.

The team competed at the second of two Central Nebraska Forensic League tournament Saturday in Grand Island against 33 other schools.

Speech team adviser Dan Jensen said he pleased with the results especially since several Swedes were unable to compete because of illness.

On the varsity level, receiving first-place medals were Brennan Costello in informative speaking, Ashlee Bruntz in entertainment speaking and Elisa Meridith in poetry.

Jeramie VanAcker and Chris Block teamed up for top honors in duet acting.

Swede novices—first-year speech competitors—placed four in the winner's circle.

They included Abbie Mazour in extemporaneous speaking, Betsy Potter in persuasive speaking, Kayla Trevino in informative speaking and Kennedy Wahlgren in poetry.

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The team is gearing up this week for competition at their local invite Saturday at the high school and Dudley Elementary.

Rounds begin at 8 a.m. with the last ones starting at 2:15 p.m. The awards ceremony will be about 3:30 p.m. in the performing arts center.

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