

## Swedes get top honors twice at Lex speech meet

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### Contest kicks off season.

The Swede speech team brought home two first-place medals with other teammates finishing in the top six at the Lexington Invite Saturday.

Josh Clark won first place in humorous prose and teamed up with Zac Franzen for top honors in duet acting.

Speech team adviser Dan Jensen said the Swedes started strong in numbers—34—for the first meet of the season.

“Due to the small size of the tournament, there was only one division and the novices competed against varsity students,” Jensen said.

He said the results at the end of the day show good potential for the team with basically solid material.

Still, Jensen said students have much work to do this week to prepare for a much larger Central Nebraska Forensic League meet Saturday in Grand Island.

Individual results include:

Extemporaneous speaking—Varsity: 2. Chris Block, 4. Aaron Block.

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Persuasive speaking—Varsity: 6. Madison Costello; superior ribbon, Beth Advey.

Informative speaking—Varsity: superior ribbon, Stephanie Rubenthaler.

Entertainment speaking—Varsity: 3. Josh Clark. 5. Cale Moore.



Humorous prose—Varsity: 4. Chris Block, 6. Ashlee Bruntz.

Serious prose—Varsity: 2. Elisa Meridith, 3. Zac Franzen.

Duet acting—Varsity: 2. Madison Costello and Morgan Kowalewski, 5. Jeramie VanAcker and Willis Middleton.

Oral interpretation of drama—Varsity: superior ribbons, Mackenzie Brand, Makayla Franzen, Lauren Schmiett, Crystal Moore, Kristi Block; Chris Block, Colton Bebensee, Liz Graham, Alex Spencer, Leah Loostrom; Ricci Whitney, Jon Rehmert, Amanda Larson, Kaylee Beyea, Bailey Gibbens.

Also competing were Rebecca Miller, Kristin Bartlett, Jessica Wolff, Heather Lunkwitz, Haydon McKenney and Eric Cole.