Swede boys run away with title at Broken Bow.

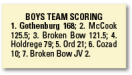
BROKEN BOW—The Swede boys scored team points in every event including nine gold medals and five silvers at the Broken Bow Invite on Friday.

With multiple medalists in seven of the 17 events, it's easy to see how Gothenburg's boys cruised to a team victory with a whopping 168 points ahead of second place McCook at 125.5.

"We continue to be impressed with the competitiveness of these kids and their desire to improve week in and week out," said coach Steve Reeves. "What a top-notch group of kids."

Several Swede boys won multiple events, including top winner Mark Hilderbrand who brought home four golds.

Hilderbrand, a senior, finished first in the 400-meter dash, the 110-meter high hurdles and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles and was the anchor leg of the 4x400 relay.


BOYS TEAM SCORING
1. Gothenburg 168; 2. McCook 125.5; 3. Broken Bow 121.5; 4. Holdrege 79; 5. Ord 21; 6. Cozad 10; 7. Broken Bow JV 2.

Andrew Collins won the 800-meter dash and 1600-meter runs with little recovery time between.

Collins has been a distance runner throughout high school.

“We noticed Andrew’s speed was improving last year,” Reeves said, “so we decided to try him in the 800.”

Collins won the race in 1:58.2, moving him into the No. 3 spot on the school’s all-time performance chart.

In addition to the two individual gold medals, Collins also ran on the winning 4x400 relay.

Junior Tannor Mroczek blasted past his competition in the sprint races, taking gold in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Mroczek’s time of 10.8 seconds in the 100 ties his personal best as well as tying No. 2 all-time.

Patrick Reeves won the ninth gold in the triple jump.

When it came time to vote for the meet’s outstanding athlete, the Swede coach said only Gothenburg boys were nominated.

Hilderbrand, Collins and Mroczek all received votes with Hilderbrand taking the honor.

“You could justify any one of those kids winning,” Reeves said. “They’re all quality athletes.”

Reeves said he’s quite proud of every member of the Swede boys team, especially the effort the seniors have given.

“We’ve got others stepping up as well and helping the team,” he said. “It’s very satisfying.”

The Swedes hope to repeat their title winning performance on Friday when Gothenburg hosts the Dutch Zorn Invite.

Eight teams will vie for trophies in the home meet, which is set to begin with field events at 2 p.m.

“There are quality schools involved in this meet,” Reeves said. “With a little nice weather, we could see some outstanding performances.”

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