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**Ballmer, Kucera receive conference honors.**

DONIPHAN—Gothenburg's first team of trapshooters placed eighth overall at the 41st annual Cornhusker State Trapshoot April 29-May 1 at Doniphan.

Over the three days, 1,790 shooters competed for awards and scholarships.

Gothenburg's team of Alex Schultz, Alex Ballmer, Austin Kucera, Levi Bahe and Nolan Wilson combined for eighth in the state with a combined 16-yard and handicap score of 875-of-1,000 shots.

The team was ninth in the handicap division with a total of 416-of-500 and 13th in the 16-yard shoot with 459-of-500.

Ballmer had Gothenburg's highest individual overall score at 182-of-200.

Following the state shoot, conference participants made up the final conference shoot of the season since it was previously delayed due to weather in April.

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Senior shooter Alex Ballmer was named to the all-conference first team along with four other shooters. Ballmer's season total was 452-of-500.



Fellow senior shooter Austin Kucera earned second team all-conference recognition with a season total of 444-of-500.

Alex Shultz and Cody Ostergard earned 25-straight patches during the conference shoot.

Kucera and Ostergard each hit 48-of-50 in their final round of the year from the 16-yard line. They also topped the Gothenburg senior shooters with identical 47-of-50 scores in the handicap division from the 24-yard line.

Top junior shooter for Gothenburg during the conference make-up shoot was Archer Jensen hitting 39-of-50.

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