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Early strength likely to come in field events.

No one is counting out underclassmen on the Gothenburg boys track and field team this spring.

Surely there will be a few who contribute to team scoring early in their careers.

But with 10 juniors and seniors who are all returning letter winners, longtime Swede coach Steve Reeves is looking to his veterans for leadership.

“We lost a great number of kids who were scorers in multiple events,” Reeves said of the six graduates from last spring’s team. “They will be tough to replace but every year we have kids step up. Surely that will happen again this year.”

It may take a meet or two, especially since the Swedes are a little behind due to an extended basketball season combined with late-season snow and wind.

“The bad news is the weather has been pretty cruddy to get much done,” Reeves said. “The good news is, everybody’s in the same boat. We are just now starting to get some continuity in what we do.”

Gothenburg’s only returning state qualifier is senior Preston Franzen, who competed in the 300 hurdles last May. A couple of others were just outside qualifying for state.

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BOYSTRACK SCHEDULE	
March 14—UNK Indoor Invite at Kearney, 1 p.m.	March 14—UNK Indoor Invite at Kearney, 1 p.m.
March 22—Kearney Invite, 5 p.m.	March 22—Kearney Invite, 5 p.m.
March 29—Coed Triangular (I), 4:30 p.m.	March 29—Coed Triangular (I), 4:30 p.m.
March 29—Ogallala Invite, 11 a.m. MT	March 29—Ogallala Invite, 11 a.m. MT
April 2—Lexington/North Platte/Kearney quadrangular at North Platte (I), 4:30 p.m.	April 2—Lexington/North Platte/Kearney quadrangular at North Platte (I), 4:30 p.m.
April 5—Broken Bow Invite, 2:30 p.m.	April 5—Broken Bow Invite, 2:30 p.m.
April 12—DUTCH ZORN INVITE	April 12—DUTCH ZORN INVITE
April 16—BRADY/GOYENBURG	April 16—BRADY/GOYENBURG
April 18—UNK Invite at Kearney, 1 p.m.	April 18—UNK Invite at Kearney, 1 p.m.
April 22—Broken Bow Invite (I), 4 p.m.	April 22—Broken Bow Invite (I), 4 p.m.
April 27—Southwest Conference at Broken Bow, 11 a.m.	April 27—Southwest Conference at Broken Bow, 11 a.m.
April 30—North Platte Invite (I), 10 a.m.	April 30—North Platte Invite (I), 10 a.m.
April 30—Best of the Midwest at Substandard, 4 p.m.	April 30—Best of the Midwest at Substandard, 4 p.m.
May 3—Coed Invite, 4 p.m.	May 3—Coed Invite, 4 p.m.
May 9—B-D DISTRICT at Lexington, TBA	May 9—B-D DISTRICT at Lexington, TBA
May 17-18—State meet at Omaha	May 17-18—State meet at Omaha

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