

Girls attack Zorn records

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Four marks fall as talent shines.

Nearly a handful of girls records fell as track fans enjoyed numerous exceptional performances Friday at the Dutch Zorn Invitational.

Four marks were erased, including one by Swede sophomore Tiani Reeves who eclipsed her own school record at the same time.

Holdrege went home with the championship trophy, taking it from runner-up McCook who was seeking its fifth Zorn crown in the last six years. The Dusters scored 100 points, while the Bison finished with 90.

The Swedes came in fourth with 78 points.

“For the people who attended, they got a treat in watching the girls side,” Gothenburg coach Steve Reeves said. “There were five or six very outstanding girls from different schools that will probably make some noise toward the end of the year and at the state meet.

“I really think there could be two state champion teams in Class C and B that were represented here at this meet. Holdrege looks very strong and Kearney Catholic will score a ton of points in the state meet in Class C.”

Kalyn Brannagan of Kearney Catholic was a triple gold medal winner capturing the 100- and 200-meter dashes and winning the 100-meter hurdles in meet record time of 14.89 seconds. That beat the old mark by over a half second.

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Holdrege's Gabriella Gracia set a meet record in the 1600 with a time of 5:18.46 and also won the 3200.

Molly Sughroue of McCook rewrote the record in the 800 with her 2:18.83 clocking.



Tiani Reeves erased the oldest record of the four. Her triple jump of 38-7 smashed the previous record of 35-9 set in 1996. It also scratched the school record which she had already broken twice this season.

"Tiani's triple jump was a nice performance," the coach said. "Hopefully we can improve on that."

The Swede sophomore picked up her second gold going 17-9 in the long jump. She also placed a close second to Brannagan in the 200, less than a tenth of a second behind.

Regan Geiken earned the silver medal in the 400 with a time of 1:03.01.

Geiken and Reeves were joined by Aryn Meisinger and Jennifer Maline for a runner-up medal in the 4x400 relay.

"The girls are competing hard," the coach said. "We just have to keep working hard and when we get some (better) weather I think our performances will improve."

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Action this week continues to be affected by the weather forecast. The Don Bader Invitational at Lexington has been moved to Friday starting at 12 noon. The Brady-Gothenburg Invitational scheduled for Tuesday was cancelled because of weather.