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Gothenburg's girls finished in a solid second place Saturday at the Ed Moore Invitational at Ogallala despite missing a few key performers.

Mitchell won the team championship with 106 points with the Swedes following in second with 94.

"We had some very encouraging things happen," Gothenburg coach Steve Reeves said. "We were a little short-handed with people in activities and other things going on. We still came close to winning the meet."

Aryn Meisinger and Tiani Reeves were double winners for Gothenburg.

Meisinger cleared 8-6 in the pole vault to win the event.

"I'm sure she'd like to get up there in the 9-6 range soon," he said. "It was a good win for her."

Meisinger was joined by Haley Cline, Kasey Wellmann and McKenna Peterson for first place honors in the 400-meter relay with a time of 53.4 seconds.

Tiani Reeves erased her own meet record in the triple jump with her winning effort of 37-9. She also won the gold in the long jump at 17-5.

Regan Geiken earned the silver medal in the 400 with a time of 61 seconds flat.

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The 1600 relay comprised of Andie Geiken, Meisinger, Regan Geiken and Jennifer Maline placed second at 4:14.6, just under a second off the winning pace.

Taking second in the shot was Emily Franzen with a toss of 38-8. She also earned third place in the discus.

“We were very encouraged by some young girls on how they competed,” Steve Reeves said. “Two that really stand out to me were Mady Vogel and Andie Geiken.”

Vogel, a sophomore, had a three feet-plus improvement in the shot with her third place effort of 37-2.

Geiken, a freshman, ran two 63-second and some change legs on both the open 400 and 1600 relay, the coach said.

“That was very encouraging,” Reeves said. “We’re finding out some areas that we can get a lot of help in and depend on for future meets.”

Gothenburg competes in the Broken Bow Invitational Friday starting with the boys pole vault at 2:15 p.m. Other field events begin 15 minutes later with running events starting at 4 p.m.

