

Swede boys place fourth at Dutch Zorn Invite.

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Good efforts from seniors down through a couple of freshman had Swede track coach Steve Reeves pleased with the results of the Dutch Zorn Invite.

“It was a very, very good team effort,” he said. “We had a full squad and were able to get some things done.”

The meet featured balanced team scoring with six teams finishing within 27 points of each other. Sidney took the team championship trophy home with 96 points, narrowly beating Lexington with 94. Gothenburg placed fourth with 76 points.

The Swedes had a pair of double winners.

Blake Ristine won the pole vault with a jump of 14-1 which moves him to No. 9 on the Swede all-time chart.

“That was good to see,” Reeves said. “Skyler (Kottwitz) has got the same kind of ability to go that height. That bodes well for us in the next few weeks.”

Kottwitz finished behind Ristine with his runner-up jump at 13-6.

Ristine also captured gold in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.68 seconds.

Tanner Borchardt swept the weight events. His winning toss in the shot, 55-6, tied the meet

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record. He threw 148-7 to win the discus.

“Tanner had a good day,” Reeves said. “His shot put was pretty impressive. Hopefully, we get a favorable wind here pretty soon and I think he’s definitely capable of throwing in the 160s in the discus.”

Underclassmen also made an impact for Gothenburg.

“We had a couple of freshmen that I thought competed well with Dawson Graham getting second in the long jump and Collin Hahn in the 3200,” the coach said.

Graham’s best effort in the long jump was 19-7. Hahn was limited to the 3200 and earned silver with a time of 10:34.24.



“He’d had some injury issues. He had a sore back,” Reeves said. “The last couple of weeks in order to get some more training in I’ve just run him in one event. Probably after next week we’ll probably run him in both the 1600 and the 3200.”

The district music contest Saturday will split the track squads this week. Some competed Tuesday in the Brady-Gothenburg Invitational. Other varsity athletes will be at the Lexington Invitational Friday. Fields events start at 12 noon with running events scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. start.