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Brady boys, girls teams win titles at Gothenburg.

Brady's boys earned seven gold medals and Eagle girls matched with seven event wins of their own to take first in both team title races at the Brady/Gothenburg Invite on Thursday.

Coach Rich Britten said it may be the first time in school history for both the boys and the girls to win a high school meet.

"I've been around a long time and I can't remember it ever happening," Britten said.

The Eagle boys racked up 158 team points while the girls had 133. Maxwell finished second in both.

"I thought the kids did very well for the conditions," Britten said.

Intermittent rain combined with strong winds made competition miserable.

Still, the coach said, the Eagles had solid individual performances.

Event winners for the boys were led by junior Brad Ward who took first in both the high jump and long jump.

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South Dakota's first female athlete to win a national title in the shot put, Kaitlin Blain, is the first female athlete to win a national title in the shot put.