

Boys take second at state preview meet in Kearney

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KEARNEY—Gothenburg's boys carried a lot of experience onto the course at the Kearney Country Club during the Class C race at the University of Nebraska at Kearney cross country invite on Monday.

Four Swede boys ran the same course during the state meet last fall and they expect to be back on the hilly trail next month vying for a state title.

Experience, said coach Steve Reeves, can make a world of difference on a difficult course like Kearney's.

But the Swede boys handled it well with two medalists and a second-place team finish.

Reeves said junior Brett Dockweiler ran with confidence to finish third while senior Luke Rehmert pushed for eighth place.

Joshua Clark was just outside the top 15, crossing the finish in 17th place.

Bryce Eggleston, who has been Gothenburg's No. 3 runner all season, competed despite an injury and dropped down to 35th.

"Bryce has a huge heart," Reeves said, "and he gave it all he could. That was definitely the difference between first and second in the team standings."

Ogallala took the Class C team title just nine points better than the Swedes.

"We've battled Ogallala for years," Reeves said. "They've always got an outstanding team."

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We're hopefully going to get healthy and come back at them."

In the girls race, Reeves said lack of experience came into play as the Swedes finished without a medalist and in 13th place as a team.

"For some of these girls it's the first time they've been on the course," the coach said. "The difficulty of the course might have gotten to them."

Freshman Abbie Mazour was Gothenburg's top finisher in 22nd place.

Fort Calhoun took the Class C girls title, followed by Sidney.

"The big key for our girls is that they

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