Swede cross country runners may have had some tired legs during the Gothenburg Invite on Thursday.

It was their third meet in six days and that's a lot of miles to run full speed in such a short amount of time.

But running on their home course at Wild Horse Golf Club gave the Swedes a bit of a boost.

Gothenburg's boys took second among 15 teams and the Swede girls were ninth with three medalists overall.

"We finished about where I thought we would," said coach Steve Reeves.

The Swedes were missing runners from both the girls and the boys teams.

Without seniors Ashlee Bruntz and Lauren Schmeitt, the girls were more than a little short-handed.

“Our seniors give us good leadership,” Reeves said. “We sure hope to have them healthy before the district meet.”

Freshman Abbie Mazour was the only Gothenburg girl to medal, finishing in 12th place in a time of 16:39.

“Abbie ran a nice race and the others are still trying real hard to improve,” Reeves said. “We just need to stay focused and keep moving forward.”

On the boys side, the team was without junior Bryce Eggleson, who is hampered by a foot injury.

Brett Dockweiler finished third behind Lexington’s Franklin Ibarra and Paxton’s Koby Archuletta.

“Ibarra is going to do well at state in Class B, Archuletta will do well in Class D and Brett will do well in Class C,” Reeves said. “It was a good race for them.”

Luke Rehmert also earned a medal in sixth place and Joshua Clark was nipped at the tape, missing a medal in 16th.

But the Swedes felt the loss of Eggleston as they dropped behind Lexington, which won the team titile.

“Our four, five and six runners ran competitive races,” Reeves said. “They did just exactly what we asked them to do.”

Reeves said he plans to hold Eggleston out again this week during the Southwest Conference meet, hoping to have him healthy again by the following week for the district run.

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