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Swede boys, girls hope to be healthy.

MINDEN—A strong showing at the Southwest Conference cross country meet has always meant a lot to Gothenburg coach Steve Reeves.

“It’s an important meet,” he said, “but not the most important.”

Despite finishing fifth as a team on the boys side of the SWC, Reeves was not at all disappointed.

“Overall I thought we competed well,” the coach said.

Reeves held a couple of his top boys out of Thursday’s run at Minden in hopes they will be at top form for the C-4 district at Ogallala this week.

Juniors Brett Dockweiler and Bryce Eggleston did not compete. Reeves said other boys stepped up and worked hard to earn the Swedes a fifth-place finish.

Luke Rehmert earned a medal in ninth place and Joshua Clark came in 12th.

Aaron Collins, Chris Block and Alex Spencer finished just outside medals.

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“Without Brett and Bryce, we lose a little of our team continuity,” Reeves said. “But it is what it is. Now we have to focus on the district meet.”

Ogallala took first on the boys side of the conference meet followed by Ainsworth, Broken Bow and Cozad.

The Swedes will face all of those except Ainsworth again this week as well as Sidney.



“Four of Class C’s top 10 schools are in our district,” Reeves said, “as well as an outstanding individual from Gordon-Rushville. I think we have a good shot to qualify for state as a team but we’re going to have to compete well.”

The top three teams in the district as well as the top 15 individuals earn the chance to compete at the state meet in Kearney Oct. 22.

Schools involved in the C-4 meet at Ogallala are Broken Bow, Chadron, Cozad, Gordon-Rushville, Gothenburg, Kimball, Minden, Mitchell, Ogallala, Sidney and Valentine.

Reeves said the Swede girls have an outside chance to qualify as well, if they can field a full healthy team.

Freshman Abbie Mazour earned a fifth-place medal and led the Swedes to fourth in the team standings.

Ainsworth took the top spot followed by Cozad and Minden.

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“Abbie has run solid throughout the year,” Reeves said. “She is learning how to race and her experience is paying off.”

With another solid performance, Reeves said Mazour has a good shot at making it to Kearney next week.

“And hopefully we’ll have Lauren (Schmiett) and Ashlee (Bruntz) back. That will help our team position,” Reeves said.

Sidney and Cozad are Reeves’ picks to take

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