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COZAD—It certainly wasn't ideal running conditions for a cross country meet on Thursday.

With the temperature over 100 degrees and a hot wind, some runners struggled to complete the course.

Gothenburg had its share of difficulties as the girls finished seventh in the team standings without a medalist.

Kearney took the girls team title, bringing in all six varsity runners in the top 10.

Sophomore Alayna Collins was the first Swede to cross the line in 18:30.0 with Abbie Mazour not far behind.

"The meet was an experience builder for a lot of our runners," said coach Steve Reeves. "We will improve."

On the boys side, Hastings captured the team title with four runners earning medals.

The Swede boys only put four runners on the course, not earning a team score.

Swede senior Alex Spencer led the way for Gothenburg, finishing in 18:53.3 outside the medals.

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When Gothenburg runners competed in the Gothenburg State Invitational on Friday, the heat and humidity were a major factor in the outcome of the race. The runners were not able to perform as well as they would have in cooler weather.