

With the district meet set for Thursday, Gothenburg athletes used the Cozad Invitational last Friday as a tune-up to the state-qualifying event.

"We tapered back a little bit on quantity of events and let them have an event or two," Swede coach Steve Reeves said. "Overall we had some very good performances."

The goal is to remain sharp and avoid injuries.

The Gothenburg girls did some winning along the way.

Tiani Reeves improved her No. 5 all-time performance in the 400 with a gold-medal effort of 59.02 seconds.

The Swedes swept the hurdles. MaKaela Franzen ran 16.8 seconds to win the 100-meter hurdles and Taylor Mroczek was first in the 300s at :50.71.

Gothenburg went 1-2-3 in the pole vault led by Aryn Meisinger at 9-6.

"Aryn had a real good attempt at 9-10 on her second attempt and just kind of brushed (the bar)," Reeves said. "That's a definite possibility maybe with a tail wind and a little warmer weather."

Siera Schwanz matched Meisinger, but had more misses. Her 9-6 vault ties the No. 4 all-time mark held by four Swedes.

Swede girls tune up at Cozad for district

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Gothenburg also scored well in the relays with a first, second and third.

The 4x400 foursome of Regan Geiken, Meisinger, Franzen and Jennifer Maline won with a time of 4:17.13.

Emily Franzen took the gold in the shot with a best effort of 37-7.

Lexington will host the District B-5 meet. Field events start at 12:30 p.m. with running events beginning at 2.

No team scores were kept.

