Swedes keeping eyes on state.

HASTINGS—The four-team round-robin dual meet in Hastings on Saturday was not what Gothenburg wrestling coach Eric Manstedt thought he was getting into.

Still, a team championship and six undefeated wrestlers gives the Swedes a good dose of confidence as they face the final two meets of the season before state.

“It wasn’t as tough a meet as we would have hoped for at this point in the season,” Manstedt said, “but I guess it gives our kids a little mental break.”

Of the six wrestlers who finished the day unscathed, only one competed in three matches. The rest had at least one forfeit.

“The kids would honestly rather wrestle than win by forfeit,” Manstedt said. “That’s a whole different culture than we’ve had on this team in the past.”

Sophomore Bryce Eggleston earned victories in all three matches at 130 pounds with one major decision and two pins.

The others to go undefeated were Mitch Spiegel (103), Tanner Schwanz (119), Justin Larson (125), Chris Hyde (135) and Tommy France (215).

No individual medals were awarded, Manstedt said.

The meet served as a warm-up for the Southwest Conference meet on Saturday in Valentine.

Manstedt said SWC will be a tough contest with solid individuals competing from all seven schools.

“Cozad, Ainsworth and Minden will all put up plenty of team points,” he said. “I just want my kids to compete hard and stay the course toward state.”

Three weights will be stacked, Manstedt said. The 135, 160 and 215 classes are loaded with good wrestlers.

“Those who come out on top will earn valuable points for their teams,” the coach said.

Gothenburg will have its share of targets too.

“We’ll just have to see how the weights stack up,” Manstedt said. “Getting kids in the finals will be important.”

Wrestling is set to begin at 11 a.m.

“We want to see our best wrestling in the last two weeks of the season,” Manstedt said. “We haven’t peaked yet. We don’t want to get to the top of the curve until districts. Getting to state is the goal.”

DUAL SCORES

Gothenburg 36 Seward 21

Gothenburg 48 Wayne 19

Gothenburg 51 Hastings 20

INDIVIDUAL SWEDE RESULTS

103—Mitch Spiegel won by forfeit over Seward; pinned Austin Frieders of Wayne in 1:53; won by forfeit over Marcos Estrada of Hastings.

112—Dillon Larson was pinned by Bryce Rolenc of Seward in 26 seconds; pinned Aaron Sveson of Wayne in 1:05; was pinned by Stephen Gnagy of Hastings in 3:40.

119—Tanner Schwanz won 20-3 technical fall over Jerry Lund of Seward; won by forfeit over Wayne; pinned Zach Clodfelter of Hastings in 3:35.

125—Justin Larson won by forfeit over Seward; pinned Roman Roberts of Wayne in 1:35; won 9-2 decision over Tate Scherbarth of Hastings.

130—Bryce Eggleston won 14-8 major decision over Nathan Pflueger of Seward; pinned Garrett Vaswer of Wayne in 1:04; pinned Zak Moore of Hastings in 2:44.

135—Chris Hyde pinned Chase Deboer of Seward in 1:36; won by forfeit over Wayne; won by

forfeit over Hastings.

140—Eric Stevens won 9-2 decision over Noe of Seward; was pinned by Logan Owens of Wayne in 2:36; pinned Sadd of Hastings in 3:48.

145—Alex McClement pinned Dworak of Seward in 44 seconds; won forfeit over Collin Loberg of Wayne; lost 17-2 technical fall to Matt Barker of Hastings.

152—Jesse Larson was pinned by Austin Fehlhafe of Seward in 1:06; pinned Aaron Lucheson of Wayne in 1:13; lost 6-2 decision to Troung of Hastings.

160—Kyle Demoret lost 6-4 decision to Sam Dierberger of Seward; was pinned by Riley McManus of Wayne in 53 seconds; won forfeit over Hastings.

171—Cameron Frazho was pinned by Matthew Degarmo of Seward in 1:03; lost 9-0 major decision to Jared Claussen of Wayne; was pinned by Eric Smith of Hastings in 5:29.

215—Tommy France won by forfeit over Seward; pinned Shane Davie of Wayne in 1:06; pinned Kyle Kloke of Hastings in 1:59.

285—Dane Ehlers won by forfeit over Seward; lost 4-2 decision to Jorge Dunklau of Wayne; pinned Rafael Linares of Hastings in 57 seconds.