

## Gothenburg boys to face tough opponents at B-6 district

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### **Nothing will come easy for Swedes.**

COZAD—With weather less than ideal and the district meet just days away, Gothenburg's boys took it easy on opponents at the Cozad Invite on Friday.

"We had outstanding performances at the Southwest Conference meet and at the Best of the Midwest," said coach Steve Reeves. "This Cozad meet is one we don't put a lot of emphasis on."

That means most Swedes don't compete in as many events as they normally do or, maybe, don't compete at all.

"Right now we're looking ahead to the district meet," Reeves said. "That's what we work toward all season."

Still, the Swedes earned their share of medals at Cozad.

Tannor Mroczek and Andrew Collins earned individual gold medals in the 100-meter dash and 1600-meter run, respectively.

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The Gothenburg 4x100 and 4x400 relays took first as well.



“We had a few personal best performances and saw some time improvements,” Reeves said, “but really it’s a time to tune up or rest up for the district.”

Other teams competing at Cozad were Broken Bow, Cozad, Minden and Ogallala. No team scores were kept.

Gothenburg travels to Scottsbluff on Thursday for the B-6 district meet.

“We will see some outstanding competition from good teams and strong individuals,” Reeves said. “Nobody’s going to dominate this meet.”

Reeves said Scottsbluff has a strong team overall, Sidney brings depth in the sprints, Ogallala has solid distance runners and McCook will do well in field events.

“There are no givens here,” the coach said. “We’re going to have to compete hard.”

The first four places in the running events at the district meet qualify for the state in Omaha May 21-22.

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The top three finishers in the field events and the first two relays, along with the next four fastest times, also will compete at state.

“We’ll certainly have to fight for every place we get,” Reeves said. “That’s what districts is all about.”

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