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Injuries hamper Swede boys; Mazour finishes 27th.

KEARNEY—It was tough for the Swede boys to go into the state cross country meet with one of their best runners watching in street clothes and another far from 100% healthy.

“It’s disappointing for the kids and as a coach,” said Gothenburg coach Steve Reeves. “But it’s not all about the wins and losses.”

Swede junior Brett Dockweiler led Gothenburg’s boys to a third-place team finish at the district meet despite running with an injury.

He encouraged his teammates as a spectator at the Kearney Country Club during the Class C portion of Friday’s state meet.

Fellow junior Bryce Eggleston ran at state despite an injury that has plagued him the past few weeks.

“It’s unfortunate but those things happen,” Reeves said.

The adversities made senior Luke Rehmert’s 12th-place medal all the more sweet.

Rehmert, a four-time state qualifier, medaled in 14th as a sophomore.

Reeves said he told Rehmert to give it his all.

“I just told him that it was his last cross country race and he might as well go out and have the best day ever,” the coach said.

Rehmert improved his time by just over 36 seconds from the last time he ran the Kearney course at the University of Nebraska at Kearney Invite in September.



In fact, Reeves said all the Swedes participating in the state meet improved their times on that course since earlier this season.

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“That’s an indicator that we went out and competed,” Reeves said. “Would’ve and could’ve don’t mean anything but if we had been healthy, I think we could have been in the hunt for a trophy.”

Ogallala, a team the Swedes have chased all season, won the boys Class C title with Milford in second.

In the girls race, freshman Abbie Mazour was the lone runner for the Swedes.

“It’s tough for any kid to compete at state as an individual and go in feeling confident,” Reeves said, “but I think Abbie ran a much better race than she did the last time she was on that course.”

Mazour finished 27th of 93 Class C girls runners. Her time Friday was almost a minute better

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