

It's a three-peat for Swede girls

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Gothenburg wins SWC title.

The Gothenburg girls track squad's strong team depth was on display Saturday at Cozad as the Swedes breezed to the Southwest Conference championship.

Gothenburg scored in every event while amassing 145 points to easily out-distance runner-up Cozad with 104 for the Swedes' third straight SWC title.

"The kids really performed very, very well. I was pleased with that," Swede coach Steve Reeves said. "That was something we focused on for our first bigger meet of the year."

The Swedes won five events, had two girls place in five events and three earn medals in two others.

"I thought we were definitely in the hunt to win it," Reeves said. "I thought Minden and Cozad would be our biggest challengers. Things went really well that way."

Tiani Reeves had a hand in four gold medals, including three individual first place finishes. She tied the Southwest Conference record in the long jump with a winning leap of 18-3. She also placed first in the triple jump with an effort of 35-10.

Reeves was pushed in the 200-meter dash, but finished with the winning time of 25.52 seconds.

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"The 200 was a great race to watch between Tiani and Addi Woodward of Minden," the coach said. Woodward finished one one-hundredth of a second behind the Swede junior.

Gothenburg's 1600 relay easily won the gold medal with a time of 4:11.83. Members of the foursome include Regan Geiken, Aryn Meisinger, Andie Geiken and Reeves.

"We've run a little faster," Steve Reeves said. "That's something we need to continue to work on and get faster if we want to be in the medal hunt down at state.

"At the end of the day, everybody is a little bit tired. We have to find a way to get a little quicker."

Meisinger was the other gold medal winner for the Swedes, taking first in the pole vault with a jump of 8-6.



The field events gave the Swedes momentum heading to the track.

"By the time field events were done, we scored in the 70s and that put some distance between us and the rest of the field going into the track events," Reeves said. "That's something we focus on and try to be holistic as far as our program is concerned. The girls did an outstanding job."

Gothenburg will use the Cozad Invitational Friday as a tune-up for the district meet the next week. Field events start at 4 p.m. with running events at 4:30.

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