

Volleyball team loses tight battle with St. Pat's

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NORTH PLATTE—There couldn't have been many fingernails left when the teams and the fans left the gym after last week's volleyball match between Gothenburg and North Platte St. Pat's.

In two sets alone, the score was tied 23 times, said Swede coach Becky Costello.

"Each team had its runs," Costello said. "We'd get up and they'd come back. Then we'd do the same thing to them."

It was an exciting game to watch. It just didn't turn out the way Gothenburg had hoped.

St. Pat's got the victory in four sets 25-17, 23-25, 25-19, 25-20.

"We started slow," Costello said, "and it's just really hard to make up ground when you're playing from behind, especially for evenly matched teams."

The Swedes got behind at the beginning of the second set also but were able to make a run and take a 21-14 lead on five straight service points for senior Janae Wiggins.

St. Pat's closed the gap but with a 24-23 Swede lead, Gothenburg won on a stuff block.

The third set was just as close with the score tied 10 times until at 18-18 the Irish put it away with five straight serves.

The fourth set was more of the same, Costello said.

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Untimely errors became costly. The Swedes missed

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