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Turnovers hamper boys in 73-58 loss to Sutherland.

SUTHERLAND—When Sutherland’s shooters started hitting three-pointers like true sailors drop anchor, Gothenburg’s boys found themselves in a sinking ship.

The Sailors hit seven three-point shots—three in a row in the third quarter—to gain an insurmountable advantage over the Swedes and win Friday night 73-58.

“They shot lights out,” said Gothenburg coach Roger Koehler. “When they’re hitting threes at that rate, it makes it a little tough to defend.”

At the same time, the Swedes found themselves struggling to hang onto the ball.

“We are our own worst enemy,” Koehler said. “We’ve just got to do a better job of taking care of the ball.”

Throughout the first half, the Sailors and the Swedes battled point for point.

Sutherland cruised to a 9-4 lead in the first period before Gothenburg came back to tie at 11-11.

Despite three offensive fouls, all called as moving screens from Gothenburg’s flex offense, the Swedes trailed by just two points at the end of the first quarter 13-11.

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A three-pointer by Brett Dockweiler and a pair of back-to-back long bombs by Jack Dudley gave the Swedes a 23-17 lead with 4:49 to go in the half.

After Sutherland called a timeout to adjust, Gothenburg didn't get another trey until late in the third.

Still, with time running out before halftime, the score was knotted 31-31 before Sailor Landon Holmes sank a long-range three-pointer to give Sutherland a 34-31 advantage.

"We were right there," Koehler said.

But the Sailors came out on fire in the third quarter hitting the first five shots they put up.

"They hit a three, we came down and made a turnover," Koehler said. "They hit a two and we made a turnover. They hit another three and we made another turnover. We were down three to start the second half and all of a sudden we were trailing by 13. It's pretty tough to battle back from that kind of a hole."

At the same time, Sutherland (6-3) gained confidence and momentum.

Up 48-40, Tyler Jedlicki hit a deep two-point field goal as the buzzer sounded at the end of the third period to give Sutherland a

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