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Girls advance to semi-finals.

It was almost as if the stars aligned.

Swede basketball coach Tim Peterson has been asking his girls all season to commit fewer turnovers, take more shot attempts, get to the free throw line and play aggressive defense.

They all happened at once Monday night against Ogallala in the opening round of the Southwest Conference tournament in Gothenburg as the Swedes outlasted the Indians 49-43.

In the first quarter, the score went back and forth several times ending with a 10-8 Ogallala lead.

Then the Indians seemed to get an edge in the second period.

“We gave up a few too many penetration baskets,” Peterson said.

The Swedes trailed 23-19 at halftime.

“I knew we needed to make them shoot from the outside,” Peterson said. “They’re like us. If we make them miss a few times, they’re going to get frustrated.”

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At the same time, the coach told his players not to settle for the outside shot themselves.

“I wanted them to drive to the basket,” he said. “That’s how you get to the line most of the time.”

The girls took Peterson’s advice to heart, taking the ball to the hole more in the second half and drawing fouls.

Gothenburg went to the line 24 times and made

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