

Swedes advance in state playoffs

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Gothenburg shuts out Minden.

Gothenburg football coach Craig Haake has known from the beginning of the 2009 season that his team is capable of sustained drives and big plays.

In a cold rain that caused a squishy field Thursday night, it was the big plays that made the difference.

“In that kind of slop, it’s hard to maintain any kind of consistent offense,” Haake said. “Minden’s offense is built to go three or four yards at a time. We rely on more movement. On that field, that concerned me.”

But four big plays resulting in touchdowns gave the Swedes a 24-0 victory over Minden in the first round of the Class C-1 state playoffs.

“Defensively we played a fantastic game,” Haake said.

Offensively, the Swedes found a way to get the job done.



Neither team scored in the first quarter but Gothenburg got on the board early in the second period when Tannor Mroczek returned a punt 34 yards for a touchdown.

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"We had them pinned deep and I knew they didn't want to punt to Tannor," Haake said. "Really, they didn't have much choice."

Four big blocks helped get Mroczek in the endzone. The two-point conversion failed but Gothenburg led 6-0 with 11:44 to play in the first half.

That was also the score at halftime.

The Swedes found some success in the third quarter running the ball to the right side using Landen Haake as a decoy for Mroczek.

"We ran a couple of iso plays with Landen leading Tannor and got good yards," Haake said. "Speed is a great thing but unless you can go forward, speed doesn't do much for you."

Even before halftime the middle of the field was a mud hole. The best footing, Haake said, was outside the hashes.

Late in the third period on second down with 10 yards to go from the Gothenburg 5-yard line, the Swedes ran a crossbuck play to Mroczek.

"Tannor got outside, hurdled one guy and he was gone," Haake said. "I don't know if it's his hockey background or what but he seems to be able to make cuts on bad fields that no one else can manage."

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Scoring by quarters		Minden		Gothenburg	
1st	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2nd	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
3rd	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
4th	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

TEAM STATISTICS	
First downs	7
Passes	1-3-0
Passing yards	24
Rushes, yards	31-250
Total offense	274
Fumbles, lost	1-1
Pena/Inex, yards	4-27
Punts, av	4-36

GOTHENBURG	
RUSHING	Att. Yds. Ave.
Tanner Mrozczek	7 166 23.7
Landen Haake	13 55 4.2
Mark Hilderbrand	10 29 2.9
Joel Teahon	1 0 0.0
TOTALS	31 250 8.1

PASSING	
Op. Att.	Yds. Int.
Mark Hilderbrand	1-3 24 0
TOTALS	1-3 24 0

RECEIVING	
No.	Yds. Ave.
Patrick Reeves	1 24 24.0
TOTALS	1 24 24.0

DEFENSE	
UA	A Tot.
Joel Teahon	9 4 13
Brady Prittsauer	9 4 13
Doran Johnson	9 3 11
Landen Haake	7 3 10
Patrick Reeves	4 4 8
Mark Hilderbrand	4 2 6
Tommy Franor	2 4 6
Levi Bahre	2 3 5
Andrew Ostendorf	3 1 4
Tyler Adams	3 1 4
Wes Schamer	2 2 4
TOTALS	61 49 8.2

MINDEN	
Att.	Yds. Ave.
Clint Birnie	25 85 3.3
Bryce Lewis	1 12 12.0
Lane Blankenbaker	6 10 1.7
Carson Blum	3 7 2.3
Tyron Middlewert	2 6 3.0
Ryan Bergstrom	11 -19 -1.7
TOTALS	48 99 2.1

PASSING	
Op. Att.	Yds. Int.
Ryan Bergstrom	6-13 49 1
TOTALS	6-13 49 1

RECEIVING	
No.	Yds. Ave.
Andrew Schwonka	1 14 14.0
Carson Blum	1 7 7.0
Nick Hansen	1 4 4.0
Clint Birnie	1 3 3.0
TOTALS	4 28 7.0

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