

Swedes beat Cozad in three sets

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GOTHENBURG over COZAD--25-18, 25-16, 25-21											
	SERVES		HITS		SETS			RECEIVE			BI
	At	A	Ps.	M-A	K	M-A	As	M-A	Digs		
Abby Ambler.....	14	19	9	2-2	0	0-0	0	10-19	2	0	
All Clark.....	7	9	0	0-1	0	0-0	0	7-9	15	0	
Erica Houchin.....	1	1	0	0-0	0	1-2	0	0-0	0	0	
McKenzie Gethen.....	0	0	0	1-1	1	16-16	8	2-5	2	0	
Makyla Franzén.....	0	1	0	7-8	2	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	
Emily Max.....	11	12	6	27-31	13	0-0	0	12-12	7	5	
Kira Peterson.....	16	18	4	0-0	0	36-38	10	1-1	2	0	
Alina Jensen.....	0	0	0	2-3	0	0-0	0	0-0	1	4	
Janae Wiggins.....	9	10	3	0-2	0	0-0	0	0-1	3	0	
Jacey Wiggins.....	9	10	1	8	15-18	5	9-9	1	2-3	3	
TOTALS.....	67	78	11	63	64	46	21	62	65	19	
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Regular season ends with a win.

The Gothenburg volleyball team closed out the regular season last week with a straight-set win over Cozad.

“The girls came out ready to play and they gave a good, solid performance,” coach Mary Clark said of the Oct. 27 game.

The Swedes defeated the Haymakers 25-18, 25-16, 25-21.

“The girls were very consistent, playing smart volleyball,” Clark said. “Our setters were getting the ball into the zone and our hitters worked to get around the blocks and put the ball in the holes.”

At the same time, Clark said, the defensive coverage was where it was supposed to be.

“We had good balance and that’s what we’re really hoping to see this time of year,” she said.

Senior Emily Max was as strong as ever at the net hitting 27-of-31 for 13 kills with five stuff blocks. She was also 11-of-12 serving for six points and picked up a perfect 12-of-12 on serve receive.

“Emily is always going to be tough at the net,” Clark said. “We rely a lot on her leadership.”

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Other Swedes had strong performances as well.

Senior setter Kira Peterson made 16-of-18 serves with four aces and a team-high 14 service points. She also had 36-of-38 good sets with 10 assists.

Junior libero Ali Clark picked up 15 digs.

“I was very glad to be able to put Abie Jensen back on the court,” Clark said. “She did a good job after missing so many games.”

Jensen has been battling a foot injury. She was 3-of-3 hitting and managed four blocks.

“Abby Ambler did a great job of filling in for us at the middle hitter position,” Clark said. “That’s not her usual spot but she filled the role well.”

The Swedes end the regular season with a 12-14 record, the best record since 2003 when Gothenburg finished 17-10.

Clark said over the weekend when the team watched game films from earlier in the year, improvement was obvious.

“It’s fun to see how far the kids have come,” she said. “This is a great group of girls.”