

## Swedes place second after getting battered by Bulldogs

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Gothenburg ran into a hitting machine for the Swedes' only loss at the Scottsbluff Invitational Friday and Saturday.

The victories came easily as Gothenburg gave up just one run in those four games.

"It's a very good tournament for us because we got to play five varsity and four jayvee games," Swede coach Roger Neujahr said. "We get plenty of action and that's good."

Three Swedes were named to the all-tournament team: Amanda Barkmeier, Becca Riley and Shay Wear.

Gothenburg hosts Holdrege Thursday and will compete in the Grand Island Northwest Invitational Saturday at Veterans Field.

Scottsbluff falls 8-0

Everything came together for an 8-0 Swede victory over the hosts in the tournament opener.

"It was a game that you strive for," Neujahr said. "We had great pitching, timely hitting and no errors."

Gothenburg scored at least one run in every inning but the second.

The Bearcats were retired in order except for a single in the second inning and another in the fifth. Neither advanced past first base.

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The Swedes led 1-0 on Emily Franzen's RBI single.

Four more runs were added in a third inning that featured two sacrifice bunts and a sac fly. Shay Wear started it all off with a triple.

Errors and a sac fly by Franzen produced one run in the fourth and Olivia Lafleur singled in a run in the fifth.

Brittyn Munster started the sixth with a triple and then ended the game early when she scored on an error.

Becca Riley went 3-for-3, all singles.

Amanda Barkmeier fanned seven and didn't walk an opponent.

Cards fall to Swedes, 11-1

An eight-run third inning powered Gothenburg to an 11-1 victory over Chadron.

The Swede led 3-0 after the first inning. A sacrifice fly by Emily Franzen and an RBI single by Siera Schwanz powered the way.

Gothenburg couldn't get anything going in the second inning, but the players made up for it in the third sending 11 to the plate.

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Katlin Harm's two-run double provided the most noise. Kyndal Holmes also doubled in the inning driving in one run.

Holmes finished the game with a pair of hits, as did Brittyn Munster.

Gering hammers out 11-4 win

The Bulldogs's bite was too much for Gothenburg. Gering connected for 10 hits, including four doubles and a triple.

"They hit us extremely hard," Neujahr said. "That was the hardest our pitching has been hit in six or seven years."

Combine that with seven Gothenburg errors, and the Swedes faced a challenge they couldn't overcome.

The scouting report on Gering's pitcher, Jennifer Barge, showed that she liked to throw high pitches. That combined with a high strike zone turned into a two-hitter for Barge.

The Bulldogs scored a pair in the first inning and added a solo run in the third.

The lead grew to 8-0 when Barge helped her own cause with a bases-loaded double in the top of the fourth. Two more runs came home before that hit.

Gothenburg used three walks and Katlin Harm's RBI single for two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

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Five Swede errors and three Bulldog singles plated three more runs for Gering in the sixth.

The Swedes started a rally in the bottom of the inning led by Becca Riley's two-run double. Bases were loaded with no outs, but the rally fizzled after two strikeouts and a pop fly ended the game.

Riley and Katlin Harm garnered the only hits for Gothenburg.

Quick start for Swedes

Gothenburg jumped out to a 5-0 lead after one inning and went on to beat Chase County 10-0.

Becca Riley's bases-loaded triple was the big blast for Gothenburg.

The Swedes added a pair in the second with the help of a couple of errors and a walk.

A double play erased a scoring opportunity for Gothenburg in the third.

The game ended early in the fourth inning after Kyndal Holmes' one run double and an RBI single by Riley gave the Swedes a 10-run lead.

Riley was perfect at the plate going 3-for-3 with four runs batted in.

A couple of Swede errors kept Amanda Barkmeier from throwing a perfect game. She fanned seven Chase County batters.

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Gothenburg rolls 13-0

The Swedes capped the tournament with a 13-0 victory over winless Alliance.

The Bulldogs did manage a single, but the base runner was quickly stranded in the first inning.

Gothenburg sent 14 batters to the plate in the opening frame and came away with nine runs.

The second found seven players going to the plate with none getting an official at-bat. Five walks, a hit batter and a sacrifice bunt turned into four runs before runners intentionally led off for outs.

Brittyn Munster hit a triple for the Swedes.