GOTHENBURG INVITE

Gothenburg will host three other schools for a softball tournament Saturday at the four-plex.

Games start at 11 a.m. with the following schedule:

Round 1—Gothenburg vs. Southern Valley; St. Paul vs. Minden

Round 2—Gothenburg vs. Minden; St. Paul vs. Southern Valley

Round 3—Gothenburg vs. St. Paul; Southern Valley vs. Minden

Gothenburg has trouble with local native

The Gothenburg softball team ran out of gas in the championship game of the Grand Island Northwest Invitational.

The Swedes handled Central City 10-2 in the first round and clipped Adams Central 4-0 in the semifinals.

The tables were turned in the title tilt against undefeated Grand Island Northwest. The Vikings (16-0) dominated in all phases of the game while winning 11-0. They have eight shutouts this season.

The Swedes, now 15-4, face a busy week. Gothenburg traveled to Minden Tuesday for a triangular against the Whippets and Lexington. Next up are games against Alliance and Chadron Thursday at Ogallala.

The Swedes host Minden, Southern Valley and St. Paul in the Gothenburg Invite on Saturday (see box).

Swedes hammer Bison

All but one player hit safely and six Swedes had a pair of hits in Gothenburg’s 10-2 win over Central City.

Despite all that hitting, the Swedes had just one hit and trailed 2-0 after two innings.

Katlin Harm led off the third with a single and scored on Brittyn Munster's single.

Things heated up in the fourth inning, starting with a leadoff triple by Hanna Wolf. Two doubles and a single followed that put Gothenburg on top 3-2.

The Swedes continued to pour it on in the fifth inning paced by Kyndal Holmes' triple. Gothenburg led 7-2.

Three more hits led to three more runs in the sixth inning.

In addition to the triples, players with doubles included Holmes, Becca Riley (2) and Harm.

Neujahr tried to get by starting Sam Tiedemann on the mound and resting starter Amanda Barkmeier, but the Swede freshman ran into some early trouble. Barkmeier came in and scattered three hits while fanning five batters.

The biggest blow in the game came when Holmes was injured in a collision at third base in the final inning.

Swedes handle the speed

Gothenburg batters came up with just five hits, but it was enough in a 4-0 victory over Adams Central.

The “book” on the Patriots’ pitcher was that she throws heat, perhaps the fastest the team will see this year.

“That gave us some trouble,” Neujahr said. “She was faster and we struggled with that.”

“We have to adjust and that’s so hard to do when you face somebody at about 50 miles per hour and then you face somebody at 59 mph.”

Adams Central placed just two runners in scoring position and both were stranded.

The Swedes didn’t get on the scoreboard until the third inning when two hits and three walks combined for a pair of runs.

Becca Riley had her second hit of the game, this time a double, to lead a two-run rally in the fifth inning.

Things fall apart in loss

Gothenburg native Ashley Scherer dominated the Swedes while pitching her Northwest Vikings to an 11-0 win.

“She has movement (with her pitches) and we didn’t adjust,” the Swede coach said.

Gothenburg managed only two hits—singles by Emily Franzen and Katlin Harm. The team had just two other base runners, one on an error and another from a walk.

“We didn’t show up. I don’t know what it is,” Neujahr said.

The Vikings had little trouble at the plate, finishing with 15 hits, including three for extra bases. They scored a solo run in the first and multiple runs in the remaining innings.