

Playoff streak up to 11

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Gothenburg's football team pushed the number of consecutive state playoff appearances to 11 with a 4-4 record on the regular season and a Class C-1 playoff berth announced Saturday by the Nebraska School Activities Association.

The Swedes are seeded No. 13 in the western half of the C-1 bracket and will travel to Cozad for the first-round game at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Swede coach Craig Haake said there are pros and cons to playing Cozad but he's not going to be picky.

"We put ourselves in a position to make the playoffs," Haake said. "Sure we'd like to play somebody we haven't already seen this year but this way we know exactly what we're up against."

Cozad defeated Gothenburg 42-7 in September.

"They beat us on our home field handily, or so the score said," Haake said. "We know we've got to control the ball and stop the big plays."

It wasn't necessarily big plays that caused Gothenburg's 31-0 shutout by Kearney Catholic on Thursday night to end the regular season.

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