

## Plainsmen beat Swedes at line

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GRANT—Perkins County got to the free throw line 19 times and made 11 compared to only three trips to the charity stripes for Gothenburg Saturday night.

The disparity showed in the final score as the Plainsmen defeated Gothenburg 51-41.

“We were mentally not in the game,” said Gothenburg coach Roger Koehler. “We’d have a play that we talked about in a timeout or at halftime and we couldn’t even get lined up correctly when we got on the floor. It’s frustrating.”

Gothenburg led 12-8 at the end of the first quarter and appeared to have the game under control until Perkins County’s Quinton Hite caught fire and the Swedes couldn’t stop him.

“We talked about it over and over that we weren’t going to be able to play help defense with him,” Koehler said, “and we still had guys who would drop off.”

Hite finished the game with 24 points to lead Perkins County.

“We also missed at least 10 point-blank bunny shots,” Koehler said. “There’s really no excuse for that.”

Senior Logan Koehler led the Swedes with 17 points and five assists while sophomore Tanner Borchardt pulled down 10 rebounds.

The Swedes, now 1-4, will need to refocus for the week ahead as they travel to North Platte to face St. Pat’s on Thursday.

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The Irish were pre-season ranked at No. 5 and will be a tough opponent, the coach said.

Class B Holdrege comes to town on Friday with an 0-3 record but that doesn't mean the Dusters won't put up a fight.

"Holdrege is always a physical team and we're going to have to get it together," Koehler said.

Tipoff Friday is set for 6 p.m. with the boys varsity game to precede the girls.