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Swedes finish third with three dual wins

Sometimes, getting off on the right foot can make all the difference in the world.

Gothenburg senior Dalton Goodwin established the attitude for Swede wrestlers early at their home invite on Friday.

In the first match of the first dual at the Gothenburg Invite, Goodwin took a never-back-down stance to the limit.

Matched against Chase Christiansen of Holdrege, Goodwin fought off several close calls to finish the regulation six minutes with a tie score of 10-10.

In the first one-minute overtime, neither wrestler was able to get a takedown.

In the next two frames, 30 seconds each, the score remained unchanged as again, neither was able to get an edge.

Then came the sudden victory conclusion. The first wrestler to score wins the match.

Goodwin started on the bottom and wiggled free in just a few seconds to finish with an 11-10 overtime victory.

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“Dalton started the dual off right,” said coach Tom Scott. “He set the tone early and the kids wrestled well overall.”

Gothenburg went 3-2 in dual action defeating Broken Bow, Ainsworth and High Plains to finish third as a team with two weight class champions, three runners-up and two third places.

“We were aggressive against Holdrege, even though we lost,” Scott said of the 53-26 dual score. “And the Broken Bow dual was probably our best dual of the year.”

Gothenburg had seven pins against a full Indian team to win 60-27.

The Swedes also had a pair of pins against High Plains, one of which made the difference between winning and losing the dual.

“Preston (Franzen) had a huge win against High Plains,” Scott said. “The dual was closer than we wanted it to be.”

Franzen pinned Matthew Pedarek in 1:39. Had he beaten Pedarek by decision, the dual score would have been tied and a tie-breaker would have likely gone to High Plains.

Weight class champions were Seth Eggleston at 126 pounds and Skyler Kottwitz at 170.

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