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BROKEN BOW—The Swede boys were caught a little off guard by Broken Bow's patience Friday night and the Indians' willingness to keep resetting the offense as they looked for open shots.

Broken Bow was able to control the pace for only a little bit, though, as the Swedes revved up the tempo and the score for a 55-39 victory.

"I was a little surprised by Broken Bow's style at the beginning of the game," said Gothenburg coach Roger Koehler. "They were very, very patient."

By slowing down the Swedes and using plenty of clock in the first half, the Indians gained a 10-9 lead at the end of one period.

That edge didn't last long, though. The Swedes picked up their defense as well as their offense to push ahead for a 28-17 lead at halftime.

"They didn't match up with us very well inside so they didn't get many opportunities in the paint," Koehler said. "They have some decent outside shooters but we did a good job of pressuring that in the second half."

Gothenburg opened the third quarter with a 1-3-1 half-court trap press and the Swedes were able to create several turnovers.

At the same time, the Swedes were able to handle Broken Bow's full-court man-to-man pressure well enough to force the Indians out of it.

"I think we'll see a lot of full-court man from here on out," the coach said.

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Sophomore Tanner Borchardt led the Swedes with 21 points and nine rebounds.

Junior Blake Ristine picked up 17 points while senior Logan Koehler chipped in 13.

"It's nice to get a win going into the conference tournament," Koehler said. "Broken Bow is not an easy place to play."

The Swedes improve to 6-9 going into the Southwest Conference tournament this week.

Gothenburg played at Minden Tuesday night in the first round. Results were not available before press time.

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