

Girls escape rough game at Broken Bow with win

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BROKEN BOW—The Gothenburg girls extended their winning streak to five games on Friday with a victory on the road at Broken Bow.

It wasn't easy, though. Despite the Indians having only one win so far this season, the 8-8 Swedes struggled from the field and were forced to make up the difference at the free throw line.

Fortunately, said Swede coach Chris Lecher, they got the job done from the line and came away with a 38-30 victory.

It wasn't so much the poor shooting, Lecher said, as the rough play that made him grateful to get the win.

"The referees didn't set the tone early and it got kind of crazy," he said.

Swede senior Brittyn Munster left the game with a gash in her chin that required stitches.

"I think we were lucky there wasn't anything worse," he said.

Both teams struggled from the field in the first half as Gothenburg took a 7-5 lead at the end of the first quarter and the Swedes were up only 11-9 at halftime.

"We weren't getting to the line much in the first half and we couldn't make a bucket," Lecher said.

Scoring production in the second half was a little better as the Swedes pushed ahead 24-18 at

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the end of the third period.

Lecher said his girls led by as many as 12 points in the fourth quarter and he was sure they would pull away for good.

“I was thinking we were going to be able to create a little more space and then Broken Bow made a couple of goofy three-pointers,” he said. “Before we knew it, the gap was down to six and we were having to fight them off again.”

Gothenburg had the same number of free throw attempts in the game as field goals, making 24-of-33 from the line but only 7-of-33 from the field.

Junior Regan Geiken was 10-of-15 at the stripe with a pair of buckets to lead the Swedes with 14 points.

Aryn Meisinger and Emily Franzen chipped in seven points each.