Swede girls will work to reduce turnovers.

Gothenburg's girls didn't play poorly in their 65-42 loss to Lexington Saturday night.

It's just difficult to compete with a lightning quick team that shoots 63% from the field, 64% from three-point range and perfect from the line.

"You're not going to find a team faster or quicker with a group of ball handlers like they have," said Gothenburg coach Tim Peterson. "The way they shot the ball, they're going to handle pretty much everybody they play."

Lexington pressured the Swedes from the opening tip-off but it wasn't the Maids' defense that caused Gothenburg trouble.

"We weren't aggressive enough from the start," Peterson said. "Then (Hailey) Mandelko got in a rhythm and we couldn't get her stopped."

Mandelko, a junior, had nine of Lexington's 22 points in the first quarter and 21 total at the half. She finished with 26 points including four three-pointers.

"She's a great player and she's got a pretty solid supporting cast," Peterson said.

Gothenburg trailed 22-8 at the end of the first quarter and lagged behind 41-18 at halftime and

didn't get any closer than 20 points the entire second half.

"It's not like we played poorly or took bad shots," Peterson said.

The Swedes were 18-of-39 from the field for 46% and shot 29% from three-point range.

"We still committed too many turnovers," the coach said.

Gothenburg had 21 turnovers compared with Lexington's 15.

"The effort is definitely there," Peterson said. "We just need to pick up the quality of play."

Emily Max led the Swedes with 21 points and seven rebounds. Shelby Eggleston added eight points.

"We're still struggling a little bit with chemistry," Peterson said. "I think it will come."

The Swedes travel to Southern Valley on Thursday to face the 0-2 Eagles and then host Perkins County on Saturday.

Peterson said both teams are similar to Gothenburg in personnel and ability.

“To win, we’re going to have to cut down on the turnovers,” Peterson said. “It’s as simple as that.”

Saturday’s home game is scheduled to begin at approximately 3:30 p.m.

LEXINGTON 65,
GOTHENBURG 42

GOTH	FG	FT	PF	Rb	PT
A. Abramson	2-5	0-0	1	2	4
A. Clark	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
S. Eggleston	4-5	0-0	0	4	8
K. Franzen	1-5	0-0	0	1	2
E. Max	9-14	3-4	3	7	21
T. Paul	0-3	1-2	1	2	1
K. Peterson	2-6	0-0	1	2	6
J. Wiggins	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	18-39	4-6	6	19	42

Three-pointers: Gothenburg, Kira Peterson, 2; Lexington, Hailey Mandelko, 4; Casey Seberger, 2; Renee Otero, 1 .

Field goals: Gothenburg, 18-39, 46%; Lexington, 25-40, 63%.

Free throws: Gothenburg, 4-6, 67%; Lexington, 6-8, 100%.

Fouls: Gothenburg, 6; Lexington, 11.

Rebounds: Gothenburg, 5 offensive, 14 defensive, 19 total; Lexington, 7 offensive, 9 defensive, 16 total.

Turnovers: Gothenburg, 21; Lexington, 15.

Scoring by quarters:

Lexington	22	19	16	8	—65
Gothenburg	8	10	14	10	—42