

A sense of urgency

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Strong fourth quarter lifts Swedes over Perkins County.

It's no fluke that the Perkins County girls basketball team has made a trip to the state tournament four years in a row.

"They're good," said Gothenburg coach Tim Peterson, "and they got after us right away."

But it was tenacity in the end that drove the Swedes past the Lady Plainsmen 48-42 Saturday night for Gothenburg's first win of the season.

"I think we had a little more intensity, maybe more of a sense of urgency," Peterson said.

That intensity ebbed and flowed throughout the game but was at a peak when it counted most.

The Swedes started with a solid 6-0 lead before Perkins County got a bucket to fall. Then the Lady Plainsmen went on a 7-0 run of their own and later finished the first quarter leading 11-7.

"Their pressure wasn't affecting us too much," Peterson said of Perkins County's full court defense. "We just weren't finding the right shot."

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GOETHEBURG 48
PERKINS COUNTY 42

GOETHE	FG	FT	REB	PTS
A. Abramson	3-8	1-2	1	8
S. Eggleston	2-5	1-3	0	7
E. Mox	0-14	5-9	4	15
T. Paul	1-4	3-5	4	5
K. Peterson	2-8	4-6	4	13
J. Wiggins	0-1	0-0	1	0
TOTALS	15-40	14-25	16	48

Three pointers: Gothenburg, Kira Peterson, 3; All Abramson, 1; Perkins County, 0.

Field goals: Gothenburg, 15-40, 38%; Perkins County, 15-40, 38%.

Free throws: Gothenburg, 14-25, 56%; Perkins County, 9-13, 69%.

Fouls: Gothenburg, 15; Perkins County, 21.

Rebounds: Gothenburg, 8 offensive, 18 defensive, 26 total; Perkins County, 4 offensive, 18 defensive, 22 total.

Turnovers: Gothenburg, 24; Perkins County, 21.

Scoring by quarters:

Perkins County	11	10	14	7	42
Gothenburg	7	17	5	19	48