

Turnovers again difference in game

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SOUTHERN VALLEY 40,					
GOTHENBURG 37					
	FG	FT	PF	RB	PT
A. Abramson.....	1-12	5-9	2	2	7
A. Clark.....	2-5	0-0	0	1	4
S. Eggleston.....	2-4	0-0	2	5	4
K. Frances.....	1-4	0-0	2	4	2
E. Max.....	4-10	5-8	4	5	13
T. Paul.....	0-4	0-0	4	7	0
K. Peterson.....	3-5	0-1	5	7	7
TOTALS.....	14-48	10-38	19	29	37
Three-pointers: Gothenburg, Kira Peterson, 1; Southern Valley, 0.					
Field goals: Gothenburg, 13-40, 32%; Southern Valley, 17-48, 35%.					
Free throws: Gothenburg, 10-18, 56%; Southern Valley, 6-19, 32%.					
Fouls: Gothenburg, 19; Southern Valley, 27.					
Rebounds: Gothenburg, 12 offensive, 18 defensive, 30 total; Southern Valley, 13 offensive, 16 defensive, 29 total.					
Turnovers: Gothenburg, 32; Southern Valley, 20.					
Scoring by quarters:					
Gothenburg.....	7	11	9	10	—37
Southern Valley.....	6	15	13	—40	

Eagles down Swedes 40-37.

OXFORD—Just one unforced turnover in a tight basketball game is one too many.

Pile 32 turnovers into a game that ends with only three points difference and it's easy to diagnose the reason for the loss.

Gothenburg's girls gave up a 12-point third quarter lead to fall 40-37 to Southern Valley on Thursday.

"The skill level is there," said Swede coach Tim Peterson. "It's more the mental aspects of handling the ball that we're struggling with."

Gothenburg did well in the first half, leading the Eagles 18-12 after two quarters.

The Swedes even pushed ahead by as many as 12 at one time in the third quarter before the turnover bug bit hard.

By the end of the period, the score was tied at 27-27.

The advantage went back and forth several times during the final quarter.

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“They made some plays to win the game and we didn’t,” Peterson said.

The Swedes took 49 shots in 81 possessions and committed 32 turnovers. Southern Valley had 20 total turnovers.

Peterson said if the girls could have cut the number of turnovers in half, they’d have had more scoring opportunities.

“A few more shots can change the outcome of a three-point game,” he said.

If the Swedes can keep the turnover numbers between 20 and 22, Peterson said he could accept that.

“Most of the time, you’re going to force 12 to 15 at a minimum,” he said, “so you get that many opportunities in return.”

The good thing about it, he said, is that turnovers can be corrected.

Swede senior Emily Max led the team in scoring with 13 points.

Tabitha Paul and Kira Peterson pulled down seven rebounds each.