Gothenburg traveled to Southwest Sept. 10 taking both matches in a triangular that included Sutherland.

Gothenburg defeated Sutherland 25-22, 25-14 in the first match before beating host Southwest 25-19, 22-25, 25-19

Head coach Mary Clark said in a three-set match, winning that first set is important.

“As a team you want to set the tone early,” Clark said. “We started slow but once we got rolling we took control of the match.”

Gothenburg’s Tiani Reeves led the team with 11 kills.

Sutherland made it a match but they weren’t making their points necessarily, Clark said.

“We gave them the majority of their points in that first game.”

The Swedes played Southwest to three sets following their win over Sutherland.

Gothenburg once again set the tone of the match with a 25-19 victory in the first set.

“We served well and passed much better in the first game,” Clark said. “We were in control from start to finish.”

Southwest, ranked eighth in Class D-1, took advantage of Swede errors to take the second game 25-22, forcing a third game.

“We gained control and momentum right away in the third set,” Clark said. “The team went back to its strengths of power hitting and playing smart and efficiently.”

Gothenburg won the set, 25-22, and the match.

Reeves led the Swedes again with 12 kills, complemented with eight kills from Regan Geiken.

“Our middle hitters really dominated the game,” Clark said. “They did a good job hitting from different spots and placing the ball.”

Clark continues to work on serve receive and serving with her team and it is paying off.

She said Aryn Meisinger served the ball well and had a couple aces that pumped up the team.

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