

Holdrege downs Gothenburg 56-33

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HOLDREGE 56					
GOTHENBURG 33					
	FG	FT	PF	RB	PT
A. Abramson	2-6	4-9	1	3	8
A. Clark	0-1	0-1	1	1	0
S. Eggleston	4-9	0-2	2	5	8
J. Hulse	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
E. Max	4-10	4-5	2	10	12
T. Paul	1-2	0-0	2	2	2
K. Peterson	1-4	0-0	3	3	3
P. Prall	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
K. Winter	0-2	0-0	0	1	0
TOTALS	12-39	8-14	11	28	33

Three-pointers: Gothenburg, Kira Peterson, 1; Holdrege 0.
Field goals: Gothenburg, 12-39, 31%; Holdrege, 28-64, 41%.
Free throws: Gothenburg, 8-14, 57%; Holdrege, 4-9, 50%.
Fouls: Gothenburg, 11; Holdrege, 15.
Rebounds: Gothenburg, 6 offensive, 20 defensive, 26 total; Holdrege, 10 offensive, 12 defensive, 22 total.
Turnovers: Gothenburg, 19; Holdrege, 15.
Scoring by quarters:
Gothenburg.....12 9 8 4—33
Holdrege.....10 15 14 17—56

Swedes didn't match second half intensity.

HOLDREGE—The Gothenburg girls played what coach Tim Peterson calls their best half of basketball against Holdrege on Friday night.

They also may have played their worst, he said.

It was a tale of two halves for the Swedes as state-ranked Holdrege downed Gothenburg 56-33.

“We need to decide to put a full game together,” Peterson said. “You can have a lull for a couple of minutes and still pull off a win sometimes but you can't fall apart for eight or 12 or even more minutes and expect to be successful.”

The Swedes started strong against the eighth-ranked Dusters, outscoring Holdrege 12-10 in the first quarter.

Even in the second quarter, the Swedes stuck close.

“Holdrege likes to play a fast paced game,” Peterson said, “and we did a good job of not letting them dictate the speed. We ran when it was there and we held the ball when we needed to.”

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Gothenburg went into the halftime break trailing 25-21.

"I told the girls at halftime that Holdrege would come out with a renewed intensity," Peterson said. "We didn't match that."

Holdrege opened the third quarter on an 8-0 run and never looked back, outscoring the Swedes 31-12 in the second half.

"We had some good shots, we just couldn't convert," Peterson said. "We're going to have to get more mentally tough and be able to play with intensity an entire game."

Senior post player Emily Max led Gothenburg with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Shelby Eggleston and Ali Abramson added eight points each.

The Swedes (1-4) are off until the holiday tournament at home Dec. 29-30.

Gothenburg faces 2-3 Ord at noon on Tuesday while 6-0 Boone Central plays 3-2 St. Paul at the same time. Losers play at 10 a.m. Dec. 30 with the championship game at 1 p.m.

Peterson said none of the four teams Gothenburg has been beaten by so far has more than one loss.

"We'll be better in the end for playing tough teams," he said. "We've always had success during the holiday tournament. Let's hope that continues."