

First half TDs propel Swedes in 24-7 victory

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Gothenburg got back to its winning ways Friday night beating the Chase County Longhorns 24-7.

With a couple players out with injuries, head coach Craig Haake emphasized controlling the line of scrimmage and leaned on the older guys to step up.

For the most part, they did both.

The Swedes gave up a touchdown on the first drive of the game when Chase County running back Jeff Dickey ran around the right edge for a 10-yard score.

Gothenburg quickly regained momentum when Ross Ostendorf fielded the ensuing kickoff and took it 85 yards to the house untouched.

After the PAT attempt by Trenton Long, the score was tied at 7-7.

“Our blocking on that return was great,” Haake said. “Once Ross hit the seam, he was gone.”

With the energy back on their side, the Swedes settled down and kept the Longhorns at bay the rest of the game.

Freshman Dawson Graham started at quarterback and provided sparks with his running ability.

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“He did a great job stepping in there,” Haake said. “We were a little confused offensively on our first drive but adjusted well after that.”

It didn't take long for Graham to find the endzone. His first run went for more than 30 yards. Just two plays later, he found the edge from 17 yards out and crossed the goal line.

Gothenburg led 14-7 after a Long kick at the end of the first quarter.

Chase County moved the ball better than Haake expected they would, he said.

However, the Longhorns only got into the redzone one time.

Ostendorf, on the other hand, found the endzone for the second time in eight and a half minutes as he intercepted a Kelton Fisher pass and returned it 54 yards.



Long again converted the PAT and Gothenburg led 21-7 with 11:16 left in the half.

Both teams stalled on offense for the remainder of the half as they both moved down the field, but couldn't convert opportunities.

The second half started similar to the end of the first half.

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Gothenburg took its opening drive down to the Longhorn 25 yard line but had a field goal attempt blocked.

The Longhorns also gained yards and marched down the field on their first possession but an interception by Graham ended their drive at the Swedes' five yard line.

"In the second half, we were conservative with our play calling because we had the lead," Haake said. "We controlled the ball and called less runs for Dawson."

Carrying the load for the Swedes was Zach Wolf who ran the ball 26 times for 107 yards.

He didn't break any big runs, but he kept the clock ticking with constant four- to six-yard runs, Haake said.

The Swedes managed a 37 -yard field goal off the foot of Long with 5:48 left in the fourth quarter.

That was the last score of the game for either team.

Graham finished with 77 yards rushing on 11 carries.

Gothenburg travels to Ord this Friday to take on the Chanticleers who look to bounce back after losing to Broken Bow last week.

They mix up their gameplan with crazy formations, Haake said.

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“One play they will be double tight and run toss sweep and the next they will have five wide and roll out to the flat looking to throw,” Haake said.

Scoring by quarters:

Chase County 7000—7

Gothenburg 14703—24

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