

Gothenburg continues its winning ways

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Swedes riding 15-game win streak into conference tournament

Gothenburg's volleyball extended its win streak to 15 games after beating Kearney and Lexington in triangular action last Thursday.

"The thing about this win streak is the girls are fighting for the same cause," assistant coach Jim Clark said "They are a unit that is working together and that's hard to stop."

The Swedes opened up against the Bearcats and won in convincing fashion, 25-17 and 25-12

Clark said the girls scored efficiently in the match against Kearney which is something they've been working on throughout the season.

Gothenburg had nine aces in the match against Kearney led by seniors Aryn Meisinger and Regan Geiken who combined for six aces on 21-24 serving

Leading the team in kills was Tiani Reeves with 14 on 21-23 hitting.

"Our ability to receive serves and dig is setting up our attack," Clark said. "The girls aren't just scoring with big hits, they are playing smart and efficient."

Meisinger has come on strong as a supporting hitter for Gothenburg's middle attackers.

"Aryn is hitting and placing the ball very well," Clark said. "She is finding where the defense isn't and putting the ball there."

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Gothenburg followed the win over Kearney with a victory over Lexington.

The Swedes beat the Minutemaids 25-11, 25-13 behind 11 kills from Reeves.

A balanced attack by Gothenburg proved strong as Meisinger, Geiken and Whiting each had five kills while managing a hitting percentage over .500

A strength of the Swedes is having two setters who have made very few mistakes this season, Clark said of Meisinger and Madi Gilg.

Gilg played flawless in the two games, Clark said. Her set assists are high because she gets the ball to good hitters, but it is the getting the ball there that goes unnoticed.

Clark added that the girls made just two mistakes in 65 set attempts.

"I can't ask for much more than that," Clark said.

Gothenburg travels to Ainsworth Saturday for the Southwest Conference tournament where three teams ranked in the top 10 by Omaha-World Herald will battle for the crown.

"We aren't changing a thing. We will focus on our side of the net," Clark said.

He added that this time of year is fun and that it comes down to who executes and works hardest for the win.

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“I know the coaches and most of the players that we will see this weekend, and I wouldn’t want to be playing against us,” Clark said.

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