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Swedes need more offensive threats

Gothenburg's boys basketball team only made 13 field goals in its season-opening 47-37 loss to the Minutemen of Lexington Thursday.

Both team struggled from the field shooting just over 30% in the contest.

"It appeared we were rushing shots," head coach Roger Koehler said, adding 26 turnovers by the Swedes contributed to the defeat.

"You're not going to win many games if your turnovers and shooting percentage are similar," Koehler said.

The first quarter ended in a 6-6 tie. Tanner Borchardt and Ross Ostendorf each had lay-in baskets for the Swedes while Trevor McKeone and Lewis Lewis scored for the Minutemen.

Gothenburg found success in numbers in the second quarter with four different players contributing to 11 points.

Lewis for Lex scored on a put back but Borchardt answered with two points on the other end.

Freshman Dawson Graham rattled in a three-point basket with 5:30 left in the half giving Gothenburg its first lead.

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Ostendorf and Borchardt scored again before Adam Speck made a break-away lay up with 1:40 left in the second quarter extending the Swede lead to nine points.

Minutemen Lewis and Arliss Alvarez scored back-to-back baskets closing the Gothenburg lead to five points, 17-12, at halftime.

“Our effort in the first half was good,” Koehler said. “I thought we played great defense in the first half.”

In the third quarter, Lexington packed its defensive players in the key around Borchardt. The Minutemen forced nine turnovers and converted seven of those into scores.

Lexington used momentum to score 17 points and take the lead going into the fourth quarter.



Koehler said he knows teams are going to pack people around Borchardt and the Swedes need to have someone knock down outside shots.

With a two point lead, Lexington went to Lewis and McKeone to secure a win.

The combo accounted for 12 of Lexington’s 18 fourth-quarter points.

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With six minutes left, Graham hit his second three pointer of the game and Borchardt added a basket to pull within seven.

Gothenburg and Lexington continued to match baskets as the fourth quarter came to an end.

Borchardt led the Swedes with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

Lewis paced the Minutemen with 18 points and McKeone added 13.

“Right now we have to worry about ourselves,” Koehler said. “We have to attack and need more people to score.”

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