

Swedes overpower Perkins Co., 58-33

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Gothenburg seniors combine for 50 points.

There was a sense of seniority on the court for the Swedes in the 58-33 victory over Perkins County last Saturday as the upperclassmen surged for 50 of the team's 58 points.

Regan Geiken recorded a double double scoring 22 points and grabbing 14 rebounds in the win. Fellow seniors Aryn Meisinger, Taylor Mroczek and Emily Franzen scored 10, nine and eight points, respectively.

Head coach Chris Lecher said he was satisfied with the overall offensive effort by the Swedes.

"We have emphasized that if the girls have a good shot, they have to take it," Lecher said. "I don't mind any of the girls taking a good shot."

However, Gothenburg didn't start the game defensively as intensely as Lecher said he would've liked.

"At times in the first half, our defensive effort let down," Lecher said. "We'll address taking pride in our defense this week and playing well every night."

Perkins County stuck around in the first quarter, only trailing 10-7, but the Swedes held the visitors to four points in the second quarter while racking up 15 points of their own, holding a 25-11 lead at the break.

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Lecher said Gothenburg could have been ahead by more but had some missed shots in the first quarter.

After the break, both Gothenburg and the Lady Plainsmen traded baskets but shots made by Meisinger and Geiken before the quarter ended extended the Gothenburg lead to 20, 46-26.



Once again, the Swede defense held the Perkins County offense to single digits in the final quarter.

The Lady Plainsmen were paced by Mariah Curtis with 12 points.

Looking ahead, Gothenburg faces two tough state-ranked opponents this week.

The Swedes host North Platte St. Patrick's Thursday and travel to Holdrege Friday.

Both teams like to apply full court pressure and are good teams, Lecher said.

"This is a big week for us playing two ranked opponents. We need to step up to the challenge on back-to-back nights," Lecher said.

Swedes dominate one half

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Gothenburg JVs played two quarters against Perkins County and limited the Lady Plainsmen to 3 points in its 22-3 win.

High scorer was Kim Whiting with five points while McKinley Harm, McKenna Peterson and Mady Vogel each scored four points.

Scoring by quarters:

Perkins County 12—3

Gothenburg 913—22

SWEDE SCORERS: Kim Whiting 5, McKinley Harm 4, McKenna Peterson 4, Mady Vogel 4, Katlin Harm 2, Amanda Kowalewski 2 and Blaire Gibbens 1.

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