

Gothenburg soars to win over Eagles

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The practices leading up to the Swedes' contest with Southern Valley focused on game-speed shots and forgetting their poor shooting performance in a loss to Hershey Nov. 6.

It seems the preparation worked and the girls moved on as they beat a good Southern Valley team 52-43.

Gothenburg surged to 18 points in the first quarter and head coach Chris Lecher said the girls could've scored more than that.

"We played well and had a nice first quarter," Lecher said. "Honestly we could have scored more if not for some missed bunnies."

The Swedes outscored the Eagles in each of the four quarters, were ahead by as many as 17 points and moved to 2-1 on the season.

"We talked about getting off to a good start this game," Lecher said. "The girls pushed the ball. They got out and ran."

When the Swedes didn't have options in transition, seniors Aryn Meisinger and Regan Geiken carried the load on offense.

Meisinger shot 10 of 13 from the field scoring 20 points. Two of her made baskets came at big moments in the game, Lecher said, to keep the Eagles from gaining momentum.

"She shot the ball well. Aryn had a great game," he said.

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Geiken was a force in the paint scoring 21 points, including her 6 of 8 shooting from the charity stripe.

Lecher said he was looking for someone else to help with the scoring.

“It is huge if you can get consistency out of 1-2 people, no matter who it is,” Lecher said. “If we only have one scorer, we are easy to defend.”

Lecher also complemented Mady Vogel who came off the bench and scored eight points for the Swedes.

Southern Valley did most of its damage in the lane where Jacque Murdoch and Laura McInturf combined for 32 points.

“We need to play better guarding the post,” Lecher said. “We have to fix some early season things.”

Looking ahead, Lecher said the girls have upcoming games that they can win and all the girls have to do is play the way they did Thursday.

Reserves handle Eagles

Gothenburg's girls junior varsity team outscored Southern Valley 25-9 in the second half surging to a 35-20 win.

Leading scorer for the Swedes was Kim Whiting with 10 points.

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Scoring by quarters:

Southern Valley 7472—20

Gothenburg 641411—35

SWEDE SCORERS: Kim Whiting 10, McKinley Harm 9, Mady Vogel 8, Blaire Gibbens 4, Keely Lecher 2, Katlin Harm 2.

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