Indians contained to 19% shooting

The Gothenburg girls basketball team used solid defense and aggressive post play to defeat Broken Bow 41-24 Friday.

The Swedes limited the Indians to only nine field goals while leading the entire game.

Head coach Chris Lecher said he was satisfied with the Swedes' defensive effort even though Broken Bow scored on some pick and roll plays late.

"They weren't given any baskets from us," Lecher said. "They liked back doors and high post offense and we stopped them for the most part."

The Swedes found early rhythm on offense and Emily Franzen scored six of her 11 points in the first quarter to help gain a 12-5 lead.

It was more of the same from Gothenburg as five players scored seven baskets in the second period and limited the Indians to four scores.

At intermission, Gothenburg led Broken Bow 26-13.

Lecher said the girls were patient and worked the ball waiting for the Indians to make a defensive mistake. When they did, the Swedes took advantage.

During halftime, Lecher said he addressed his team about taking care of the ball and settling down.

The Swedes opened the third stanza with consecutive scores but a five-minute lapse in scoring gave the Indians hope.

However, Gothenburg's offensive woes didn't impact their defensive effort. Broken Bow managed only six third-quarter points and the Swedes' lead was 12, 31-19, heading into the final period.

Gothenburg continued to be patient on offense, Lecher said, and made its open looks to extend its lead to a comfortable 17 points as the game came to a close.

The Swedes received double-digit scoring from Franzen with 11 points and Regan Geiken with 10.

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