

## Swede girls catch turnover bug

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In the middle of winter during the heart of flu season the Gothenburg girls basketball team caught the turnover bug.

The Swedes surrendered 25 offensive possessions to the Hastings Tigers resulting in a 49-35 loss on the road Saturday.

“Our decision making was poor,” head coach Chris Lecher said. “A lot of the turnovers weren’t forced we just threw the ball to nobody.”

Gothenburg managed to compete with the Class B Tigers early on scoring 10 points in the first quarter and only trailed 14-10 heading into the second period.

That’s when his team’s performance went down hill, Lecher said.

“We had a lot of turnovers in the second quarter that Hastings turned around and capitalized on,” he said.

The Tigers outscored Gothenburg 14-4 and led 28-14 at halftime.

During intermission, Lecher said he told the girls they need to play better or the score was going to only get worse.

The Swedes did play better in the second half but Hastings and Gothenburg scored 21 points apiece, which reflected even more on the Swedes’ poor play in the second quarter.

Hastings outscored Gothenburg 13-9 in the third frame but the Swedes bounced back with a

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12-8 advantage in the fourth.

Lecher said the girls did a good job of limiting turnovers after halftime but couldn't overcome the deficit.

The Swedes leading scorer was Regan Geiken with 14 points.

Hastings high scorer was Sophia Pankratz with 19.

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