

## Gothenburg makes strides after last year's season

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Scott: A lot of individuals turned their records around quite a bit.

A great deal of senior leadership and off-season training is what head wrestling coach Tom Scott said made this year different than all the rest.

“This was by far the best season in the three years I’ve coached here,” Scott said.

There were some early season struggles for the Swede grapplers, which can be expected, but the motto of the season was to improve each week and Scott said his team did that.

“At districts and state we had some guys wrestle really well,” he said. “After Christmas we really turned it on. I am excited about that.”

The Swedes had three wrestlers qualify for the state tournament Feb. 20-22—Skyler Kottwitz, Jayden Miller and Bryce Larson.

However, Kottwitz is part of an experienced senior class including Talbot Buchholz and Tyson Miller that vacate the program.

“It’s always sad to see seniors leave,” Scott said. “I told them I was proud of them for putting it all on the line.”

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### Skyler Kottwitz

The senior captain and state qualifier each of the last two years exits Gothenburg's program with over 100 wins and a sixth place medal at state.

He also has the most wins in a season ever by a Swede with 41.



Scott said Kottwitz improved his leadership while improving in each offseason.

### Tyson Miller

Tyson Miller dedicated his summers to wrestling camps and skill improvement for the past two years and it showed.

"His parents did a great job of getting him places in the offseason," Scott said.

He managed 27 wins this season with 18 coming by pin.

Miller also collected 21 takedowns which was fifth best on the team.

"I'm proud of the time and effort he put in to get better," Scott said.

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### Talbot Buchholz

In his first season as a full-time varsity wrestler Buccholz posted 13 wins and 10 takedowns, improving on his nine wins a season ago.

Scott said Buchholz is a strong and quick kid that got into wrestling as a junior.

### Looking to next year

To combat the youth of the team next season, Scott said he told his wrestlers to get stronger. He provided them with several camp and tournament opportunities this summer.

“We’re still working on the work ethic and drill work of our young wrestlers,” Scott said. “With time they’ll get better. You have to push yourself.”

Fortunately for Scott and the program, he has two underclassman that qualified for state and a junior that just missed a chance at the tournament in a four-overtime battle at district.



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