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Geiken posts eight new Top 10 records.

When a team struggles shooting it tends to show in the win-loss column.

Head coach Chris Lecher said those struggles were the main problem this season for the Gothenburg girls basketball team which finished the year 10-13.

“I know we would struggle shooting from the outside but I thought we’d have success from the free throw line,” he said.

As a team, the Swedes shot 32% from the field and 56% from the charity stripe.

An inability to put points on the board at times contributed to some of the close losses for the Swedes.

“We were right there in several games,” Lecher said, but with our lack of shooting we couldn’t get over the hump.”

Although the team didn’t win as many games as hoped, Lecher said it was still a good season for the Swedes.

“I look at it in two points,” Lecher said. “We came back after a holiday tournament and beat two good teams and finished the regular season beating Ogallala and Ainsworth.”

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The Swedes did string together back-to-back wins four different times this season and Gothenburg defeated the Indians 39-19 in the first subdistrict contest before its season ended at the hand of Hershey, 40-30.

The Swedes graduate five seniors and a lot of game experience, Lecher said.

Regan Geiken, who etched her name in a number of the Gothenburg record books this season, and Emily Franzen were four-year varsity players.

Aryn Meisinger and Taylor Mroczek played varsity roles the last two years and Kyndal Holmes improved as this season progressed, the coach said.

“They were willing to buy into what I wanted to do,” Lecher said, “and they always worked hard.”

Next season MaKaela Franzen will return as a starter but the depth of the team is questionable.

“We have to do some summer (team camps) because we will be inexperienced,” Lecher said. “It’s not all about winning and losing in the summer. It’s a good time to improve and gain experience.”



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