

Lack of depth hindering girls

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CENTURA 54		GOTHENBURG 36			
GOTH	FG FT	PF	RB	PT	
A. Anderson	2-7	2-2	5	4	6
A. Clark	0-2	0-0	0	1	0
J. Heston	0-2	0-0	1	2	0
E. Max	0-11	1-2	3	10	10
B. Munster	1-4	0-2	2	2	2
T. Paul	0-2	0-0	2	2	0
K. Peterson	2-7	1-3	6	6	6
K. Winter	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
T. Wolf	1-2	1-2	1	0	3
TOTALS	15-46	5-11	20	28	36
Three pointers: Gothenburg, Kira Peterson, 1; Centura, 5					
Field goals: Gothenburg, 15-46, 33%; Centura, 19-51, 37%					
Free throws: Gothenburg, 5-11, 45%; Centura, 11-21, 52%					
Fouls: Gothenburg, 20; Centura, 11					
Rebounds: Gothenburg, 7 offensive, 21 defensive, 28 total; Centura, 10 offensive, 17 defensive, 27 total					
Turnovers: Gothenburg, 26; Centura, 22					
Scoring by quarters:					
Gothenburg	8	8	11	9	36
Centura	14	21	10	9	54

Centura downs Gothenburg.

CAIRO—Gothenburg girls basketball coach Tim Peterson is finding himself in a quandary.

He wants to play more girls off his bench so those on the floor don't get too tired.

"If I don't sub enough, we get worn down and that leads to bad quarters," he said.

At the same time, the Swedes can't afford to see a drop-off in production when Peterson goes to his bench.

"It's kind of a double-edged sword," he said.

Besides that, Peterson said, he's still looking for the right combination of chemistry.

All that contributed, he said, to Gothenburg's 54-36 loss to Centura Saturday.

"They're a really good basketball team," Peterson said of the Centurians. "And we're not putting together four quarters of basketball."

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The Swedes fell behind 14-8 in the first period but Peterson said the deficit didn't seem insurmountable.

Then Centura really caught fire.

"They outscored us 21-8 in the second quarter," Peterson said. "Take out that bad spell and you've got a pretty close ball game."

Centura held a 35-16 lead at halftime.

"It has nothing at all to do with a lack of effort," Peterson said. "These girls give everything they have. It's more a lack of execution."

Swede senior Emily Max scored 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Gothenburg.

The Swedes move to 3-7 on the season. This week they host Cozad (3-9) on Thursday and travel to Chase County (4-5) Friday.

"Cozad has good size and they're much improved from last year," Peterson said. "Chase County has been a bit of a surprise. They have small numbers but they're a solid team. These are games we should win but we're going to have to bring our A game for both."