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Kearney Catholic prevails 50-34.

KEARNEY—Gothenburg's girls know their offense runs through senior Emily Max.

They've come to depend on her double-digit scoring and consistent rebounding.

Max gave the Swedes solid production at Kearney Catholic Saturday putting in 26 points and grabbing eight rebounds.

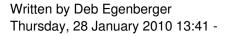
It just wasn't enough to overcome the Stars' fire power as Kearney Catholic downed the Swedes 50-34.

"Emily had a nice weekend for us," said coach Tim Peterson. "She really works hard and this weekend she was productive with that hard work. We just need her supporting cast to relax and put the ball in the basket."

Kearney Catholic led 24-18 at halftime.

"We knew we were out-manned in every position and still we were only down six points at halftime," Peterson said. "I felt really good about that."

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But in the third period, Gothenburg struggled to score at all, putting only three points on the board.

"Aside from our outside shooting, that was probably our best overall game of the season," Peterson said. "We were intense the whole night and played really good defense. We did everything we needed to do to win except put more points on the board."

The Swedes move to 5-9 heading into the Southwest Conference tournament.

Gothenburg hosted Cozad in the first round of the SWC tourney Tuesday night.

Complete results can be found in next week's issue.