

Swedes make history with win over Ogallala

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Gothenburg defeats Ogallala, for the first time, in three sets

You've heard the saying, "There is a first time for everything," right?

Well, that first time happened Oct. 8 when the Swede volleyball team traveled to Valentine for a triangular.

Gothenburg beat Ogallala for the first time in school history in a three-set battle.

After dropping the first set 25-16, the Swedes bounced back to beat the Indians 25-22 in the second set and 25-20 in the final set to win the match.

"It was incredible," head coach Mary Clark said. "We played a balanced game with every girl stepping up and doing her job."

Gothenburg mixed up their attacks leading up to that match in practice, Clark said, working on when to be aggressive, when to tip and where to place the ball.

The preparation paid off as six girls recorded a kill in the match.

"We played smart and kept after them," Clark said.

Tiani Reeves led Gothenburg with 12 kills while Regan Geiken added six kills and Taylor Mro-czek had five.

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Aryn Meisinger, Madi Gilg and Kim Whiting each had four kills.

Meisinger was 15-15 serving with three aces and added 17 set assists.

Gothenburg faced Valentine in the next match of the triangular beating the Badgers 25-19 and 25-20.

“We expected to win that game,” Clark said. “After the big win it took some girls some time to get focused.”

The biggest struggle of that match was playing with intensity after such an emotional win, Clark said.

However, the Swedes managed to stay composed and take the match in straight sets.

Geiken led Gothenburg with eight kills in the match on 16-19 hitting.

Reeves was 20-22 on hit attempts with seven kills.

Kim Whiting added four kills and Meisinger and Mroczek each had two kills, respectively.

Clark said the girls proved that they could beat anybody on any night.

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