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Cozad defeats Gothenburg 4-3.

Gothenburg played catch-up softball Thursday at Cozad and the result, as often occurs in that type of game, wasn't good.

The Haymakers, buoyed by 13 strikeouts from pitcher Carly Henry, held off the surging Swedes 4-3.

"We faced a good pitcher," Swede coach Roger Neujahr said. "When you put only eight balls in play for them to make outs, you're not putting a lot of pressure on them."

Hoping for a quick start, Gothenburg players went down in order—four times via strikeouts—through the first two innings.

Meanwhile, Cozad struck for two runs in the first inning to put the Swedes in a hole. The first score came on an illegal pitch with a runner at third.

Neujahr described the illegal pitch call as asserting that pitcher Jordan Haake's entire front foot was landing outside of a 24-inch path (the width of home plate) from the pitching rubber to the plate. A portion of the foot being outside that area is apparently permissible.

Henry drove in another run with a single to make it 2-0 early.

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A leadoff double in the second inning by Allyson Huntley eventually turned into another run for the Haymakers.

The Swedes pushed their first run across the plate in the third. KaTrina Winter singled and then stole second to get into scoring position. She scored on a single by Roni Putnam.

Cozad regained the three-run edge in the fifth inning. Kylee Griffis singled and stole second before

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