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BARTLEY—Once a volleyball team gets in the hole, rally scoring makes it tough to get things turned around.

That's what happened to the Swedes at the Southwest triangular on Sept. 7.

Gothenburg missed five serves in the first set against Sutherland and despite strong all-around play in the second set dropped the match to the Sailors 25-21, 23-25, 25-16.

"We had a rotation change in the first set and I think it threw things off," said coach Becky Costello. "I held Abie Jensen out because she's been battling an injury."

In the second set, Costello said the girls worked together well and played as a unit.

"I don't think Joslyn (Oliver) missed a hit (in the second set) and Jacey (Wiggins) was playing well from the right side," the coach said.

But serve receive broke down in the third set and Sutherland (3-4) took advantage of the rally scoring to win.

Southwest (7-1) had a strong middle blocker, Costello said, that the Swedes struggled to hit past.

Southwest defeated Gothenburg 25-16, 25-10.

Costello called the Roughriders disciplined and scrappy.

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“They’ve traditionally had a good team,” the coach said. “For us to do well, we’re going to have to pass well and that wasn’t happening,”

Oliver was 15-for-18 hitting on the night with eight kills.

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