

Volleyball team gets win over McCook

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McCOOK—Consistency continues to be an issue for the Gothenburg volleyball team, according to coach Becky Costello, but there are still glimmers of hope and moments of greatness.

The Swedes split matches during a triangular at McCook falling to Lexington in the first game and defeating the Bison in the nightcap.

“Consistency is an issue,” Costello said. “We play really well in spurts but we have to put together a whole game.”

The Swedes seemed a little intimidated by Lexington’s 6-foot-2 middle blocker, Costello said, and being timid led to a 25-21, 25-22 loss.

“We talked about hitting around her,” the coach said, “but the girls still let her height get to them.”

The Swedes dug themselves a hole in the first set before working their way back into the game.

“It seems like we get right there, almost to game point, and we shoot ourselves in the foot,” Costello said.

The Swedes led Lexington 14-12 in the second game before the Minutemaids went on a run.

Gothenburg got down 24-19 before making a comeback that fell just short.

“It’s a game that I felt like we could have won,” Costello said. “We’ve just got to cut down on the errors on our side of the court.”

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The Swedes missed six serves and had 14 hitting errors in the match.

In Gothenburg's matchup with McCook, Costello said the Bison came out with high emotion and took the first set 25-23 before the Swedes came back to win 28-26 and 25-16.

"We were tied at 13-13 in the first set and let them go on a five-point run," Costello said.

The Swedes held off McCook when the Bison were up 24-20, rallying to within one point at 24-23.

"Then we missed a serve on set point," Costello said.

The score went back and forth in the second set until Gothenburg got ahead 22-19.

"I felt like we were in control and then we let them come back and tie," the coach said.

Finally, the Swedes took over in the deciding set to get

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