

Swedes roll past Ainsworth 46-0

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Ogallala could bring biggest test yet.

AINSWORTH—Gothenburg didn't get much resistance in Ainsworth Friday night.

In fact, there was little the winless Bulldogs could do to stop the Swedes as Gothenburg trampled the final C-1 District 9 opponent 46-0.

"It wasn't much of a contest," said coach Craig Haake, "but it's OK to have those kinds of games once in awhile."

Ainsworth received to start the game but punted to the Swedes after going three-and-out.

Gothenburg's first offensive play ended behind the line of scrimmage. Then quarterback Jackson Graham completed a pair of passes to Cody Ostergard and Tannor Mroczek that pushed the Swedes from Gothenburg's 42-yard line to the Ainsworth 15.

After another pair of dropped passes, Graham connected with Ostergard on a bubble screen play to get to the 6 yard line.

Graham carried in the first touchdown and Trent Long added a PAT kick.

The Swede held Ainsworth to three-and-out again and during the next series when Gothenburg faced a fourth down, Graham hit Aaron Lauer with a 37-yard scoring pass.

Long made the PAT kick and before Ainsworth could take a breath in the first quarter, Gothenburg led 14-0.

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In the next Ainsworth series, Tyler Aden intercepted a pass and returned it to the Bulldog 5 yard line.

Graham ran in the touchdown on the next play. A bad snap on the PAT caused it to fail.

Gothenburg held a 20-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second period, the Swedes scored on a 53-yard run by Mroczek, who cruised half the length of the field untouched, as well as a 16-yard run by Jack Dudley and a 13-yard carry from Logan Sheets.

“It can be difficult to get up for the second half when you’re leading 39-0 at halftime,” Haake said, “but the kids did a good job of playing assignment football.”

Gothenburg’s first string played one offensive series to open the second half marching the ball 60 yards on five plays. The possession ended with a 15-yard touchdown run by Sheets and a PAT kick by Long.

“The benches were empty the rest of the game,” he said.

Aden finished the game with 76 yards rushing on six carries to lead the ground attack that included a dozen different ball carriers.

Graham threw for 89 yards on 4-of-6 completions.

Now with a 6-1 record, the Swedes will close out the regular season hosting Class C-1’s No. 2

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ranked Ogallala on Thursday.

“Ogallala will play fast, physical and aggressive,” Haake said. “Offensively, they’ll run

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