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Swedes end regular season with 28-7 loss.

Ogallala brought an outstanding passing game and a solid running attack to Gothenburg's football field Friday night leaving the Swedes a little awe-struck.

Gothenburg ended the regular season with a 28-7 loss to the undefeated Indians.

"We looked tough in the first quarter," said Swede coach Craig Haake. "We were playing aggressive and hanging with them. Then one long pass play to start the second quarter sort of opened the flood gates and we couldn't get back in the game."

The Swedes started strong. On their first drive of the game, Gothenburg made a couple of short gains before Tannor Mroczek broke loose for a 62-yard touchdown run.

With a PAT kick by Trent Long, the Swedes were up 7-0 with 8:17 to play in the first period.

Then Ogallala quarterback Garrett Folchert got his arm warmed up and John Jeffers made a couple of remarkable catches.

Ogallala tied the score 7-7 two minutes into the second quarter and took a 14-7 lead with five minutes left in the half.

At the same time the Indians made scoring look easy, Gothenburg struggled.

"We got a couple of first downs in our second drive but then we got a penalty," Haake said. "We got rattled and couldn't execute."

Ogallala scored again before halftime on a 48-yard pass play from Folchert to Jeffers to gain a 21-7 advantage at the break.

"It was a long second quarter," Haake said. "The sad thing is it could have been worse. We started hesitating and what had been a 2-yard gain (for Ogallala) turned into an 8-yard gain."

In the second half, Gothenburg made several defensive stops.

"The thing is, we played a lot of defense," Haake said. "Too much. We didn't have a single first down in the second half."

A combination of missed blocks or missed reads led to little offense in the second half.

"We only gave up seven points in the third quarter but we couldn't get any offense going at all," the coach said. "It was little things we did to ourselves."

The Swedes finished with only

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