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Swedes open season 0-2.

LEXINGTON—So many things went right for the Swede boys basketball team Saturday night in Lexington that it's unfortunate Gothenburg had to come home with a loss.

Solid play from tipoff to the final buzzer kept the Swedes in the game but a last-second shot by Lexington's Tyler McKeone gave the Minutemen a 44-42 victory.

"It was a good game," said coach Roger Koehler. "We got a chance to see what we're made of."

Gothenburg jumped out to an 8-3 lead to start the game before Lexington made a run for a 12-10 advantage after the first quarter.

The Minutemen held the momentum through the second period as well but Gothenburg never let the game get out of reach.

Lexington led 25-19 at halftime.

The Minutemen still held an edge over the Swedes well into the third quarter.

Koehler said with three minutes to play in the period, Gothenburg trailed by eight points and he called a timeout for a heart-to-heart chat.

"I just told them to pick up their intensity and play basketball the way we know they can play basketball," the coach said. "I pretty much rolled the dice to see what would happen and they responded well."

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At the end of the third period, Gothenburg had climbed up to tie the score at 33-33.

The lead went back and forth through the whole fourth quarter, Koehler said.

“Lexington had the ball for about the last 40 seconds,” he said. “We kept them from taking several good shots and then the kid pulled up and hit a 10-footer with a second left.”

Koehler was already calling a timeout when the ball left McKeone’s hands so he brought the Swedes to the sideline and set up a play with one second left on the clock.

The shot actually got off, he said, but it was deflected.

Junior Brett Dockweiler led Gothenburg with 14 points. Logan Koehler chipped in seven rebounds and Korey Ahlenstorf added five assists.

“It was a good game and I told the kids how proud I am of them for the way they responded in the third and fourth quarters,” Koehler said. “But it’s still

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