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### **McMichael leads tipoff surge against Eagles.**

Gothenburg zipped out to a 9-0 lead over Southern Valley Thursday night behind four straight field goals and a free throw from Branndon McMichael.

The senior's unanswered points set the tone for Gothenburg's 57-46 victory.

"We felt like we could run against them," said Swede coach Roger Koehler. "Branndon worked his tail off. He ran hard, found the open spot and then finished."

Southern Valley didn't even get on the board until 2:22 left to play in the first quarter when 6-foot-7 Spencer Kucera hit a free throw.

Gothenburg ended the first quarter with a 12-7 lead.

The Eagles gained a bit of momentum in the second period, tying the score at 18-18 with two minutes to go in the half.

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Koehler said despite the comeback, he never felt threatened.

“We need to take care of the ball a little better,” the coach said. “But I felt like we controlled the game.”

After carrying a slim 23-21 lead into halftime, the Swedes came out in the third period and out-scored Southern Valley 13-7.

Gothenburg continued to push ahead throughout the fourth quarter.

“It was nice to see us get a win going away instead of

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