

Centura sends Gothenburg boys to 3-7

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After a week of struggling in practice and a tough loss due to errors on Friday, Gothenburg boys basketball coach Roger Koehler hoped his Swedes would snap out of their funk on their home court Saturday.

Instead, the bad got worse and frustration resulted in a 59-45 loss to Centura.

“We just are not doing a very good job of taking care of the ball,” Koehler said of Gothenburg’s 21 turnovers, many of which came from poor decision making. “I don’t know how many times we made stupid passes to someone who was covered by at least one, sometimes two guys.”

The Swedes got down early in the game and trailed 16-10 at the end of the first quarter.

“We crawled our way back into it,” Koehler said, “and even managed a four-point lead at one time. We made a run and I thought we had weathered their storm.”

Then the Centurians made a run of their own before halftime to take a 32-24 lead into the break.

Centura kept a step ahead of the Swedes in the third quarter, only out-scoring Gothenburg by one point but maintaining a seven-point advantage.

“I still didn’t feel like the game had gotten away from us,” Koehler said.

But the wheels sort of fell off in the fourth period, the coach said, and whatever went right earlier in the game went wrong in the final frame.

Sophomore Logan Koehler was Gothenburg’s leading scorer with 14 points. He also had eight

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rebounds.

Cody Ostergard added 13 points and Korey Ahlenstorf pulled down 11 rebounds.

“It’s time for us to have a gut check,” Koehler said of his team. “We’re going to have to

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