

Volleyball team breaks 5-game skid

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Swedes beat McCook, fall to Lex.

Injuries continue to haunt the Gothenburg volleyball team as two Swede players watched and two played through pain during a triangular with McCook and Lexington on Thursday.

The experience younger girls are getting in the meantime, though, is proving invaluable.

“I’ve had to ask girls to play in positions they may not be totally comfortable with,” said Swede coach Mary Clark. “They do it and they’re doing a good job. They’re learning to play for the team no matter who is on the floor.”

The Swedes split the triangular, defeating McCook 20-25, 25-22, 25-20 and then falling to Lexington 25-16, 23-25, 25-16.

Against McCook, Gothenburg started off all three sets with a lead.

In the first set, Gothenburg gained a 4-0 lead before McCook tied at 11-11 and again at 17-17 before putting Gothenburg away.

The Swedes were up 4-0 and tied again at 11-11, 16-16 and 21-21 in the second set before knocking the Bison down.

And the third set was nearly a broken record as Gothenburg pushed ahead 9-2 before allowing

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the Bison back in.

“We just kept fighting,” Clark said. “That’s what these girls do. Sometimes it’s enough to win and sometimes it’s not.”

GOTHENBURG over MCCOOK—20-25, 25-22, 25-20										
SERVES		HITS		SETS		RECEIVE				
At	A	Prs.	M-A	K	M-A	As	M-A	Digs	Bl	
Abby Ambler	9-13	2	9	6-8	1	1-2	0	9-11	12	4
All Clark	16-17	2	11	0-0	0	0-0	0	14-14	10	0
McKenzie Geiken	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	29-34	12	1-1	3	0
Makayla Franzen	5-0	0	0	13-15	3	0-0	0	0-0	2	1
Emily Max	12-14	4	9	23-42	18	0-0	0	15-17	18	8
Kira Peterson	7-7	0	1	0-0	0	31-37	12	6-7	6	1
Janae Wiggins	12-13	0	9	4-7	0	1-2	0	1-2	6	0
Jacey Wiggins	3-3	0	0	11-14	3	15-15	0	5-5	5	1
Maddy Cusick	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	2-2	0	0
TOTALS	60-87	10	39	71-86	25	77-90	24	53-59	62	15

LEXINGTON over GOTHENBURG—25-16, 23-25, 25-16										
SERVES		HITS		SETS		RECEIVE				
At	A	Prs.	M-A	K	M-A	As	M-A	Digs	Bl	
Abby Ambler	7-8	1	5	4-4	1	1-1	0	21-22	13	2
All Clark	9-11	1	3	1-1	0	0-0	0	14-14	29	0
McKenzie Geiken	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	19-22	4	3-3	5	0
Makayla Franzen	0-0	0	0	8-10	1	0-0	0	0-0	1	0
Emily Max	6-6	0	2	51-59	9	1-1	0	16-21	16	10
Kira Peterson	11-12	0	8	3-3	0	42-50	8	6-7	5	1
Janae Wiggins	8-9	1	4	10-12	1	3-3	1	1-2	3	1
Jacey Wiggins	5-5	2	2	17-21	7	14-14	2	1-1	5	3
TOTALS	46-54	7	24	95-108	19	80-91	15	64-70	80	17

Against Lexington, the Swedes lost the first set but found some momentum in the second and came back to squeak out a win.

Two missed serves to begin the third and final set meant Gothenburg had to work from behind most of the time.

“We’re really focusing on finishing the match,” Clark said.

Senior Emily Max had nine service points and 18 kills against McCook. She added nine kills, 10 blocks and 19 digs against Lexington.

The Swedes (7-12) will host Southwest Thursday in a game that was originally scheduled to be played at Bartley. Varsity begins at 7 p.m.