

Girls split with Minden, Axtell

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When passing was good and plays stayed in system, Gothenburg gave Minden and Axtell—both state rated teams—a run for their money.

When serve receive broke down, nothing worked.

The Swedes split matches during a home triangular on Sept. 18, falling to Minden 29-27, 25-16 before defeating Axtell 22-25, 29-27, 25-10.

“In the first set against Minden, the girls played extremely well,” said coach Mary Clark. “We stayed right with them. It came down to too many missed serves.”

A mental lapse by the Swedes in the second set allowed Minden to get the upper hand and take the match.

The Whippets are ranked No. 7 in Class C-1 by the Omaha World-Herald.

Things didn’t start off too well for Gothenburg against Axtell either but the Swedes pulled it together in the second set.

Axtell is rated No. 9 by the World-Herald in Class D-2.

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“It was a mental victory for us,” Clark said.

Gothenburg had 16 unforced errors in the first set, the coach said, and 17 in the second set.



“Finally in the third set, we didn’t beat ourselves,” she said, noting only four unforced errors in the set.

Tiani Reeves finished with 25 kills in the two matches while Jacey Wiggins and Aryn Meisinger offered 24 and 23 set assists, respectively.

Taylor Mroczek picked up 27 digs, 20 of which came against Axtell.