Gothenburg advances to third round of playoffs

CHADRON—It isn't smoke and mirrors.

Gothenburg football coach Craig Haake says it wasn't some kind of magic trickery that got his team into the Class C-1 state playoffs and no witchcraft was involved in the Halloween shutout victory at Chadron last week to advance the Swedes into the third round.

It was simply hard hitting, never-back-down football.

"It wasn't a fluke," Haake said of Gothenburg's 12-0 second-round victory over Chadron. "We beat the crap out of Cozad in the first round and we beat the crap out of Chadron in the second round. If we played them again, I don't think it would be any different."

The Swedes are on a roll, he said. It's as simple as that.

And Gothenburg rolled past the Cardinals on the road Oct. 31, leaving no doubt who controlled the game.

"We were able to disrupt the timing of their passing plays," Haake said. "We got up in their faces, we bumped them off their route and we pressured the quarterback every play."

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