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2012 was best-ever for Swede volleyball

The Swedes rewrote the record book for Gothenburg volleyball this fall, recording the most wins in school history as well as marking 36 new spots in the all-time Top 10 with four school records.

“We were fortunate to have really good chemistry this year,” said coach Mary Clark. “There has to be that connection with volleyball.”

There also has to be a positive, winning attitude.

“It didn’t just happen overnight,” Clark said. “We had to work on taking the court expecting to win every game and we reinforced all the time that the girls had to focus on their game and do what they could do on their side of the net.”

Although each varsity player improved her physical play with every practice and every game, Clark said the real progress came in the critical mental aspects of the game.

“There are no second chances in volleyball,” the coach said. “You don’t get to rebound and shoot again. You only get one try. And all parts of the team have to do their job every time or things just don’t work.”

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TOP 10 STAT PERFORMERS

■ **JACEY WIGGINS**—No. 1 in good serves with 304; No. 1 in set assists with 278; No. 2 in serve attempts with 316; No. 3 in hit percentage at .265; No. 4 in good sets with 1,098; No. 5 in setting percentage with 97.6%; No. 5 in kills with 242; No. 7 in serve percentage with 96.2%; No. 7 in hit attempts with 574; No. 7 in good hits with 484.

■ **AVYV MESSINGER**—No. 1 in service aces with 66; No. 2 in set assists with 362; No. 7 in good sets with 956; No. 8 in digs with 216; No. 10 in serve attempts with 125.

■ **REGAN GEKEN**—No. 1 in serve attempts with 230; No. 3 in good serves with 284; No. 5 in hit attempts with 617; No. 7 in kills with 192; No. 8 in good hits with 474; No. 9 in serve receive with 177; No. 10 in service aces with 35; No. 10 in blocks with 77.

■ **TIANI REEVES**—No. 2 in hit attempts with 574; No. 2 in good hits with 559; No. 2 in kills with 272; No. 5 in hit percentage with .234; No. 5 in blocks with 102; No. 8 in good serves with 247; No. 9 in stuff blocks with 37.

■ **TAYLOR MRODZIEK**—No. 4 in digs with 290; No. 5 in serve attempts with 288; No. 5 in good serves with 263; No. 8 in serve receive with 180; No. 10 in hit percentage at .119.

■ **MADDY COSTELLO**—No. 10 in digs with 213.

