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NORTH PLATTE—Gothenburg's boys found themselves in a panic under pressure Thursday night.

The pre-season No. 5 St. Pat's Irish were quick and aggressive on defense, forcing 19 total turnovers and capitalizing when necessary to defeat the Swedes 58-41.

"This was the first game where the score did not come down to the last minute or two," said Swede coach Roger Koehler. "St. Pat's is a very good team and we did not do a good job of taking care of the ball."

The Swedes got off to a decent start but a 10-0 run by St. Pat's in the second half of the first quarter put Gothenburg in a hole.

Swede senior Aaron Collins sank a shot from nearly half court at the end of the first quarter to pull Gothenburg within six, still trailing 14-8.

St. Pat's cruised through the second period for a 37-22 advantage at halftime.

"They like to score a lot of points in transition," Koehler said. "I think we took a little of that away but they still seemed to make a run at the end of every quarter."

Gothenburg held back the Irish in the third quarter but struggled to put the ball in the basket at the same time.

"We missed a lot of shots they don't seem to miss during practice," the coach said. "They played hard. The effort is there and they didn't quit, we just need to have a few things fall our way."

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Senior Logan Koehler led Gothenburg with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Fellow big man Tanner Borchardt, had nine points and nine rebounds.

Sean Keenan led four St. Pat's players in double figures with 20 points.