## Minden girls avenge earlier tourney loss

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MINDEN—Despite a regular-season loss to the Whippets Saturday night, Gothenburg's girls basketball coach doesn't believe his Swedes' earlier win over state-ranked Minden in the Southwest Conference semi-finals was a fluke.

"It was just an off night," said Chris Lecher of Gothenburg's 66-41 loss at Minden. "Going back there, I hoped we would play better but now we just have to learn and move on."

The biggest difference between Saturday's game and the upset a week before, Lecher said, was turnovers.

"The stats show 23 but after watching the film I'm thinking it had to be more like 30," the coach said. "That's something we haven't seen the last few games."

Gothenburg started strong against the Whippets, matching their scoring in the first quarter 14-14.

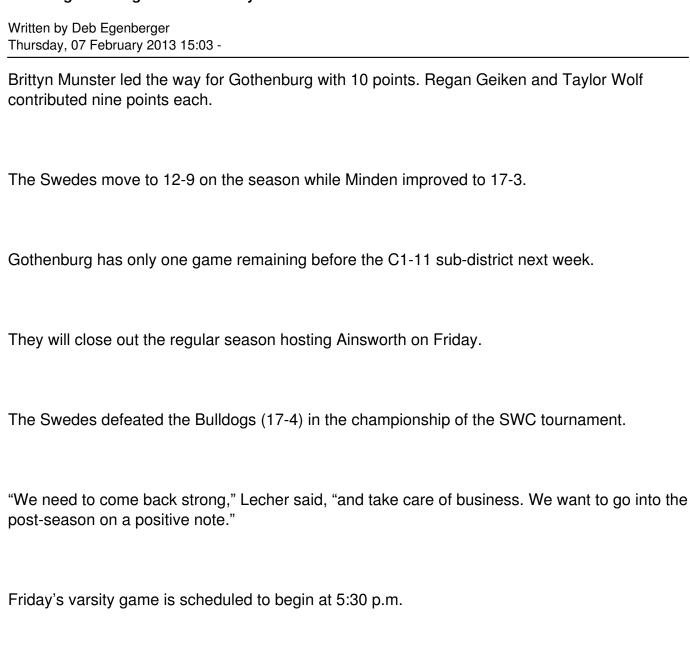
"I remember thinking in the first quarter that we weren't playing very well and we were still right there with them," Lecher said.

Then Minden began to pull away in the second period, taking a 32-23 lead into halftime.

While the Swedes never threw in the towel in the second half, they couldn't match Minden's scoring, especially from behind the three-point line.

The Whippets had eight three-pointers, six from junior Brooke Kissinger.

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Official brackets for the sub-district will be released Thursday. Gothenburg should go in as the

No. 1 seed, followed by Ogallala, Cozad and Chase County.