

Big third quarter lifts Swedes past Ogallala

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Ogallala's girls have had a way this season of forcing the Swede basketball team into a system of play that Gothenburg coach Chris Lecher doesn't like much.

"They kind of play a rag-tag style," Lecher said of the Indians. "Both games with them this year they've found a way to pull us into that."

After playing point for point throughout the first half and trailing by one at the break, the Swede girls managed to set their own pace in the third quarter and pull away from Ogallala for a 48-36 victory at home on Feb. 5.

"I think the same thing happened in the first round of the conference tournament," the coach said, referring to Gothenburg's 38-34 victory in the Southwest Conference tournament last month. "Once the girls realized they had to dictate the game, we did what we needed to do," the coach said.

The score was knotted at 8-8 after one period and the Indians had a slim 19-18 lead at halftime.

But Gothenburg came out smoking in the third quarter to outscore the Indians 20-8 and build an advantage Ogallala couldn't diminish.

Seniors Taylor Wolf and Brittyn Munster provided the spark for Gothenburg, scoring 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Junior Aryn Meisinger added nine points and seven rebounds to the cause.