

Untimely errors costly for girls

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| HERSHEY 54 | |
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| GOTHENBURG 54 | |
| GOTH | FG FT PF RB PT |
| A. Abramson | 1-4 1-3 4 2 4 |
| A. Clark | 0-0 0-0 0 1 0 |
| S. Eggleston | 2-6 2-6 1 2 7 |
| K. Frances | 1-5 1-2 1 4 4 |
| E. Max | 4-18 5-13 4 10 13 |
| T. Pridal | 3-5 5-6 2 9 11 |
| K. Peterson | 1-6 0-0 2 4 3 |
| J. Wiggins | 5-1 0-0 1 2 0 |
| TOTALS | 12-45 16-30 19 29 42 |
| Three-pointers: Gothenburg, All | |
| Abramson, 1; Kira Peterson 1; Hershey, | |
| 2. | |
| Field goals: Gothenburg, 12-45, 27%; | |
| Hershey, 14-52, 45%. | |
| Free throws: Gothenburg, 16-30, 53%; | |
| Hershey, 4-13, 31%. | |
| Fouls: Gothenburg, 15; Hershey, 25. | |
| Rebounds: Gothenburg, 8 offensive, | |
| 21 defensive, 29 total; Hershey, 4 of | |
| Hershey, 11 defensive, 19 total. | |
| Turnovers: Gothenburg, 11; Hershey, | |
| 20. | |
| Scoring by quarters: | |
| Gothenburg | 9 13 14 6—42 |
| Hershey | 11 22 13 8—54 |

Swedes fall to Hershey 54-42.

HERSHEY—The Gothenburg girls were not the victims of a surprise attack in Hershey on the opening night of the season Friday.

In fact, the Panthers gave the Swedes exactly what coach Tim Peterson expected.

“We played them four times over the summer,” Peterson said. “We knew what was coming.”

The Swedes played tentative in the first quarter and committed 31 total turnovers to give Hershey enough of an edge to win 54-42.

“I can accept turnovers committed at full speed and even turnovers forced by the other team,” the coach said. “But when we’re turning the ball over on our own for no real reason, that’s a little tough to take.”

Gothenburg trailed the Panthers 11-9 at the end of the first quarter before the girls battled back from a 10-point deficit in the second period to briefly take the lead.

Then shooting went cold and Hershey opened a big gap.

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Trailing just six points with a little over a minute to play in the half, Gothenburg turnovers led to easy Hershey buckets.

The Swedes went into the halftime break trailing 33-22.

“I think we got plenty of open shots,” Peterson said, “but sometimes the first available shot is not the best shot. We weren’t very patient.”

The Swedes took 45 shots in 76 possessions and were just 27% from the field.

Peterson said had it not been for the 31 team turnovers, better shot options may have brought the percentage up.

Gothenburg whittled away at Hershey’s advantage again in the third period, trailing five points with less than a minute to play in the quarter.

“Then we committed a few costly turnovers and before we knew it we were down 10 points again,” Peterson said.

The Swedes opened the fourth quarter behind 46-36 and struggled to put any more points on the board.

Senior Emily Max finished with 13 point and 10 rebounds to lead Gothenburg. Classmate Tabitha Paul contributed 11 points.

Ali Abramson and Karen Franzen snagged three steals each.

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“We are not poor shooters,” Peterson said. “I think we were just rushing things a bit. The good thing about it, everything that went wrong can be fixed.”