

Aggressive play planned on both sides of the ball

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There is no confusion in head coach Craig Haake's mind about this year's game plan.

"We are going to run the ball and play very physical football," Haake said. "On offense we want to punish the opponent and when we are on defense we are going to attack the football."

That mindset may attest to the players' summer spent in the weightroom.

Haake said the kids came into practice in very good shape and were ready for conditioning.

Gothenburg has 15 letter winners returning from last year's 6-5 team, and a number of those returners were starters a year ago.

"When you have returning starters and captains that work hard in the summer and preseason, it makes for a good team makeup to form around," Haake said.

Despite having six starters returning on offense and eight returning on defense, a lack of depth is a problem. He said that was the focus of preseason practices.

"Somehow we have to generate and produce some depth," Haake said. "Our frontline guys are good, but we must form depth and get kids reps to be good in the long run."

The C1-9 District is tough and will be a grind every night, Haake said.

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Minden brought back a lot of talent from last year's team. Chase County is a young team that beat the Swedes during the regular season last year.

Cozad, who Gothenburg beat in the playoffs last season, is loaded, Haake said.

"They have a lot of talent that has game experience."

Kearney Catholic will also be good even though they lost kids from last year's team.

"They will be good and have a lot of athletes," Haake said.

Gothenburg has athletes of its own in the backfield, he said, but defensively no individual stands out.

"Our defensive line is going to be tough to handle 1-on-1, and our defense has some quick guys," Haake said. "We will have to cover ground as a unit."

He said he feels good about where the team is heading into its first game, and hopefully guys go to the right spots at the right time.

Members of the 2013 Swede football team are (*denotes returning letter winners) :

Seniors—Talbot Buchholz, Skyler Kottwitz*, Trenton Long*, Tyson Miller*, Carson Mes-sersmith, Pete Peterson*, Ross Ostendorf*, Blake Ristine*, Roy Slack* and Adam Speck*.

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Juniors—Mason Ackerman*, Tyler Baker*, Tanner Borchardt*, Jacob Clark*, Dylan Folkers*, Jonathan Hamrick, Jordan Lauer, Jake Peterson, Justin Sabin, Connor Schwanz*, Dalton Sylvan*, Levi Tripp and Zach Wolf*.

Sophomores—Ethan Bihlmaier, Ziek Brian, Dade Brock, Braeden Brundage, Herschel Foster, Marcus Fritton, Alex Jorgenson, Drake Langley, Patrick Messersmith, Jayden Miller, Caleb Rice, Chad Schmiett, Skyler Schwanz and Ryan Rehbach.

Freshman—Wyatt Anderson, Kaihden Dorsey, Quinton Fair, Dawson Graham, Trevor Holley, Dominic Long, Myles Mendell, Jacob Meyers, Patrick Peterson, Tyler Rasch and Noah Royce.

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