

Gothenburg opens season with sweep of Indians

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The Swedes went to Broken Bow planning to eliminate the Indians in straight sets Thursday.

Their plan was true. Gothenburg won the match 25-9, 25-23 and 25-20.

Head coach Mary Clark said the first goal of the season was for them to sweep Bow.

Gothenburg started out a little nervous, falling behind in the first set 9-1.

Clark she was really proud of the way the team kept its composure early in the game.

“We got down in the first set but we came back and played lights out,” Clark said.

The Swedes started the second set a little over confident Clark said, leading to more serve receive errors.

“Since we did win big in that first set, it’s possible that we let down just a little,” Clark said. “With that said, we still finished well and took care of business.”

Gothenburg is led by three seniors: Aryn Meisinger, Taylor Mroczek, Regan Geiken and Junior Tiani Reeves.

Clark said those four have become a competitive group.

“Aryn did a nice job running our offense against them,” Clark said.

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She assisted on 18 of the 32 team kills throughout the match.

Reeves, the Swedes leading hitter from last year's team finished the match with 11 kills on 24 attempts.

Mroczek and Geiken are who Clark can focus on being consistent, she said, which showed during Gothenburg's first match.

In the second set, Bow made it tough for Gothenburg to extend its lead, capitalizing on serve receive errors by the Swedes.

"We have to continue to work on our serve receive and keeping the ball low," Clark said. "Our passes can't be too high if we want to run an up-tempo offense."

Geiken led the team in serve receives with 16. Meisinger added seven digs to her 18 assists and Reeves topped the digs chart with 9.

Gothenburg has three matches this week. The Swedes took on Southwest and Sutherland in a triangular at Southwest Tuesday and will play at the Cozad Invitational Saturday.

"Southwest and Sutherland are traditionally good, solid teams," Clark said. "Going into the invite on Saturday we will focus on playing our style of volleyball and adjusting to whatever the opponent does."

Clark said the team makes up a great group that wants to do well. The girls are competitive and work hard to keep improving.

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RESERVES LOSE IN THREE

Broken Bow defeated the Gothenburg reserves in three games—19-25, 25-12, 25-19. As a team, the Swedes served 90%.

SERVE LEADERS—MaKaela Franzen, 15-15, 6 aces, 11 points; McKenna Peterson, 6-6, 1 ace, 3 points; Blaire Gibbens, 2 aces, 6 points

HITTING—Mady Vogel, 3 kills, 4 blocks; Sarah Brown, 4 kills.

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