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It's safe to say the Swede volleyball team was ready for their first home match of the season against North Platte St. Patrick last Tuesday.

The Swedes struck quickly and went on to win in four sets—25-14, 25-22, 21-25, 25-13.

Gothenburg jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the first set after an ace by Aryn Meisinger and two kills by Tiani Reeves.

Head coach Mary Clark said Meisinger's serve is difficult to return because it is more of an attack than anything.



From the beginning of the set Gothenburg controlled the pace and rode momentum to a 25-14 set win.

"In the first set we were strong and did all the little things well," Clark said. "That was good to see."

Gothenburg continued its success in the second set, limiting Creighton commit Brittany Lawrence's touches and continuing to attack on the offensive end.

"We left it up to Tiani to take away her straight ahead attack," Clark said. "With that we covered

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where we thought she would hit and it bothered her a little bit.”

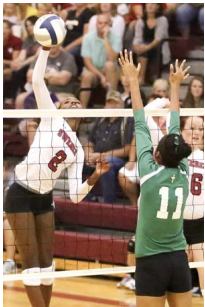
In the third set, Gothenburg got away from the basics, Clark said, losing the game, 25-21.

She said some younger girls got sent in during that set and the team struggled.

“Our communication went down and we lost control of the set,” Clark said.

Gothenburg bounced back quickly after the third set loss, gaining control and momentum in the fourth and final set, winning 25-13.

Clark said she was pleased with how the team turned it around after the third set loss.



Reeves led the team and the game with 18 kills. Swedes Kim Whiting and Regan Geiken also posted double-digit kills with 14 and 10 respectively.

“Regan had a stellar night on the court. Her passing allowed us to run all of our offensive options,” Clark said.

She added that Whiting has improved all season and did a great job hitting against St. Pats.

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