

Volleyball squad dominates at Hershey

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Win three matches in straight sets

It only took Gothenburg six sets last Saturday to beat Bridgeport, Hershey and Ainsworth on their way to the Hershey Invite crown.

Head coach Mary Clark said she was pleased with the way the girls played throughout the entire tournament.

Gothenburg's first game was against Bridgeport. The Swedes made quick work of the Bulldogs beating them 25-11, 25-9.

Clark said Taylor Mroczek had a nice game serving accounting for four aces in the match.

The offensive attack was led by Tiani Reeves with eight kills, followed by Regan Geiken with six and Kim Whiting with four.

"Kim hit the ball really well for us the entire tournament," Clark said. "All of the girls played great."

The domination seemed to carry over into the second match of the day, against invite host Hershey.

Gothenburg defeated the Panthers 25-9, 25-19.

As a team the girls served and received serves well, Clark said. It's nice to see their work in practice lead to improving in games.

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Reeves collected 11 of the teams 23 kills. Aryn Meisinger assisted on 17 of them.

“We wanted the girls to hit aggressively this tournament,” Clark said. “Don’t overthink placement, just hit.”

Mrozcek continued her serving excellence going a perfect 19-19 from the service line in the two sets.

The Swedes advanced to play the Ainsworth Bulldogs in the final.

“It took us a little while to get going in that match. We sat for two games and started slow,” Clark said. “Once we got back into the swing of the game, we played well.”

Gothenburg won in straight sets, 25-12, 25-18.

The Swedes used a balanced hitting attack as each player who attempted a hit knotted a kill, led by Reeves with 11.

Geiken and Meisinger combined for 25-25 serving and seven aces in the match.

The Swedes will host the Gothenburg Invite Saturday. Teams coming to play are Holdrege, Ord and Sutherland. The action starts at 11 a.m. with both the north and south gyms being used.

In preparation, Gothenburg will work on keeping passes low and moving the ball around on offense at an uptempo pace, Clark said.

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