Gothenburg advances to second round of playoffs against Broken Bow.

The Swedes reaped Halloween havoc on district foe Chase County 31-15 in the first round of the state C1 playoffs Thursday night.

Gothenburg controlled the ball, the clock and Chase County holding the Longhorns to 198 total yards.

On the other hand, the Swedes running game racked up 261 yards and two touchdowns while Dawson Graham and Trenton Long connected for two more scores through the air.

Gothenburg received the opening kickoff and marched steadily down the field as Zach Wolf carried the ball seven times eventually leading to a field goal.

Trenton Long put the Swedes on the board 3-0 with a 34-yard field goal with 5:34 left in the first quarter.

Gothenburg never looked back.

Chase County on the other hand didn't manage a drive longer than four plays until the seven-minute mark of the fourth quarter.

The Swedes started the second quarter with the ball and used five consecutive runs to set up a seven-yard play action bootleg pass from Dawson Graham to Trenton Long in the corner of the endzone.

Long snagged the ball with one hand and got a foot down just inside the painted boundary.

After his converted PAT, Gothenburg led 10-0.

After a short Longhorn drive, the Swedes chewed up more clock and more yardage.

Head coach Craig Haake said he was happy with the line and how they maintained blocks throughout the entire game.

COZAD IS NEXT FOE

Gothenburg will travel to Cozad Tuesday for the next round of state football playoffs. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Swedes beat Broken Bow 34-14 while Cozad defeated Pierce on the road 34-12.

The line of Gothenburg propelled a 70-yard, six-minute drive ending with Roy Slack punching it into the endzone fom the two yard line.

Long again converted the PAT to put the Swedes ahead, 17-0.

Four plays later, Gothenburg had the ball again after a Chase County punt was downed on its own 43 yard line.

Graham ran three straight times getting the ball to the 14 yard line before using play action to set up another Long reception in the endzone. The play covered 14 yards.

The Swedes went in at halftime leading Chase County 24-0.

Long accounted for 18 of those points including his first two career receptions and touchdowns.

In the third Gothenburg forced three turnovers but didn't capitalize on any as both offenses stalled until the fourth quarter.

"We left some points out there against them," Haake said. "We forced turnovers and didn't get points off them. That is something we need to fix."

After Graham intercepted a pass and returned it 31 yards, the Swedes returned to form.

A five-play drive capped by Graham finding the promised land from five yards out put the Swedes ahead 31-0.

Both offenses struggled for eight minutes until Chase County found the endzone against Gothenburg's second team defense.

The Longhorns put a seven-play drive together and Jacob Leuth scored on a five-yard run to end the shutout, 31-6.

A successful onside kick followed and Chase County used a couple plays to get to Gothenburg's 15 yard line.

A pass completion to Kevin German set up a 16-yard touchdown.

The Longhorns snapped the ball to the kicker who completed a pass and converted the two-point conversion, ending the game at 31-15.

Gothenburg ran the ball 62 time for 267 yards.

Blake Ristine led the team with 100 yards on 16 carries.

With the win, the No. 9-ranked Swedes advance

d to the second round of the C1 state playoffs and host Broken Bow Wednesday (tonight) at 6 p.m.

The Indians beat Grand Island Central Catholic in the first round and come into the game with a six game win streak.

“Most of the time they run a pretty traditional offense and throw in some pro-set looks,” Haake said. “Our defensive principles are the same but we have to be disciplined on our option assignments.”

In preparation, Gothenburg has tweaked some things on both sides of the ball, Haake said, but nothing has changed.

“Our kids are focused and have a gameplan,” Haake said. “At this point in the season most

teams are going to do what they do and have to execute.”

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