

Swedes can't overcome 19-point road deficit

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A fourth quarter Gothenburg rally at Southern Valley Thursday wasn't nearly enough.

The Swede boys basketball team scored 20 points in the fourth quarter but still lost 60-48.

Head coach Roger Koehler said he put some younger guys in the game late and they stepped in and made shots. It was pleasing, he said.

However, Koehler said he was not pleased with the team's play in the first three quarters.

"We didn't play as a team and we lost our composure," Koehler said. "We played on our heels and they were aggressive."

The Eagles returned three starters off last year's Class C-2 state championship team and their experience showed on defense, Koehler said.

Southern Valley set up in a 2-2-1 full-court press every possession that the Swedes handled well early, he said, but then the Eagles turned up the pressure.

"They forced us into some traps and turned us over," Koehler said. "We panicked with the ball in our hands."

The Swedes trailed by three, 16-13, after the first quarter but a lull in scoring during the second and third quarter left them trailing the Eagles 47-28 heading into the final period.

Turnovers have been an issue early this season as Gothenburg is averaging more than 20 per game. Koehler said the Swedes have to find a way to get composed and stop turning the ball

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When the Swedes managed to get into the front court, stopping Tanner Borchardt was the objective for Southern Valley. Koehler said, for good reason.

Borchardt finished the game with a team high 13 points on eight shots.

Southern Valley had three players score double digits— Hunter Quinn with 19, Jerimiah Perkins with 12 and Alex Kaup with 11.

Gothenburg falls to Eagles

The Swede reserves lost a close game to the Eagles 52-48 after leading through the first three periods.

A six-point fourth quarter cost Gothenburg the game as they were outscored by seven.

Dawson Graham paced the Swedes with 11 points with Collin Hahn and Ty Clement adding eight apiece.

Scoring by quarters:

Gothenburg. 11 16 15 6—48

So. Valley 10 13 18 13—52

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SWEDE SCORING: Dawson Graham 11, Collin Hahn 8, Ty Clement 8, Pat Messersmith 6, Jacob Franzen 5, Bryce Kowalewski 3, Matt Bruntz 3, Levi Tripp 2.

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