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Swede junior scores career-high 31 points

Gothenburg's 6-8 junior center Tanner Borchardt shot 15-17 from the field and dominated the paint in the Swedes' 65-41 victory over Perkins County last Saturday.

The Swedes opened the game on a 10-0 run with Borchardt scoring six points and Nate Graham adding four of his own.

Head coach Roger Koehler said the team played much better as a team compared to earlier in the week against Southern Valley.

"We weren't worried about individual success," he said.

Gothenburg used a 9-0 run to start the second quarter and outscored the Plainsmen 21-12 in the period to lead at halftime, 35-18.

Before the game, Koehler's message was for the boys to relax, have fun and play the game.

The message was received and the Swedes played well.

In the third quarter, Perkins County outscored the Swedes 14-12 and closed the lead down to 15 heading into the fourth.

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Gothenburg limited its turnovers in the final period and outscored the Plainsmen 18-9 securing a win.

Along with Borchardt's success, Blake Ristine scored 16 points and Dawson Graham dished out eight assists.

"Positive actions are contagious," Koehler said. "When players step up and do things well, other players tend to follow."



Gothenburg took care of the ball and committed a season low 11 turnovers and shot 49% from the field as a team.

"We didn't force anything in that game," Koehler said. "We looked to run and get the ball inside with an easy entry pass."

Perkins County was led by Tim Johnson and Derek Sis with nine points each.

"We took a step in the right direction against Perkins County that we can build on," Koehler said.

Gothenburg takes North Platte St. Patrick's on Thursday and travels to Holdrege on Friday.

Koehler said both teams have a history of being good and are well coached.

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The Swedes will have to match their opponents' aggressiveness, he said.

Going into the Thursday night contest, Koehler said the Swedes will focus on limiting turnovers.

Reserves win by 40 points

Gothenburg used consistent offense in all four quarters in its 67-27 win over Perkins County.

The Swedes held the Plainsmen to four points in the first quarter and outscored them by nine or more in each succeeding quarter.

Eleven Swede scorers were led by Dawson Graham, Collin Hahn and Ty Clement with 10 points apiece.

Scoring by quarters:

Perkins Co. 41076—27

Gothenburg 13211716—67

SWEDE SCORING: Dawson Graham 10, Collin Hahn 10, Ty Clement 10, Matt Bruntz 7, Bryce Kowalewski 6, Ryan Rehbach 6, Ziek Brian 6, Patrick Messersmith 5, Braeden Brundage 4, Jacob Franzen 2, Marcus Fritton 1.

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