

Gothenburg struggles to find chink in No. 1 Minden's armor

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The Swedes ran into a team that was more than just three star players Saturday night.

That's what girls head coach Chris Lecher said after Minden dominated Gothenburg 67-30.

"Their team isn't made up of just those three girls," Lecher said, referring to Brooke, Taylor and Jamie Kissinger. "They have good support players and work as a group."

Gothenburg's plan was to stall against the No. 1-ranked team in Class C-1 but that was tossed aside after Minden jumped out to a 10-3 lead.

Gothenburg saw little success in the opening quarter. Late in the period Brooke Kissinger, who scored a game high 24 points, pulled up for three in transition to give Minden a 22-3 lead.

"You can't run with them," Lecher said. "

Minden's suffocating defense forced 28 Swede turnovers, some of which contributed to second-quarter baskets as Minden extended its lead to 40-10 at halftime.

The only message Lecher had for his girls was to keep playing and continue to compete.

The Swedes came out aggressive in the third quarter and scored 10 points, after forcing some

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turnovers and getting to the free throw line. Minden's attack slowed down slightly but Gothenburg still trailed by 35 points after the third quarter.

Leading 55-20 the Whippets continued to power past Gothenburg 12-10 in the final frame.

The Swedes did see success on both sides of the court near the end of the contest but the outcome was already decided.

"I wanted the seniors to finish out their last home game," Lecher said. "They didn't give up."

Regan Geiken led Gothenburg with 14 points.

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