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Despite rough shooting night, boys move to 4-6 on the year.

Friday night's game with Sutherland was nearly a repeat performance of the past two matchups between the Swedes and the Sailors.

Gothenburg coach Kent Koehn predicted last week that just as in the past two season, the first of the two teams to reach 30 points would win the game.

Gothenburg came out on top this time 36-27.

"We can play some pretty ugly basketball," Koehn said. "I guess if that's what it takes to get a win, that's what it takes."

Koehn said he's not sure what it is about Sutherland that brings out such low scoring games.

"They've run the same flex offense for years," he said, "and they seem to know what we're going to do too."

The Sailors led 8-6 at the end of the first quarter as both teams struggled to get the ball through the hoop.

Gothenburg went 3-of-10 in the first period while the Sailors were 3-of-6 with two free throws.

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“We switched to a zone trap in the second quarter to try and speed up play,” Koehn said.



That seemed to work as the Swedes pushed ahead for a 19-12 lead at halftime.

The Swedes struggled again in the third period, hitting only two field goals but maintaining a 25-20 advantage.

“We tried to press full court in the second half but Sutherland was finding their guy in the high post almost every time so we had to end that,” Koehn said.

Buckets still weren't falling for Gothenburg in the fourth period and for the final two minutes of the game, no Swedes even attempted a field goal.

Luckily the Swedes went 5-for-5 from the line to close out the game.

“Down the stretch we showed some patience even though the shots weren't falling,” Koehn said. “We ran our offensive plays through two or three times. That's not something we've been able to accomplish.”

The Swedes didn't get their average three to four three-point goals against Sutherland. In fact, they were 0-for-8 from behind the arch.

“They gave us all the outside chances we wanted,” Koehn said. “We just couldn't get the ball

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through the hoop.”

Senior Landen Haake was the leading scorer for Gothenburg with 10 points while Korey Ahlenstorf added seven points and six rebounds.

Travis Chandler was high point for Sutherland with 12.

The Swedes move to 4-6 on the season and will host Cozad (2-9) on Thursday for the team's parents night before traveling to Chase County (2-7) Friday.

Koehn said he expects to get Cozad's best game of the season.

“Throw out records,” he said. “None of that matters when Gothenburg is playing Cozad.”

Tip-off is set for approximately 7 p.m.

GOTHENBURG 36		SUTHERLAND 27	
GOth	FG FT FF Rb Pt	SUTHERLAND	
K.Ahlenstorf	2-4 3-3 4 6 7		
A. Collins	1-2 0-0 0 2 2		
J. Dudley	1-0 0-0 0 0 2		
D. France	1-6 2-2 2 5 4		
L. Haake	4-10 2-2 2 2 10		
M. Millerstrand	2-2 0-0 2 3 4		
P. Reeves	1-5 1-2 2 5 3		
T. Sheets	0-1 0-0 0 0 0		
J. Talbot	2-6 0-0 2 4		
TOTALS	14-43 8-9 14 25 36		
Three-pointers: Gothenburg, 9; Sutherland, 0.			
Field goals: Gothenburg, 14-43, 33%; Sutherland, 10-30, 33%.			
Free throws: Gothenburg, 8-9, 89%; Sutherland, 2-4, 50%.			
Fouls: Gothenburg, 14; Sutherland, 12.			
Rebounds: Gothenburg, 9 offensive, 17 defensive, 25 total.			
Turnovers: Gothenburg, 15.			
Scoring by quarters:			
Sutherland..... 8 4 8 7—27			
Gothenburg..... 6 13 8 11—36			