

Lack of depth hindering girls

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| CENTURA 54 | | GOTHENBURG 36 | | | |
|--|-------|---------------|----|----|----|
| GO TH | FG FT | PF | RB | PT | |
| A. Anderson | 2-7 | 2-2 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| A. Clark | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| J. Heston | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| E. Max | 0-11 | 1-2 | 3 | 10 | 10 |
| B. Munster | 1-4 | 0-2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| T. Paul | 0-2 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| K. Peterson | 2-7 | 1-3 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| K. Winter | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| T. Wolf | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 15-46 | 5-11 | 20 | 28 | 36 |
| Three pointers: Gothenburg, Kira Peterson, 1; Centura, 5 | | | | | |
| Field goals: Gothenburg, 15-46, 33%; Centura, 19-51, 37% | | | | | |
| Free throws: Gothenburg, 5-11, 45%; Centura, 11-21, 52% | | | | | |
| Fouls: Gothenburg, 20; Centura, 11 | | | | | |
| Rebounds: Gothenburg, 7 offensive, 21 defensive, 28 total; Centura, 10 offensive, 17 defensive, 27 total | | | | | |
| Turnovers: Gothenburg, 26; Centura, 22 | | | | | |
| Scoring by quarters: | | | | | |
| Gothenburg.....8 8 11 9—36 | | | | | |
| Centura.....14 21 10 12—54 | | | | | |

Centura downs Gothenburg.

CAIRO—Gothenburg girls basketball coach Tim Peterson is finding himself in a quandary.

He wants to play more girls off his bench so those on the floor don't get too tired.

"If I don't sub enough, we get worn down and that leads to bad quarters," he said.

At the same time, the Swedes can't afford to see a drop-off in production when Peterson goes to his bench.

"It's kind of a double-edged sword," he said.

Besides that, Peterson said, he's still looking for the right combination of chemistry.

All that contributed, he said, to Gothenburg's 54-36 loss to Centura Saturday.

"They're a really good basketball team," Peterson said of the Centurians. "And we're not putting together four quarters of basketball."

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The Swedes fell behind 14-8 in the first period but Peterson said the deficit didn't seem insurmountable.

Then Centura really caught fire.

"They outscored us 21-8 in the second quarter," Peterson said. "Take out that bad spell and you've got a pretty close ball game."

Centura held a 35-16 lead at halftime.

"It has nothing at all to do with a lack of effort," Peterson said. "These girls give everything they have. It's more a lack of execution."

Swede senior Emily Max scored 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Gothenburg.

The Swedes move to 3-7 on the season. This week they host Cozad (3-9) on Thursday and travel to Chase County (4-5) Friday.

"Cozad has good size and they're much improved from last year," Peterson said. "Chase County has been a bit of a surprise. They have small numbers but they're a solid team. These are games we should win but we're going to have to bring our A game for both."