

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	0-0 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."