

Gothenburg girls get 'ugly' victory

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GOTHENBURG 36		CHASE COUNTY 21				
GO	TH	FG	FT	FF	RB	PT
A. Abramson	3-7	0-0	0	2	8
A. Clark	1-2	0-0	1	1	2
S. Eggleston	1-7	2-4	1	4	4
M. Gilham	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
J. Haake	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
E. Max	4-11	1-2	4	10	9
B. Mincer	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
K. Nelson	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
T. Paul	1-1	0-0	1	1	2
K. Peterson	2-6	0-0	3	1	6
P. Prill	1-2	0-0	0	2	5
J. Wiggins	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
T. Wolf	0-1	0-0	1	2	0
TOTALS	12-44	6-9	18	23	36

Three pointers - Gothenburg, All Abramson, 2, Kira Peterson, 2, Chase County, 0.

Field goals - Gothenburg, 12-44, 20%; Chase County, 6-43, 19%.

Free throws - Gothenburg, 6-9, 67%; Chase County, 5-14, 36%.

Fouls - Gothenburg, 19, Chase County, 14.

Rebounds - Gothenburg, 6 offensive, 17 defensive, 23 total, Chase County, 12 offensive, 11 defensive, 24 total.

Turnovers - Gothenburg, 26; Chase County, 25.

Scoring by quarters:
Gothenburg..... 14 3 12 7—36
Chase County..... 8 8 4 4—21

Defense gives Swedes the edge.

IMPERIAL—Swede coach Tim Peterson isn't too concerned with how his girls look when they play basketball.

In fact the veteran coach said sometimes the game has to get a little ugly if Gothenburg is going to have a chance to win.

"This team is never going to win a game or lose a game pretty," Peterson said. "We have to play good defense to win ball games and sometimes that can be pretty ugly."

That was the case with Gothenburg's 36-21 victory over Chase County Friday night.

The Swedes got off to a solid start, cruising ahead of the Longhorns 14-5 in the first quarter.

Shots didn't fall for Gothenburg in the second period though, as Chase County closed the gap to a 17-13 Swede lead at halftime.

"We've been struggling a little bit offensively," Peterson said. "Our shooting percentage hasn't been very good lately."

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But despite a 30% overall field goal percentage and making just 4-of-14 three-point attempts, the Swedes clamped down on Chase County to allow only eight second half points.

Senior Emily Max led the Swedes with nine points and 10 rebounds. Ali Abramson added eight points.

"We did a nice job defensively," Peterson said. "It was a total team effort with production coming from a lot of girls."

Thirteen girls entered the game and all 13 earned a spot in the stat book.

"When we got in a little bit of foul trouble, I saw several kids step up," Peterson said. "It's a good time to be seeing a team effort like that."

The Swedes move to 4-8 on the season as they host Broken Bow (3-9) Friday before traveling to Kearney Catholic on Saturday.

"Broken Bow likes to push the ball and run, run, run," Peterson said. "If they're on, they're going to be tough to beat. If we can play good defense, we should be able to force them to turn the ball over."

The Stars, on the other hand, will present one of the biggest challenges the Swedes have seen this season.

"I picked Kearney Catholic pre-season as one of the best teams in the state (in Class C-1)," Peterson said.

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So far, the Omaha World-Herald agrees, rating the 12-1 Stars No. 4 in the class.

That doesn't mean Gothenburg will give up before the girls ever get there.

"We have to make every possession a quality possession," Peterson said. "We can't turn the ball over, we have to be patient and we have to go in there believing we can pull off the upset."

Friday's matchup with Broken Bow will tip off at approximately 6 p.m. Saturday's game in Kearney is scheduled for 5 p.m.