

Kearney Catholic's physical game wore down Swede boys

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KEARNEY CATHOLIC 63.
GOTHENBURG 46.

GO TH	FG	FT	AS	RB	PT
K. Altonhorst	2-10	2-4	0	7	5
A. Collins	1-1	0-0	0	2	2
J. Duffley	1-1	0-0	0	1	2
D. France	2-5	0-0	1	6	4
L. Healy	2-13	5-7	3	3	10
M. Hester	2-2	0-0	2	4	4
P. Reeves	3-7	2-4	4	6	8
T. Sheets	1-1	0-0	4	2	3
J. Teahon	2-5	2-4	1	4	7
TOTALS	16-40	12-19	15	35	46

Three-pointers: Gothenburg, 7/16
Sheets, T., Joel Teahon, J.
Field goals: Gothenburg, 16-46, 35%
Free throws: Gothenburg, 12-19, 63%
Rebounds: Gothenburg, 7 offensive, 21 defensive, 28 total.
Turnovers: Gothenburg, 19.
Scoring by quarters:
Gothenburg..... 14 13 8 11—46
Kearney Catholic..... 20 14 15 14—53

Stars win 63-46.

KEARNEY—Gothenburg's boys know when they step on the court in Kearney Catholic's gymnasium, they can expect a rough and tumble game.

That's exactly what they got Saturday night in a 63-46 loss to the Stars.

"I think that might have been the roughest game I've ever witnessed," said Swede coach Kent Koehn. "The kids played hard, no doubt, but Kearney Catholic just wears you out, physically and mentally."

After putting so much into Friday night's game with Broken Bow, Koehn said he wondered if his players had any strength left to face Kearney Catholic's rugged style of play.

"Eventually we adjusted to the style," he said, "but we never got in a rhythm."

Gothenburg trailed 20-14 at the end of the first quarter and stayed within six or seven points the entire first half.

"We were down seven at halftime and I went to the locker room feeling pretty good about things," Koehn said.

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Then a shooting slump in the third period allowed the Stars to extend their lead.

“Even when we were down 14 or 15 points it didn’t seem like we were that far behind,” Koehn said. “The kids just kept plugging away but never really got any closer.”

Kearney Catholic’s outside game kept the Swedes at bay. The Stars made 8-of-23 three-point attempts while Gothenburg got two long shots to fall.

All nine Swedes who got in the game put points on the board, led by Landen Haake with 10 points.

“We got everybody to score and still only shot 34%,” Koehn said.

The Swedes moved to 6-8 on the season with the loss. Kearney Catholic is 8-5.