

Emotions run high against Indians

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Discipline necessary for Swede boys.

Sometimes when a team wants to win too badly, the emotions can get in the way of playing the game.

Gothenburg boys basketball coach Kent Koehn said he believes his team spent too much emotion trying to get back at Broken Bow for eliminating the Swedes from the Class C-1 state football playoffs last fall with too little focus on the task at hand.

The Swedes trailed slightly most of the game and despite tying the score with five minutes to play they lost to the Indians 55-51 in regular-season play Friday night.

"It's so frustrating because I know we are capable of much, much more," Koehn said.

The Swedes' first score came in the form of an old-fashioned three-point play when Patrick Reeves was fouled by Nathan Scott on a layup.

Reeves made the hoop and the free throw to put Gothenburg up 3-2.

BROKEN BOW 55		GOTHENBURG 51			
	FG	FT	AS	RE	PT
K. Ahlertorf	0-1	0-0	1	2	0
A. Collins	2-4	1-1	0	4	7
J. Dudley	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
D. Franzen	2-10	0-0	2	5	12
L. Hanks	2-20	0-2	6	15	12
M. Hilderbrand	1-3	0-0	8	3	2
P. Reeves	4-7	1-1	2	6	9
T. Sheets	1-1	0-0	1	1	2
J. Tushon	2-6	0-0	0	3	4
TOTALS	23-52	2-5	19	29	51

Three-pointers: Gothenburg, Landon Hanks, 3.
Field goals: Gothenburg, 23-52, 44%.
Free throws: Gothenburg, 2-5, 40%.
Fouls: Gothenburg, 10; Broken Bow, 11.
Rebounds: Gothenburg, 9 offensive, 20 defensive, 29 total.
Turnovers: Gothenburg, 16.
Scoring by quarter:
Broken Bow 17 10 12 16—55
Gothenburg 12 10 10 19—51

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The Swedes didn't lead again until about a minute to play in the first half when a three-pointer by Landen Haake sent Gothenburg up 25-24.

The slim advantage didn't last long as Taylor Slingsby finished out the half with a layup and foul shot.

Gothenburg trailed 27-25 at the break.

"When we played disciplined, things went well," Koehn said. "I'm used to us not being disciplined on offense but we let their defense dictate how we ran the offense and that doesn't work."

Back-to-back shots by Reeves to open the third period, followed by a jumper from Joel Teahon, gave Gothenburg a 31-27 lead with just over five minutes left in the quarter.

The Swedes stayed on top and finished out the period up 40-39.

When Scott hit the first bucket of the fourth period and Marc Sleicher followed up with another, the Indians had the lead and the momentum back for good.

"We talked all week about shutting Scott down," Koehn said. "We did a really good job of that until the fourth quarter."

The 6-foot-3 junior scored eight of his team-high 16 points in the fourth period.

"I want the guys to have that chip on their shoulders when it comes to teams like Broken Bow," Koehn said. "But I want them to go after it in the right way."

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Haake was the high scorer for the Swedes with 15 points. Derek Franzen added 12 points.

Haake and Mark Hilderbrand offered six assists each.