

## Melons will put Junior, Senior teams on field again

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### **2010 MELONS BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

**May 28**—at Overton, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**June 1**—Kearney here, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**June 2**—at Lexington, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**June 5**—Hershland here, 1-3 p.m.  
**June 6**—Lexington here, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**June 9**—at McCook, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**June 11**—Minden here, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**June 15**—at Cozad, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**June 16**—at Ogallala, 5:30-8 p.m.  
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**June 19**—at Broken Bow, 1-3 p.m.  
**June 20**—Holdrege here, 1-3 p.m.  
**June 22**—McCook here, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**June 25**—Cozad here, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**June 29**—Ogallala here, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**June 30**—Broken Bow here, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**July 1**—Senior All-Stars at Kearney, 1 p.m.  
**July 2**—at Aurora, 5:30-8 p.m.

**July 6**—at Holdrege, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**July 8**—League championships at Kearney, TBD  
**July 9**—at Minden, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**July 10**—at Hershland, 1-3 p.m.  
**July 14**—Overton here, Seniors only, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**July 15-20**—Junior Area 6 at Lexington, TBA  
**July 22-27**—Senior Area 6 at Holdrege, TBA  
**July 24-28**—Junior state tournament at O'Neill, TBA  
**July 31-Aug. 4**—Senior state tournament at Schuyler, TBA

#### **Season opens Friday.**

After fielding only one American Legion Baseball team last summer, the Gothenburg Melons are back in full force.

Melon manager Jory Flesch said there are plenty of players this year for both a Junior and a Senior team.

“That’s a good thing,” Flesch said, “good for the future of the program.”

There are also plenty of boys for the Killer Bees, a team of younger players who eventually feed into the Melons program.

The Bees will participate in the Babe Ruth League in North Platte.

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“Looks like we’re back on track,” Flesch said.

The Junior and Senior teams will compete again in the west division of the Mid-Nebraska Baseball League. A Senior all-star game is slated for July 1 at Kearney with a league championship scheduled July 8.

Opponents in the league include Broken Bow, Cozad, Holdrege, McCook and Ogallala.

Flesch said the only major changes to the Melon schedule is the addition of Overton back in the mix and the elimination of Ainsworth.

The Melons open the year on the road at Overton on Friday and will host Kearney Tuesday night at 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Games are scheduled with Juniors first, followed by Seniors.

The Junior Area 6 tournament will be in Lexington July 15-20 with the Junior state tourney at O’Neill July 24-28.

The Seniors play in the Area 6 tournament at Holdrege July 22-27 with their state championships set for Schuyler July 31-Aug 4.

In addition to managing the program, Flesch helps coach all teams. Other coaches include Mark Bartels, Brian Bullock, Matt Ostergard and Curtis Ostendorf.