

## Seniors off to 4-1 start

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Sometimes it's a big rally that sparks a victory, other times it's a small one.

The Gothenburg Seniors took advantage of both to go 3-1 in four games during the past week.

The Seniors put their 4-1 record on the line at McCook Wednesday (today) and will host Minden Friday before traveling to Cozad Tuesday and Ogallala next Wednesday.

## Melons chip away

Gothenburg downed Lexington 5-1 Sunday scoring in four different frames of the seven-inning contest.

A pair of singles led to the Melons' first run. Tanner Schwanz opened the first inning with a single and he later scored on a single by Tre Ostergard.

Korey Ahlenstorf made it 2-0 when he scored on an error after starting the second with a double.

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Tannor Mroczek hit a two-out triple in the fourth and raced home on single by Schwanz.

Gothenburg got its final two runs in the fifth. Ben Mayher reached first on a fielding error and then took second and third on wild pitches. Ahlenstorf walked and, when he stole second, Mayher came home on the throw. Lauer drove in Ahlenstorf with a single.



Lexington got two of its four hits for the game in the seventh inning for its only score.

Tre Ostergard went the distance for the win fanning seven batters and walking two.

Visitors belt 3 home runs

Hershland pounded Gothenburg pitching for three home runs and the Melon batters gave little support in a 13-1 four-inning loss Saturday.

The Melons were held to just two hits—a triple by Tanner Schwanz and a single by Ben Mayher.

Hershland led 3-1 after the first frame. Schwanz tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Cody Ostergard.

The visitors added four runs in the third inning and four in the fourth.

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Schwanz threw for three innings and took the loss. He was relieved by Mayher.

Walker fans 10

A pair of three-run innings provided Taylor Walker with all the support he needed June 2 as Gothenburg edged Lexington 6-5.

Walker kept Lexington off balance with 10 strikeouts while walking just two. He scattered eight hits.

Three singles sparked a three-run, two-out Lexington rally in the first inning aided by a couple of Melon errors.

Gothenburg answered in the top of the second to tie the score. Korey Ahlenstorf started it with a full count double. He scored on a single by Ben Mayher.

Tanner Schwanz lived on a fielder's choice and then stole second and third. He came home on a passed ball.

Aaron Lauer walked and eventually came home on a single by Walker.

The Melons gave up a run in the second on another two-out rally, but came back with three in the third.

This time Cody Ostergard got it started with a double. Tre Ostergard homered to make it 5-4. Schwanz again reached on a fielder's choice and later scored on a RBI single by Lauer.

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Lexington started a rally in the fourth with a double and a single, but it didn't get very far. It ended with just one run scored and the final out coming on an attempt to steal home.

Big inning keys win

Gothenburg exploded for nine runs in the sixth inning and then held off Kearney to post an 11-9 win on June 1.

The Melons led for just a short time at 2-1 after two inning.

Back-to-back singles by Korey Ahlenstorf and Ben Mayher started the rally. Aaron Lauer drove in the first run with a single. Mayher later came home on a Kearney error.

The visitors opened up a 4-2 lead in the third inning and made it 6-2 after five.

Tre Ostergard led the scoring explosion for the Melons in the sixth inning with a grand slam home run.

Before that, run-scoring singles by Taylor Walker and Brandon Wlasiuk and a bases-loaded walk to Cody Ostergard cut the margin to one run.

After the homer, Lauer drove in another run with a single and Ben Mayher completed the nine-run burst scoring on a passed ball.

Kearney rallied with three runs in the seventh, but left two runners on base when the final out was made.

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Lauer went 4-for-4 to lead the Gothenburg hitters. He also picked up the win in relief.