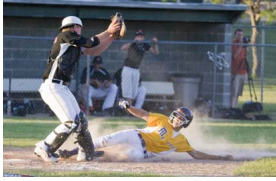


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Seniors move to 9-6 on the season.

After flying high on a winning record for five weeks, the Senior Melons got bit by the error bug last week and dropped three straight games.

Gothenburg moves to 9-6 on the summer with three regular-season games remaining on the schedule.

The Seniors play on the road against Kearney County and Hershland on Friday and Saturday before hosting Overton July 14.

The Area 6 Senior tournament begins July 22 at Holdrege.

11 costly errors

Gothenburg led Ogallala 2-1 heading into the top of the sixth inning on July 29.

Four errors already haunted the Melons in their quest to avenge an earlier loss to Ogallala but those four miscues were nothing compared to what was yet to transpire.

Gothenburg scored one run in the bottom of the third inning and another in the fourth to take the lead.

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Ben Mayer got the go-ahead run in the fourth after he reached on an error and he later scored on another error by Ogallala's catcher.

When neither team scored in the fifth inning, Gothenburg had a one-run lead.

With two outs and one on for Ogallala, the Melons appeared poised to hold on for a victory. Instead, the bottom fell out.

Ogallala scored 12 runs in the sixth on five hits and seven errors that included five fielding mistakes in the outfield and two throwing errors.

The Melons finished with 11 total errors in the game and four runs on nine hits.

Cody Ostergard, Landen Haake and Korey Ahlenstrof each recorded doubles.

Haake suffered the loss on the mound.

Comeback falls short

A two-run homer by Tre Ostergard in the bottom of the third inning gave Gothenburg a boost against Broken Bow on June 30 and a late rally was strong but not solid enough for a win.

Broken Bow got the 9-7 victory to split regular-season games with Gothenburg.

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Tre Ostergard drove in the Melons' first run when he homered with Tanner Schwanz on second base.

Gothenburg committed two errors in the fourth inning and another three in the fifth to go down 7-2 heading into the bottom of the inning.

Taylor Walker walked and Schwanz hit a single to open the sixth.

Walker and Schwanz scored on a base hit by Cody Ostergard, who later got home on a double by Landen Haake.

The inning ended with a pair of Melon strikeouts and Gothenburg trailing 7-5.

Neither team scored in the sixth inning but Broken Bow earned a pair of quick runs in the top of the seventh on one hit and three errors to lead 9-5.

Lead-off batter Schwanz walked and stole second as Cody Ostergard struck out swinging. Tre Ostergard also struck out swinging.

Landen Haake reached when the catcher dropped the third strike. Schwanz took advantage of the play stealing third and scooting home on Broken Bow's attempt to throw Haake out.

The throw was way wide and Haake advanced all the way to third.

Haake scored on a passed ball to Korey Ahlenstorf, who struck out to end the game.

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Walker threw four strikeouts and gave up six hits to take the loss.

Late runs not enough

Gothenburg trailed Aurora 4-0 on the road Friday night before their bats came to life.

The comeback effort wasn't quite enough, though, as Aurora prevailed 4-3.

Down four runs with two outs in the top of the sixth inning, Cody Ostergard reached on an error.

He didn't stay on base long as Tre Ostergard hit him home with a home run to close the score to 4-2.

Gothenburg held Aurora out in the sixth and got one more chance at the plate.

Korey Ahlenstorf led off the seventh inning with a double and advanced to third when Aaron Lauer grounded out to second base.

Brady Preitauer struck out swinging to earn the second out but Ahlenstorf was able to score on an error by Aurora's catcher.

Taylor Walker ground out to second base to leave the Melons a run short.

Gothenburg had four hits and two RBIs including Tre Ostergard's home run.

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Lauer was the losing pitcher.