

Juniors head to Area 6 tourney

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Melons go 1-2 in final week.

It's crunch time for the Gothenburg Juniors.

The Class B Area 6 tournament begins Thursday in Lexington. It's a double-elimination tourney to determine who plays at state in O'Neill beginning on July 24.

It won't be an easy road for the 3-15 Juniors who face Broken Bow in the opening game at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

Top-seeded Broken Bow has defeated No. 8-seed Gothenburg twice already this summer.

But this time of year anything can happen and Gothenburg is hoping a win last week provides enough boost to extend the season.

Melons beat Holdrege

Gothenburg's Juniors managed two five-run innings against Holdrege on July 6 to win their third game of the season 13-4.

With a 7-2 lead after two innings, the Melons blew the score open with five runs on five singles in the third.

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Lead-off batter Brett Mayher started things off with a single to right field. He stole second base and then third to put himself in scoring position.

After Justin Larson walked, Trent Good singled to left center to score Mayher.

Catcher Levi Walker followed that up with another base hit to score Larson.

A fly out by Chase Ostergard left Walker on first and Good on second. Ben Tiedemann walked to load the bases as Trey Kolbo came up to bat.

Kolbo hit a single scoring Good and Walker cruised home on the fifth base hit of the inning by Caleb Geiger.

The Melons recorded one more run when Tiedemann squeaked home on a passed ball.

Kolbo and Geiger were stranded.

Holdrege put a pair of runs on the board in the bottom of the inning but couldn't catch up.

Larson was rewarded with a win on the mound after pitching the complete game. He offered three strikeouts and three walks in 22 batters faced.

Walker finished with four hits, four RBIs and three runs.

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Batters struggle

One triple and one single was all Gothenburg could muster against the Kearney County Juniors in Minden on Friday as the Raiders defeated the Melons 10-4.

Down 3-2 with two outs and two on in the top of the second inning, Trent Good knocked out a triple to earn a pair of RBIs and put the Melons up by one run.

That's all the scoring Gothenburg managed in the inning and for the rest of the game, though.

Kolton Barnes had the only other hit of the game for Gothenburg, a single in the fourth inning that he tried to turn into a double and got caught at second.

Trey Kolbo and Ben Tiedemann split time on the mound with Kolbo taking the loss.

Ending with a loss

The Gothenburg Juniors closed out their regular 2010 season with a 12-4 loss to Hershland on the road Saturday afternoon.

The Melons scored a run in the top of the first inning when Trent Good, who walked and stole second, scored after an error and a single by Justin Larson.

That was the only time Gothenburg led the Trojans.

Once Hershland got on top in the bottom of the first scoring four runs on one hit, it was smooth

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sailing for the home team.

Gothenburg scored again in the second inning when Levi Walker walked with bases loaded to bring Caleb Geiger home.

Down 9-2 after three innings, the Melons mustered another pair of runs in the fourth.

With one out, Brett Mayher walked and Good singled to left field. Walker reached on a fielder's choice that loaded the bases.

Larson received an RBI for a walk that scored Mayher. Good recorded the other run when he scored on a sacrifice fly by Chase Ostergard.

Walker and Larson were stranded on a fly ball caught in right field.

Mayher had two hits to lead the Melons at the plate and Larson earned two RBIs.

Mayher took the loss on the mound.

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