

Juniors open with two losses

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Gothenburg's Junior Melons had a rough start to the 2011 season with a no-hitter 13-0 loss to Kearney on the road Thursday before falling to Cozad at home 9-4 Friday evening.

The Juniors hope to right the ship and turn their record around this week with games at Holdrege Wednesday (today) before hosting the Hershey/Sutherland combination Hershland in a double-header on Sunday and Minden Tuesday.

Melons suffer no-hitter

Two Kearney pitchers combined for a no-hitter to power the Kearney Five Points Juniors to a 13-0 victory over Gothenburg on Thursday in Kearney.

The Melons struck out 14 times with four walks in five innings.

No other statistics were available.

Cozad sustains early lead

Cozad's Juniors jumped out to a three-run, first-inning lead and Gothenburg couldn't make up the difference in a 9-4 loss at home Friday.

Pitcher Justin Larson gave up three runs on two hits and two errors in the top of the first inning to give Cozad the 3-0 start.

Then in the bottom of the first, Larson popped Gothenburg's first hit of the season to right field.

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Larson advanced to second base on a passed ball and later scored on an RBI double to center field hit by Chase Ostergard.

Ostergard was stranded at second and the Melons trailed 3-1.

Gothenburg kept Cozad from scoring in the second frame but couldn't manage another run until the fourth inning after the visitors padded their lead with four more runs.

Trey Kolbo walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch.

Kolbo ran to third when Ross Ostendorf reached first on a Cozad error.

Kolbo scooted home on another passed ball.

Cozad scored twice more in the top of the sixth inning on a single, a double and a walk as Adam Speck took over pitching duties for the Melons.

Trailing 9-2 going into the bottom of the seventh inning, Gothenburg put two more runs on the board.

Zach Wolf led off the inning with a walk and after Jett Seimer struck out, Speck followed up with another walk to put two Melons on base.

A single to right field by Gothenburg catcher Levi Walker and the ensuing error by Cozad's outfielder allowed Wolf to round third and speed home.

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Speck got two bases out of the deal to score as well but the inning ended with a pair of strikeouts by Ostergard and Ben Tiedemann.

Larson went 2-for-2 hitting with a single and a double. Ostergard added a double and Walker recorded a single.

Larson took the loss on the mound giving up nine hits and seven runs in five innings pitched.