

Melons notch pair of victories

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Gothenburg moves to 2-7

The Senior Melons found a way to win two straight games last week with the first victory of the summer coming against Overton.

Gothenburg collected a second win by defeating the Lexington Juniors before suffering a shut-out by Minden on Sunday afternoon.

The Melons move to 2-7 on the season with three games scheduled for this week.

McCook comes to town on Friday for a 7 p.m. game and Gothenburg travels to Broken Bow on Saturday with the first pitch set for 1 p.m. The Melons will be at home again Tuesday hosting Holdrege.

Seniors hold off Overton

Overton got enough players on base in the seventh inning to make Melon coaches nervous but Gothenburg pitcher Trey Kolbo ended the threat by throwing a strikeout and catching an infield fly to finish the game with a 5-3 victory on June 5.

The Melons got on the board first in the second inning when catcher Levi Walker hit a single over second base.

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He advanced on a series of three wild pitches, scooting home to beat the tag and record Gothenburg's first lead in a game this season.

Overton came back with a two-run third inning but the Melons didn't give in.



Trent Good reached on an error to open the bottom of the third and took second when Brandon Wlasiuk walked.

A passed ball allowed both to advance and a double by Chase Ostergard deep into center field drove both base runners home and put Gothenburg up 3-2.

The Seniors scored another run in the fifth inning and again in the sixth for a 5-2 advantage.

Overton put a runner on base with an error by Melon third baseman Ben Tiedemann.

Kolbo struck out the next batter to ease the pressure but a passed ball, a walk and an error allowed the first batter to score.

Kolbo finished out the game with a strikeout and he caught an infield fly just left of the mound.

The Melons had seven hits including Ostergard's two-RBI double. Jeff Rodriguez also earned a pair of RBIs.

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Kolbo earned the win in relief for Justin Larson.

Lexington fizzles

Lexington's Juniors gave Gothenburg a tough game on the road June 6, jumping out to an early 5-1 lead after the second inning.



The Melons recovered, though, putting five runs on the board in the last three innings.

Trailing by four runs in the top of the fifth, Gothenburg started a mini rally when Trent Good singled and then advanced on a wild pitch followed by an error.

Chase Ostergard and Levi Walker each walked to load the bases for Zach Wolf.

Wolf singled over second base, giving Good and Ostergard both enough time to get home but he was stranded after stealing second.

The Melons scored again in the top of the sixth. With two outs, Trey Kolbo hit a double to center field and scored when Good followed up with another double to center.

An error at shortstop allowed Brandon Wlasiuk on base and moved Good to third but both runners were left in the field when Ostergard was thrown out at first.

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The Melons held off Lexington but still trailed 5-4 heading into the final frame.

Levi Walker opened the inning with a single to center field and advanced on a passed ball. When Wolf reached on an error that offered an extra base, Walker rounded third and headed home for the tie.

A sacrifice fly by Jeff Rodriguez deep into center field allowed Wolf to score for the 6-5 victory.

Lexington managed a hit in the bottom of the seventh for a base runner who could have spoiled the game for Gothenburg but Melon catcher Levi Walker took care of business, catching the Lex runner stealing at second.

A strikeout thrown by relief pitcher Ben Tiedemann followed by a fly out to right field ended the threat.

Good led the way at the plate with three hits including one double. Kolbo also smacked a double.

Tiedemann recorded the win as the closing pitcher.

Raiders blank Melons

Gothenburg struggled to get on base against the Raiders in Minden Sunday afternoon in a late addition to the schedule.

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Raider pitching and defense thwarted all Melon efforts to score as Gothenburg recorded only two hits in five innings.

Trent Good opened the game with a single to center field but he was stranded after stealing second with two throws from third to first and a strikeout.

Levi Walker was the other Melon to get a base hit, also to center field. He was thrown out trying to get to third.

Gothenburg used three pitchers against Minden. Justin Larson suffered the loss allowing six hits and seven runs in 1 1/3 in