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Seniors fall to 2-11 on the year

Injuries and absences have forced several lineup changes for the Gothenburg Melons over the past week.

That inconsistency has added to the Seniors' struggles as they lost four straight games to Kearney, Cozad, McCook and Broken Bow.

With a 2-11 record, the Melons still have plenty of season left to turn things around.

Gothenburg will travel to McCook on Wednesday (today) before hosting Hershland, a Hershey and Sutherland combination, on Saturday.

The Melons turn around and travel to Cambridge Sunday before getting a four-day break.

Saturday's home game is set to begin at 1 p.m.

Bats alive at Kearney

The Melons produced 10 hits against Kearney on June 11 but only managed to turn them into three runs as Gothenburg was defeated on the road 7-3.

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The Melons took a 2-1 lead in the top of the second inning on four hits.



Levi Walker singled past third base, followed by a Zach Wolf base hit.

A sacrifice bunt by Brandon Wlasiuk moved Walker to third and a grounder by Justin Larson pushed him home.

Wolf scored on the next crack of the bat when Ben Tiedemann singled to center field.

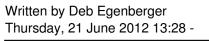
Larson and Tiedemann were stranded and Gothenburg didn't threaten to score again until the top of the sixth inning.

After allowing a Kearney run in the bottom of the third, the Melons trailed 3-2.

Walker reached on a single but was thrown out on a fielder's choice by Wolf, the next batter.

Wolf stole second and advanced to third on an over-throw, scoring the tying run when Bryce Eggleston singled.

Gothenburg didn't get home again and gave up four Kearney runs in the bottom of the sixth for the loss.



Trey Kolbo allowed eight hits in six innings for the loss.

Both Walker and Larson recorded two hits each.

Defense falters at Cozad

Cozad had no trouble putting away the Melons early in a game rescheduled from Tuesday to Wednesday last week due to much-needed rain.

The Reds scored six runs in the bottom of the second, nine in the third and nine in the fourth to end the game with a 24-4 victory with the mercy rule.

Gothenburg opened the game with a pair of runs in the top of the first.

With two outs, Chase Ostergard reached on an error that allowed him to take second.

He advanced on a passed ball and scored when Levi Walker hit a double to right field.

Walker took third on a wild pitch to Zach Wolf, who reached on an error at third.



Wolf stole second and moved to third on an overthrow from the catcher but was left standing

