

## Struggle continues

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### Senior Melon losing streak stretches to 10 games

It's been a rough ride and coaches have had to ward off total discouragement as the Senior Melons extended a losing streak, falling three more times on the road last week.

Ogallala defeated Gothenburg 16-0 after four innings and the Melons fell to Aurora twice in a double-header, 10-0 and 10-1.

That drops the Seniors' record to 2-17 as they head into the final stretch of the season.

Gothenburg finishes out the regular season at home hosting Overton on Friday followed by Lexington's Juniors on Saturday and Shelton-Gibbon on Sunday.

Seeding for the Senior Legion Area 6 tournament that begins July 24 at Minden will be completed by Monday.

Ogallala offers no-hitter

Ogallala pitcher Trevor Neill threw a no-hitter through four innings, leading his team to a 16-0 victory on June 29.

Neill struck out six of the 12 Melon batters he faced and allowed only one Gothenburg player on base.

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With two outs, Brandon Wlasiuk walked in the top of the second inning and stole second but was stranded when Jeff Rodriguez struck out swinging to finish the frame.

At the same time, Gothenburg pitcher Justin Larson gave up 12 hits and nine unearned runs in the four innings.

Ogallala scored nine runs in the bottom of the fourth on six hits including a triple by Neill and doubles by Cody Corfield, Cody Blackwell and Zach Blackwell.

Aurora double trouble

Opportunity knocked for the Melons in the first game of a double-header at Aurora Sunday afternoon but Gothenburg didn't answer.

The Seniors managed three hits, three walks and two beamed batters to get batters on base but could not bring runs around, falling to Aurora 10-0.

Gothenburg had the chance to take an early lead in the first inning.

After Aurora pitcher Connor Strong struck out lead-off batter Trent Good, he hit Justin Larson with a pitch.

Larson was forced out at second on a ground ball by Chase Ostergard but Zach Wolf and Levi Walker walked, loading the bases and giving Gothenburg hope.

Strong stopped the threat by striking out Brandon Wlasiuk to end the inning.

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Aurora jumped to a 2-0 lead when the first and second batters hit a double followed by a triple, scoring a pair of runs on another double later in the inning.

The home team never looked back and Gothenburg didn't threaten again.

Aurora scored five runs in the second inning, two in the third and one in the fourth to end the game after five innings on the mercy rule.

Ben Tiedemann took the loss on the mound, giving up 12 hits and seven earned runs.

Hitting singles for the Melons were Good, Jeff Rodriguez and Tiedemann.

In the second game of the double-header, Gothenburg scored early but not often.

After Good had a fly out to the Aurora first baseman, Larson knocked a double into right field.

Larson scored Gothenburg's first run in three games when Ostergard hit a long single into center field.

Wolf followed with another single to center, pushing Ostergard ahead.

Trouble ensued when Ostergard headed toward third trying to beat the throw and was tagged out in between.

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The inning ended on a blooper by Walker to the pitcher, who got the last out at first.

Gothenburg held the 1-0 lead until the bottom of the second inning when Aurora tied the score.

Melon bats stayed active throughout the seven innings but Gothenburg couldn't get another runner home.

Even a double by Wlasiuk in the top of the sixth didn't result in a run.

In the meantime, Aurora scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth and four in the fifth to jump ahead and stay ahead, taking both games with a 10-1 victory .

Good suffered the loss on the mound throwing a complete game.

He gave up 12 hits with three strikeouts and three walks.

At the same time, Good led the Melon batters with a pair of singles.

Gothenburg batters to manage one hit apiece were Larson, Ostergard, Wolf, Walker and Wlasiuk.