

Numbers an issue for 2012 Melons

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The Gothenburg Melons faced a problem with numbers from the first day of practice.

There weren't enough players to field a Junior team in 2012 and even with only one squad of Seniors, there sometimes weren't enough guys to fill all the spots on the field with a batter in the box.

That meant an awful lot of shagging balls in the summer heat.

Occasionally during games, the Senior Melons didn't even have an extra player in the dugout to substitute in case of an injury.

Manager Brian Bullock said there are so many summer options for teenagers these days that it's difficult for kids to make the time commitment necessary for American Legion baseball.

With camps and jobs and families, it's a struggle Legion teams all across the state have been forced to cope with, Bullock said.

The low number of Gothenburg players was coupled with a handful who saw the field for the first time this year.

The combination led to a less-than-desirable 4-21 record for the Seniors.

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2012 SENIORS STATISTICS

| HITTING | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| | bat | ab | rns | hits | 2b | 3b | hr | rbi | sb | obp |
| Brandon Wasluk | 281 | 57 | 11 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | .424 |
| Trent Good | 276 | 69 | 12 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 | .378 |
| Levi Walker | 246 | 61 | 11 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | .394 |
| Jeff Rodriguez | 208 | 48 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | .371 |
| Chase Ostergard | 178 | 73 | 11 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 2 | .353 |
| Zach Wolf | 157 | 51 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | .288 |
| Ben Tiedemann | 150 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .286 |
| Justin Larson | 138 | 59 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 | .307 |
| Trey Kolbo | 103 | 29 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .212 |
| Bryce Eggleston | 100 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | .380 |
| Ernie Galvan | 100 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | .380 |
| Jake Mathies | 003 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .111 |
| Jacob Franzen | 000 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .250 |
| Totals | 185 | 662 | 83 | 104 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 62 | 36 | .312 |

| PITCHING | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----|--|
| | gms | w-l | era | bat | inn | h | er | bb | so | |
| Trey Kolbo | 6 | 1-4 | 4.84 | 108 | 17 1/3 | 20 | 12 | 20 | 15 | |
| Brandon Wasluk | 9 | 1-1 | 7.12 | 128 | 19 2/3 | 22 | 20 | 30 | 14 | |
| Trent Good | 6 | 1-1 | 7.15 | 92 | 15 2/3 | 26 | 16 | 14 | 9 | |
| Justin Larson | 12 | 1-9 | 7.35 | 315 | 52 1/3 | 97 | 55 | 30 | 59 | |
| Ben Tiedemann | 10 | 0-6 | 8.28 | 210 | 34 2/3 | 63 | 41 | 19 | 20 | |
| Chase Ostergard | 4 | 0-0 | 23.08 | 34 | 2 2/3 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 4 | |
| Totals | 4-21 | 762 | 887 | 142 1/3 | 233 | 163 | 125 | 120 | | |

2012 SENIORS RECORD

4-21 overall

| Goth. | Team | Opp. |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 3 | Cozad | 11 |
| 0 | Broken Bow | 10 |
| 0 | Ogallala | 13 |
| 0 | Holdrege | 22 |
| 5 | Holdrege | 12 |
| 0 | Shelton/Gibbon | 10 |
| 5 | Overton | 3 |
| 6 | Lexington JR. | 5 |
| 0 | Minden | 13 |
| 3 | Kearney | 7 |
| 4 | Cozad | 24 |
| 2 | McCook | 15 |
| 4 | Broken Bow | 14 |
| 1 | Holdrege | 7 |
| 7 | McCook | 8 |
| 5 | Cambridge | 8 |
| 0 | Ogallala | 16 |
| 0 | Aurora | 10 |
| 1 | Aurora | 10 |
| 6 | Cambridge | 2 |
| 8 | Overton | 6 |
| 11 | Lexington JR. | 15 |
| 5 | Shelton/Gibbon | 14 |
| Area 6 at Maxen | | |
| 0 | McCook | 14 |
| 7 | Minden | 12 |
| 83 | Total runs | 281 |
| 3.3 | Average | 11.2 |