

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	462	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	58	
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