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For a while Thursday, the Gothenburg-Cozad softball rematch was a comedy of errors—except that it wasn't too funny for either team.

Each squad committed six errors. The Haymakers gave up three consecutive runs on wild pitches.

Gothenburg killed several opportunities with base-running mistakes. The Swedes made the most of other chances, though, to carve out an 8-5 win.

Cozad fell to Gothenburg 10-5 in the Swedes' third game of the season.

Coach Roger Neujahr said his team seems to feel added pressure at home.

Add to that the parent's night recognition, the special "pink out" activities in support of cancer research and the regular competitive nature of a Swede-Haymaker contest.

"You could just feel the tension with them," he said.

A couple of errors provided Cozad a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

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DISTRICT C-6 SCHEDULE

Gothenburg, ranked second in Class C by the Omaha World-Herald, is seeded first in the District C-6 tournament which will be hosted by the Swedes Thursday and Friday.

Two games will open the tournament Thursday at 10 a.m.—Chadron-Chase County and Southern Valley/Alma-St. Paul.

The Chadron-Chase County winner will play the Swedes at 11:45. The other first-round game matches Blue Hill and Minden at 11:45.

The complete schedule:

Thursday

Game 1, 10 a.m.—#4 Chadron (9-77) vs. #5 Chase County (2-24)

Game 2, 10 a.m.—#3 Southern Valley/Alma (16-12) vs. #6 St. Paul (2-21)

Game 3, 11:45 a.m.—#2 Blue Hill (11-13) vs. #7 Minden (2-23)

Game 4, 11:45 a.m.—#1 Gothenburg (22-23) vs. Winner #1

Game 5, 1:30 p.m.—Winner #2 vs. Winner #3

Game 6, 1:30 p.m.—Loser #4 vs. Loser #2

Game 7, 2:15 p.m.—Loser #5 vs. Loser #1

Game 8, 2:15 p.m.—Loser #4 vs. Loser #6

Game 9, 2 a.m.—Winner #4 vs. Winner #5

Friday

Game 10, 10 a.m.—Winner #7 vs. Winner #8

Game 11, 11:45 a.m.—Loser #9 vs. Winner #10

Game 12, 1:20 p.m.—Winner #9 vs. Winner #11

Game 13 (if needed), 2:15 p.m.—Loser #12 vs. Winner #12

