

Hits lacking in pair of losses

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Mistakes and a lack of hitting plagued the Gothenburg Juniors while trying to come up with a victory in the first week's action of baseball.

The Melons dropped an 11-4 decision at Holdrege Thursday to open the season and then fell to Cozad 18-0 at home Friday.

Gothenburg hosts four home games during the next week of action: Broken Bow on Wednesday (tonight), Holdrege on Saturday, Lexington on Tuesday and Overton on June 5. The Melons play at Cambridge on Sunday.

Cozad rolls 18-0

Cozad had just six hits, but 10 walks and five Gothenburg errors helped the visitors end the game early with an 18-0 win.

Four consecutive walks to start the game produced a 4-0 lead for Cozad in the first frame.

The visitors sent 12 batters to the plate in the second inning and finished with seven more runs.

Another 12-batter inning followed in the third with Dillon Budd's two-run double providing the most damage.

Cozad was retired in order in the final two innings.

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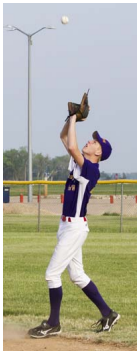
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Gothenburg had little success at the plate. No one reached base and the Cozad pitcher fanned 13 of the 15 batters he faced.

Holdrege clips Melons 11-4

Gothenburg reached the scoreboard first but couldn't continue its momentum in the later innings, falling 11-4 at Holdrege on Thursday.

A two-out rally scored four runs in the second to put Gothenburg on top early.



Three walks loaded the bases for Bryce Kowalewski who drove in two with a single. Conner Schwanz followed with a two-run double.

Holdrege committed two quick outs in the bottom of the second, but the Melons had trouble finding the third. Five hits and an error later, First National owned a 6-4 lead that wouldn't be surrendered.

The hosts scored single runs in the third and fourth frames and added three in the fifth.

Gothenburg couldn't produce any runs after getting players in scoring position in the third, fourth and sixth innings.

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Splitting the pitching duties for Gothenburg were Jacob Franzen, Dominic Long and Kowalewski.