The Melons played three games in two days last week.

Gothenburg edged out Cambridge 3-2 behind pitcher Justin Larson's seven strikeouts June 18.

The Melons traveled to McCook Wednesday and struggled with only three hits in the combined two games.

Gothenburg looks to start a winning streak this week when they go to Overton on Wednesday (today), then host games against Ogallala Friday and Broken Bow on Saturday.

Larson fans Cambridge

Both teams struggled to get hits early in the game. Larson struck out five batters in the first three innings, keeping the Cambridge threat to a minimum.

Gothenburg also struggled at the plate. Levi Walker, the only base runner in the first three innings, hit a double to right field in the bottom of the second inning.

Following the double two Melon batters struck out and an infield pop-up ended the inning.

Gothenburg capitalized on its next scoring chance in the fourth.

Chase Ostergard singled into left-center, advancing to second on a wild pitch.

Levi Walker followed with a single of his own scoring Ostergard from second base and the Melons led 1-0.

Walker stole second base and Jeff Rodriguez laid down a sacrifice bunt moving him to third base, but the Melons were unable to score.

Cambridge started off the fifth with a batter reaching first on a n infield error. A stolen base, and a walk put two runners on with nobody out.

A double steal, and a ball back to Larson on the mound scored a Cambridge runner tying the game at 1-1.

After a 1-2-3 Gothenburg fifth, Cambridge looked to take the lead in the sixth.

An error in right field allowed the first batter of the inning to reach second base.

The next batter singled to center field and another run crossed home for Cambridge, leading 2-1.

Larson forced a pop-up and ground out to end the Cambridge half inning.

Two hits sparked a two-run rally for Gothenburg in the bottom of the sixth. Ostergard singled and advanced when Walker beat out a fielder's choice.

Trey Kolbo singled to right field to drive in Ostergard and tie the score at 2-2. Walker raced home with what would be the winning run on a passed ball.

Cambridge's last chance in the seventh ended with two ground outs to Rodriguez at second base and a strikeout.

Ostergard and Walker both went 2-3 while Kolbo's single drove in the winning run. Larson threw a complete game allowing three hits and striking out seven batters.

McCook squashes Melons

In the first game of a double header on June 19, McCook scored a run in every inning but one in a 12-2 win over the Melons.

Chase Ostergard hit a double to left field, but was unable to advance any further in the first.

McCook jumped to an early 1-0 lead after a Gothenburg error, stolen base and a single to right.

McCook capitalized on Gothenburg errors, adding three hits to score six runs in the second inning, taking a 7-0 lead

Jett Seimer led the third inning off with a walk for the Melons. He stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

Larson walked putting runners on the corners for the Melons. On a steal, an error by McCook's second baseman allowed Seimer to score from third and Larson advanced to third.

Ostergard hit his second double of the game to left field scoring Larson and the Melons trailed 7-2.

Three hits in the bottom of third scored two more runs for McCook and the score was 9-2 heading in to the fourth.

Trey Kolbo led off the inning with a single and eventually made it to third before being stranded.

Gothenburg didn't allow McCook to score in the fourth, stopping two runners in scoring position.

The top of the fifth was the last chance the Melon's had to come back. Three strikeouts kept the game at 9-2. McCook ended up scoring three runs in the bottom half of the fifth to end the game on a mercy rule, 12-2.

Ostergard led the team with two doubles and an RBI. The Melons also received a hit from Trey Kolbo to drive in the second run.

Big inning blunders

The struggles continued for Gothenburg as McCook scored 15 runs in the first two innings en route to a 20-2 win.

Five hits from eight different

batters gave McCook an early 8-0 lead.

Ross Ostendorf led off the bottom half of the first with a walk and stole second before he scored on a double to left field by Chase Ostergard.

That double was the only hit of the game for Gothenburg as McCook pitching shut out the Melons the rest of the way.

Ostergard stole third and an error on the McCook third baseman sent him home for the Melons only other run.

McCook scored another seven runs in the second inning off five more hits.

Errors and walks on Gothenburg plagued them and allowed McCook to run away with the victory.

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