

## Lack of baserunners dooms Melon Juniors

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The Melons lost their only game of the week last Tuesday when they were defeated by Cambridge, 15-4.

Gothenburg struggled to get runners on base throughout the game but did score in the second and seventh innings.

The Juniors had a week off and look to bounce back against Overton on Wednesday (today).

Cambridge took the lead in the third inning when a throwing error allowed a runner to score.

Two more runs were scored on a hit to right field and on a grounder to the Gothenburg second baseman.

The Melons responded with two runs of their own in the bottom of the third.

Bryce Kowalewski started the inning with a walk, followed by an infield single by Marcus Fritton.

Patrick Messersmith was walked loading the bases.

Riley Ostendorf delivered at the plate with a two-RBI single into left field.

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The Melons trailed Cambridge after three innings, 3-2.

Two errors, a walk and a single contributed to two more runs for Cambridge in the top of the fourth.

Over the next three innings, the Melons only had one hit that was followed by a double-play and a pop-out.

A run-filled top of the fifth extended Cambridge's lead to 14-2. Six of eight Cambridge batters reached base, and put the game out of reach for the Melons.

Gothenburg's Kowalewski led off the seventh with a single to left field, but was forced out at second on a Braedan Brundage grounder.

Logan Carlson reached base on a walk moving Brundage to second. A grounder to the Cambridge first baseman advanced the runners to second and third.

Brundage stole home and on the play, a wild throw from the catcher allowed Carlson to cross the plate scoring the fourth run for the Melons.

Messersmith stole three bases and Dominic Long started the ball game on the mound and had six strikeouts in the loss.