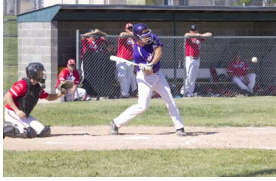


Seniors oust Overton 16-3

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The Gothenburg Melons traveled to Overton last Wednesday and came home with a 16-3 win.

Gothenburg's game against Ogallala Friday was suspended after three innings (see box). The Melons finished the weekend with a loss to Broken Bow on Saturday.

The last regularly scheduled game for the Melons was last night (Tuesday) in Ogallala.

Nine-run second inning

The Melons hit around as seven batters reached base in the first inning. Ben Tiedemann was hit by a pitch sending Ross Ostendorf home for the first of four runs.

After Justin Larson retired the Overton hitters in order, Gothenburg used its first inning to spark a big second inning.

Chase Ostergard singled to right field scoring Larson, who reached third base after a walk, a steal and throwing error put him at third.

With two batters being hit by pitches, Jake Matthies and Joseph Darling both had RBIs extending the Melon lead.

Darling reached first on a fielder's choice, and after a passed ball stood on second. Ostendorf hit a double to center field sending Matthies and Darling across the plate.

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Back-to-back doubles from Ostendorf and Larson drove in three more runs. Another scored on an error and Tiedemann's RBI single brought the scoring to an end.

That was more than enough support for Larson who dominated the hosts except for a three-run second inning. Overton combined three hits with a Gothenburg error for its only scoring rally of the game.



In the third, Overton managed two runners reaching third on Gothenburg errors, but the threat was contained with a grounder to first finishing their attempted rally.

Gothenburg managed three more runs in the fourth and fifth to go ahead 16-3. Overton did not have a big inning of their own as the game ended in five innings.

Larson pitched a complete game and struck out eight Overton batters.

Last inning nightmare

Broken Bow used 10 runs in the seventh inning to come from behind and beat Gothenburg, 19-12.

The Melons trailed Broken Bow by five runs after a rally that included a three-run home run in the third.

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Gothenburg responded with a run of its own when Ostergard drew a walk, advanced on a single by Levi Walker and scored on a ground ball to second by Trey Kolbo.

Two walks and a base hit to center by Broken Bow put the Melons in a deeper hole, 7-1.

In the bottom of the fourth consecutive bases-loaded walks to Trey Kolbo and Tiedemann scored two Melons before a wild pitch and Rodriguez single plated two more runs.

The Melons closed the gap, 7-5.

Every time Gothenburg threatened, Broken Bow would answer. The four-run fourth by the Melons was countered by two more runs in the top half of the fifth by the visitors.

Leadoff walks and a mishandled ball in center field once again extended Broken Bow's lead to four, 9-5.

That lead quickly evaporated. Jake Matthies hit a double to center, followed by an Ostendorf infield single.

Larson hit a three-run home run to dead center field bringing the Melons within one, 9-8.

Kolbo drew a walk and advanced to second on a Tiedemann single to right. Rodriguez, singled to left for his second RBI and tied the score at nine apiece.

After Broken Bow went silently in the sixth, Matthies started the bottom of the sixth with a single into left center.

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A walk and a hit batter loaded the bases when a ball back to the pitcher forced Matthies out at home.

With one out and the bases loaded, an error in the infield scored two Melon runners and Gothenburg led for the first time, 11-9.

Unfortunately for Gothenburg, Broken Bow played better when they were behind, scoring 10 runs in the top of the seventh with the help of six walks, a hit batter and several passed balls.

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