The Junior Melons had a busy schedule with three games last week.

They traveled to Overton last Wednesday and hosted Ogallala Friday and Broken Bow on Saturday, losing all three.

Gothenburg was still hoping for a win to end the regular scheduled season at Ogallala on Tuesday.

First-inning meltdown

Braeden Brundage led the Melons with three hits against Overton last Wednesday, but a 10-run first inning led to a 16-6 loss for Gothenburg.

Overton’s lineup provided six hits in the bottom of the first inning, as 15 batters scored 10 runs.

Gothenburg responded with a run of its own. Brundage beat a play to first for an infield hit. He stole second and advanced to third on a passed ball.

Radley Shaw hit a ball to the second baseman scoring Brundage.

Overton only scored one run the next inning after consecutive singles brought a runner home.

In the top of the third, Gothenburg pieced together another run. Riley Ostendorf walked before stealing second base. Brundage came to bat and singled into left field scoring him from third base.

The Melons still trailed 11-2.

In the bottom of the third, one hit and three errors by Gothenburg allowed two more Overton runs to score, extending the deficit, 13-2.

Gothenburg's best inning was the fourth. The Melons hit through the lineup.

Skyler Schwanz hit a single to load the bases after two Melons reached base on walks. Quinn Haynes singled to right field, bring two Gothenburg runners across the plate and reducing lead to single digits, 13-4.

Ostendorf and Zach Kolbo reached base after a fielder's choice and a single to right field respectively that scored Schwanz.

Brundage came up again with runners in scoring position. He singled to left center field, scoring another run, closing the gap to 13-6.

Those were the last runs for Gothenburg. The game ended after Overton scored three more runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Ogallala's big innings

The Melons scored 10 runs and still lost in four innings due to time limit, 20-10.

Ogallala gained four runs in the first two innings. Walks, errors and timely hitting contributed to a 4-0 lead before the bottom half of the second.

Gothenburg scored three runs in the second to pull within one run.

Three consecutive Melons walked, and a single to left by Logan Carlson scored Zach Kolbo.

One run came home on a balk and Skyler Schwanz singled into left field scoring another run and the Melons were within one, 4-3.

A big third inning by Ogallala nearly put the game out of reach for Gothenburg.

Ogallala sent 14 batters to the plate, 10 of them scored. Once again, walks and timely hitting put the Melons in a hole.

A hit batter started a two-out rally for Gothenburg in the bottom of the third. Dominic Long singled to right advancing Kolbo to third. A double to left field by Braeden Brundage scored him and moved Long to third.

Ogallala committed an error in the infield, and Long ran home for the second run of the inning.

The Melons had momentum after a walk, Schwanz delivered a bases clearing triple, closing the gap to five runs, 14-9.

In the top of the fourth, Ogallala answered with back-to-back hits and walks to score four runs. A pitching change was made by Gothenburg.

Another walk and hit batter for Ogallala put them in position to score off a fielder's choice that pushed a run across the plate.

The Melons started the bottom half of the fourth with a hit to center by Patrick Messersmith. He eventually scored bringing the final score to 20-10.

Melons struggles continue

Gothenburg committed seven errors in its 14-6 loss to Broken Bow on Saturday.

Broken Bow used three singles to the outfield to get ahead of Gothenburg 4-0 in the first inning. Bow added single runs in the second and third innings.

Gothenburg benefitted from two walks and a hit batter that scored one run in the second on a passed ball. The Melons used consecutive hits by Skyler Schwanz and Quinn Haynes to start a rally in the third inning.

With bases loaded Riley Ostendorf was hit by a pitch, scoring Schwanz.

A wild pitch to the next batter sent another Melon runner across the plate.

An ensuing single by Dominic Long propelled Ostendorf to home and Gothenburg was within one run, 6-5.

Ogallala answered with three more runs in the fourth. Two hits and a wild pitch contributed to the rally.

Five more runs in the next two innings gave Ogallala a 14-5 lead. Gothenburg could score just one more run. In the seventh, Haynes singled and scored on a single by Ostendorf.

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