

Juniors' season comes to end with two losses at area tourney

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The Gothenburg Juniors lost both games in the Area 6 tournament last weekend ending their season.

Last Friday the Melons lost to top-seeded Cozad before playing Holdrege on Saturday in the losers bracket.

Gothenburg continued its year long struggles at the plate managing five combined hits in the two losses.

Cozad crushes Melons

Gothenburg struggled to pose any threat scoring runs in the opening round of the Area 6 tournament losing to Cozad 16-2 in five innings.

The Melons may have been nervous going up against the more experienced Cozad team. They were held to two hits in the game and didn't score until the fifth inning.

Cozad showed why they were worthy of the top seed with an 18-2-1 record. Back-to-back singles and a hit batter loaded the bases before a sac fly scored the first run of the game.

A runner on third scored on a wild pitch, putting Cozad ahead 2-0.

Gothenburg was retired in order in the second, but the Melon defense proved worthy as they

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contained two Cozad threats in the bottom of the inning.



The Melons offensive woes continued in the third while Cozad capitalized for eight runs on five hits in the third inning, leading 10-0.

Cozad used momentum to score six more runs in the fourth. Base runners reached on walks, two hits and two hit batters extending the lead, 16-0.

Gothenburg managed two runs in the fifth inning with help from Cozad. Braeden Brundage reached base on a walk. Marcus Fritton hit a ball to the pitcher, but a wild throw sent Brundage to third.

He scored on a wild pitch for the Melons' first run, and Fritton moved to third. He came home on an error by the Cozad catcher, finishing the scoring for the Melons.

The game ended in five innings, 16-2.

Holdrege ousts Juniors

The Melons had some success early but were unable to advance as Holdrege beat Gothenburg 15-3, ending the season.

Two Melon runners walked and advanced to second and third on a passed ball. An error scored Skyler Schwanz before Zach Kolbo singled into left driving in Patrick Messersmith.

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Gothenburg led 2-0 heading into the bottom of the first.

Holdrege sent 10 batters to the plate scoring five runs behind three hits and two Gothenburg errors.

The Melons were held scoreless for the next three innings as Holdrege allowed one hit.



Holdrege scored three more runs in the second, and five runs in the third to extend their lead to 13-2.

Gothenburg threatened in the fourth but came away empty handed, stranding a runner at third.

Holdrege used two hits and two walks to score two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Starting the fifth, Messersmith was hit by a pitch and advanced to second when a pickoff throw got past the first baseman and moved to third on a passed ball.

Riley Ostendorf was hit by a pitch and advanced to second on a passed ball. An ensuing wild pitch allowed Messersmith to cross home for the third run of the game.

Kolbo singled to left field before three straight outs ended the Gothenburg season, losing 15-3.

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Kolbo went 2-for-2 at the plate with one RBI to lead the Melon hitters.

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