

Swedes outlast Lex 11-9

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What started out as a defensive battle turned into a slugfest with a few errors thrown in. Still, Gothenburg held on for an 11-9 victory at Lexington Thursday.

The game was a 1-1 draw after three innings, but the offenses got unleashed at that point.

“We had not seen that pitcher before,” Swede coach Roger Neujahr said. “The ball was coming up and in. We didn’t make an adjustment right away. Sometimes it takes one at-bat in softball to adjust to that.

“Once we did make the adjustment it was a lot better. We were laying off the pitch that we probably swung at in the first three innings. We laid off that high pitch which meant then she had to come in with other pitches. We were able to handle that better.”

The Swedes edged ahead with a pair of runs in the top of the fourth. Back-to-back doubles by Tish Winter and Kaitlyn Aden were the big hits.

Lexington busted through for five runs in the bottom of the inning on five hits, including a double.

Gothenburg answered quickly in the top of the fifth with six runs to gain a 9-6 lead. Four errors contributed to the rally. Emily Franzen doubled in one of the runs.

“They made some errors, but we made some errors to give them five runs as well,” Swede head coach Roger Neujahr said. “It was good to see our kids bounce back similarly to what we did against Cozad. We put the bat on the ball and hit some good shots.”

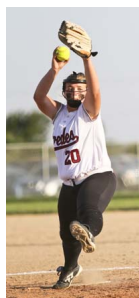
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Another double by Franzen turned into a single run in the sixth. Kasey Wellmann scored another solo run in the seventh after walking to lead off the inning.

Lexington's late rally fell short. The Maids scored three runs before the rally, and the game, ended with a strikeout.

Katlin Harm had three singles and Franzen and Aden each hit a pair of doubles to lead Gothenburg.



Rebecca Anderson was the pitcher of record throwing the final four innings. Karleigh Kleinknecht started and was relieved after three innings.

Reserves FALL TO MAIDS

Lexington's runs came in bunches as the Minutemaids reserves beat Gothenburg 9-5.

The line score:

Gothenburg 104—6

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Lexington 54x—9

HITTING: Ebony Anderson and Haley Juarez each had the only singles for the Swedes.

PITCHING: Morgan Cardenas pitched both innings for Gothenburg and suffered the loss.