With one varsity pitcher unavailable and another hurting with a torn labrum, Swede softball coach Roger Neujahr thought he might need a lot of runs Saturday in the Gothenburg Invitational.

He needn't have worried. Yes, he got a lot of runs averaging nearly 13 per contest, but he didn't need them.

Rebecca Anderson, who is limited in pitching by the shoulder pain she can withstand, gave up just one earned run while throwing nine innings in the invitational. She fanned 15 batters and gave up five hits in the three games.

The three wins raise Gothenburg's season record to 15-6. The Swedes close out the regular season Thursday at Cozad before hosting the Class C-6 district tournament Oct. 10 and 11.

10-run first inning

Gothenburg exploded for 10 runs in the first inning of a 15-0 win over Southern Valley.

Only three of the Swedes' first 24 batters failed to reach first base.

Three runs scored on a single by Kyndal Holmes early in the first inning and two more raced home on a single by Emily Franzen later. In between, five walks and a couple of wild pitches extended the inning.

A five-run rally in the second inning was aided by four walks.

Holmes had a pair of singles and three RBI for the Swedes.

Balanced scoring

Gothenburg scored in every inning of an 11-1 victory over Minden.

A bases-loaded single by Kyndal Holmes plated two runs in the first inning. Two hard hit balls were covered errorlessly by the Whippets to end the rally.

Gothenburg struck for four runs in both the second and third innings. RBI doubles by Katlin Harm and Emily Franzen fueled the second inning rally. Becca Riley hit an RBI double in the third.

Rebecca Anderson gave up one run in the second, but controlled the Whippets the rest of the way.

Holmes collected three hits and three runs batted in to pace Gothenburg offensively.

Swedes tame Wildcats

Things changed quickly after a quiet first inning between Gothenburg and St. Paul.

Both teams had a single and both base runners were stranded.

Gothenburg erupted for eight runs in the second frame. Ten consecutive Swedes reached base on just three hits. Franzen's double drove in one of the runs.

Five walks in the third helped Gothenburg score four more runs.

The Wildcats were held off the bases except for a single and a double.