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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.

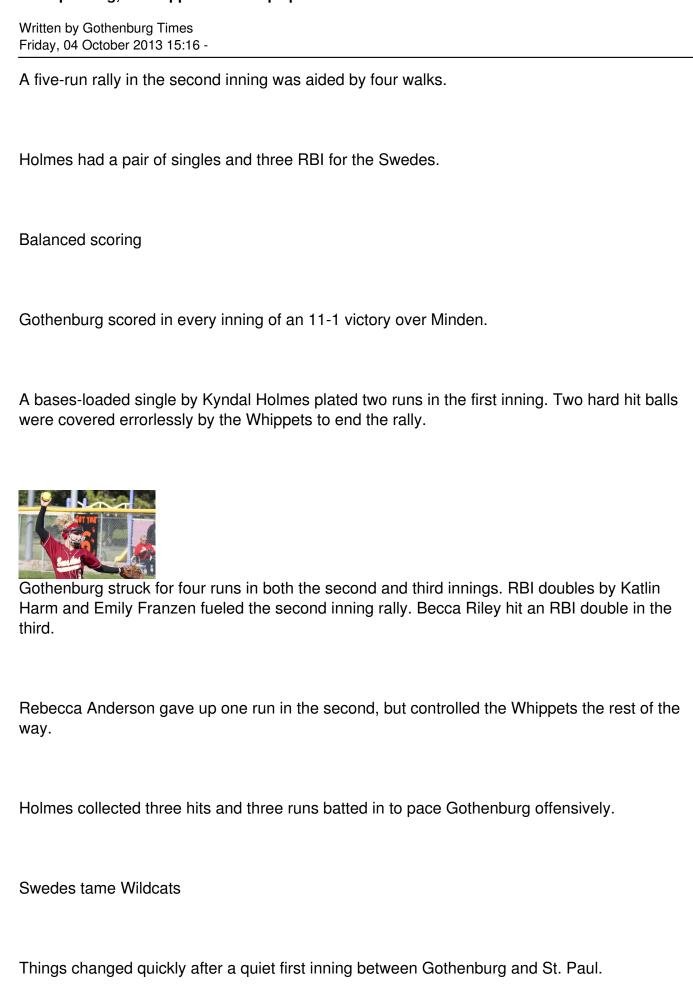
10-run first inning

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.

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