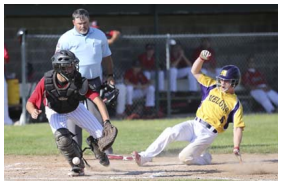

Gothenburg's Juniors picked up their first win of the season, but that was tempered somewhat by three losses during the week.

The Melons tripped up the Haymakers 13-5 on Thursday. A day earlier, Gothenburg fell to Broken Bow at home, 9-0.

Hershland rallied to beat the Melons 3-1 Saturday before Gothenburg was pounded at Broken Bow, 21-4.

The Melons entertain Overton Wednesday (tonight) and McCook on Thursday. Lexington and Holdrege come to town on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

Consistent scoring hurts

Gothenburg gave up at least one run in all but one inning for a 9-0 loss to Broken Bow.

The visitors jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the first inning. They added a pair of runs in both the second and fourth frames and then closed out with a solo tally in the fifth.

The Melons had runners in scoring position just twice in the game.

Blake Riley singled in the first and then advanced to second on a two-out single by Bryce Kowalewski. A strikeout ended the threat.

Zander Paulsen walked with two outs in the second inning. He went to second on Brant May's single and then advanced to third on a passed ball. Both were left on base after a fly out to left field.

Braeden Brundage stroked a two-out single in the fifth but didn't get any farther than first base.

May threw four innings for Gothenburg and was relieved by Radley Shaw for the final inning.

Big innings carry Melons

Gothenburg scored 12 runs over the second and third innings en route to defeating Cozad 13-5.

After giving up two runs in the top of the first, Gothenburg cut the deficit in half in the bottom half of the inning. Braeden Brundage walked and later came home on a sacrifice bunt by Riley Ostendorf.

The Melons rolled for five runs in the second inning with just a pair of singles. The bases were loaded when the rally ended.

Ten batters went to the plate for Gothenburg in the third inning and seven scored. Brundage and Riley Ostendorf each hit RBI singles.

Cozad scored an unearned run in the third and added two more in the fourth.

Ostendorf went the distance on the mound for Gothenburg to pick up the win.

Tyler Tiede was 2-for-3 at the plate with a pair of singles. Ostendorf helped his own cause with two RBI.

Unearned runs sink Melons

Hershland used unearned runs in the fifth and sixth innings to defeat Gothenburg 3-1.

The Melons missed a scoring opportunity in the second inning stranding runners at second and third.

They took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth without the benefit of a hit. Bryce Kowalewski walked and Dominic Long was hit by a pitch. Both advanced on a passed ball.

Hunter Baker drove in Kowalewski with a sacrifice bunt.

Hershland scored one run in the bottom of the fourth on a sacrifice fly and another on an error to slip into the lead, 2-1.

Gothenburg had base runners each of the next three innings but couldn’t produce any runs.

Hershland scored an insurance run in the sixth frame, again that was unearned.

Dominic Long scattered six hits while pitching a complete game in losing effort.

The Melons had just two hits—singles by Hunter Baker and Tyler Tiede.

Bow thumps Melons

Broken Bow connected for nine hits in a 21-4 dismantling of Gothenburg.

Most of the damage came in a 10-run second inning, although Bow matched that over two frames with six runs in the first and four in the third.

The hosts took advantage of seven Gothenburg errors and four hit batters in the game.

The Melons scored a pair of runs in the second and fifth frames.

A double by Brant May drove in two runs in the second inning. Gothenburg added two unearned runs in the fifth.

Quinn Haynes and Radley Shaw split time on the mound for Gothenburg.