

Gothenburg Seniors drop 3

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It was another rough week for the Gothenburg Seniors, as the Melons dropped three games.

Lexington handed Gothenburg a 17-2 defeat before Holdrege left town with an 8-2 victory. Weather postponed Friday's contest against Ogallala before it started, and the Seniors finished the week with a 14-4 loss to Cozad.

The week ahead looks to be a busy one. Following a Tuesday contest at Overton that included finishing an earlier suspended game, the contest against Ogallala is scheduled to be made up on Wednesday evening (tonight).

The Melons will play their third game in as many days on Thursday when they head to Shelton/Gibbon before a few days off. Minden is scheduled to come to town for a game on Monday, July 7.

Pinnacle Bank cashes in

Lexington Pinnacle Bank deposited plenty of runs in a 17-2 win over Gothenburg on June 24.

The visitors started hot, scoring five runs on three hits in the opening frame. Errant pitching and errors allowed Lexington to bat around in the first inning before a pop out to center ended the run.

The Melons looked poised to respond. Bryce Kowalewski and Adam Speck opened the bottom half with back-to-back singles. Gothenburg wasted an opportunity to get on the board when Chase Ostergard flied out to center, and the runner on third was late to tag up. Consecutive

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strikeouts extinguished the threat.

The visitors added another run in the second, while Gothenburg went three up three down. Neither side recorded a hit in the third inning, but Lexington was back at it in the fourth.

Skyler Salem opened the frame with a base hit and later scored, and Tyson Block did the same later in the inning.

The home team got on the board in the fourth. Ross Ostendorf doubled with two outs before Riley Ostendorf plated him with a single.

Lexington extended the lead in the fifth with two more runs, and Gothenburg matched that with runs scored by Levi Tripp and Adam Speck.

As they did in the first, Pinnacle Bank batted around in the sixth, scoring eight runs. Tripp and Speck reached base again in the bottom of the sixth, but neither reached home before the game was ended.

Speck finished the game 2-for-3 with a run scored.

Melons Fall Again

Gothenburg entered Wednesday's contest still searching for the second win of the summer, but Holdrege wasn't interested in leaving town with a loss.

The visitors opened the scoring after their second hitter walked and eventually scored on a sacrifice. Holdrege added three more runs in the second, as their first four batters of the inning reached base.

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Gothenburg trailed 4-0 entering the bottom of the fourth when they put a run up. Braeden Brundage reached on a fielder's choice before stealing second and advancing to third on a passed ball. Chase Ostergard eventually earned a bases-loaded walk, scoring Brundage.

Holdrege scored again in the fifth, but the Melons matched with another bases-loaded base on balls. The second time, it was Ross Ostendorf scoring the run and Ostergard drawing the free pass.

Holdrege added the game's final three runs in their next at bat, resulting in an 8-2 final score.

Skyler Schwanz took the loss, lasting five innings and allowing eight runs. Speck came on and tossed two hitless innings. Speck, Schwanz and Ross Ostendorf had the only hits for the Melons.

Melons bruised by Cozad

After weather postponed the Gothenburg Seniors game against Ogallala, a trip to Cozad was the Melons next chance at victory.

Cozad, however, scored early and often, and Gothenburg failed to keep up. Ross Ostendorf beamed the first two batters he saw, and they both crossed home on a double from Hank Pflaster.

Cozad's starter retired the side in order in each of the first two innings. Cozad added a run following a single, two stolen bases and an error.

Zach Wolf recorded the Melon's first hit of the game with a single in the third inning.

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Cozad hung 10 runs on Gothenburg in the bottom half. After a leadoff double, Ostendorf retired the next two batters. A single and walk to the following batters signaled the end of his day.

Adam Speck relieved Ostendorf, and Cozad continued the assault with seven hits and as many runs. Before the third inning was over, Cozad increased its lead to 13-0.

With the Melons searching for offense, the first two batters reached base and later scored. Jake Matthies and Riley Ostendorf produced RBI singles and later scored on an error by the second baseman.

Cozad scored a run in the bottom of the fourth to bring their lead to 10. Matthies doubled for his second hit of the game and the Melons looked like they had a two-out rally up their sleeve. Instead, a bases-loaded strikeout ended the game.