

Quick starts earn pair of wins on softball field

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| GOTHENBURG 9- BLUE HILL 1 | | | | | GOTHENBURG 10- ST. PAUL 2 | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| | AB | R | H | RBI | | AB | R | H | RBI | | |
| Roni Putnam..... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Roni Putnam..... | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | |
| Bre Messersmith..... | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Bre Messersmith..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Shelby Eggleston..... | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | Shelby Eggleston..... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Vanessa Linegar..... | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Brittyn Munster..... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Karen Franzen..... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Karen Franzen..... | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Siera Schwanz..... | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Vanessa Linegar..... | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | |
| Payton Prall..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Siera Schwanz..... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Shalene Winter..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Alisha Ballmer..... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | |
| Leah Schwanz..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Jordyn Haake..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Jordyn Haake..... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Shalene Winter..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Alisha Ballmer..... | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Ali Abramson..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Ali Abramson..... | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | TOTALS..... | 25 | 10 | 9 | 8 | | |
| Munster, Brittyn..... | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS..... | 34 | 9 | 12 | 8 | | | | | | | |
| Pitchers | IP | H | R-ER | BB | SO | Pitchers | IP | H | R-ER | BB | SO |
| Messersmith (W1-1) | 5 | 4 | 1-1 | 0 | 3 | Barkmeier (W1-0) | 4 | 5 | 2-2 | 1 | 3 |
| J. Haake..... | 2 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | J. Haake..... | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 |
| The line score: | | | | | | The line score: | | | | | |
| Gothenburg..... | 400 | 102 | 2—9 | | | Gothenburg..... | 400 | 06—10 | | | |
| Blue Hill..... | 000 | 010 | 0—1 | | | St. Paul..... | 100 | 10—2 | | | |

Swedes beat Blue Hill 9-1, St. Paul 10-2.

Gothenburg bounced back from an opening-game loss to win a pair of contests at St. Paul Saturday.

The Swedes started strong in both games and finished with a 9-1 win against Blue Hill and a 10-2 victory over the host Wildcats.

“It took us a while in the Blue Hill game to adjust to different pitching,” Swede coach Roger Neujahr said. “Then we got rolling and we played like we thought we should with good pitching and good defense.”

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Neujahr credited the Swedes' pitching as being solid in both games.

Gothenburg travels to Lexington on Thursday, then face difficult opponents Saturday at the McCook Invite. Gothenburg opens against Holdrege. Other teams participating include Scottsbluff, Gering and Cozad.

Blue Hill falls 9-1

Gothenburg jumped out to a 4-0 lead against Blue Hill and then added to it in three of the next six frames.

The four-run rally came on just two hits—singles by Karen Franzen and Alisha Ballmer.

Gothenburg added a solo run in the fourth. Roni Putnam and Bre Messersmith hit back-to-back singles before Vanessa Linegar drove in the score.

Shelby Eggleston had a pair of RBIs with a single in the sixth inning.

The Swedes closed out their scoring with two in the seventh. Consecutive doubles by Jordyn Haake and Ballmer set it up and Putnam's single drove them home.

Five Swedes had a pair of hits apiece. Franzen joined Haake and Ballmer in hitting doubles.

Messersmith tossed five innings of one-run ball before being relieved by Haake.

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Big innings carry Swedes

Gothenburg's runs came in bunches during a 10-2 victory over St. Paul.

The Swedes finished the first inning with a 4-1 lead. Roni Putnam tripled to lead off the contest. A three-hit rally followed with run-scoring singles by Bre Messersmith and Karen Franzen. Another run came home on an error.

St. Paul cut the margin to two runs with a single tally in the fourth.

Gothenburg answered with a six-run explosion in the fifth inning. Four singles and a couple of errors fueled the attack.

Putnam went 3-for-3 to pace the Gothenburg hitting attack.

Amanda Barkmeier took the win throwing four innings with Jordyn Haake pitching in relief.