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Too few hits and too many errors led to four straight losses for the Gothenburg Juniors during the last week.

The Melons stroked just three hits in each of three games and failed to hit safely in the fourth.

Errors were a problem, too, with the team suffering five in each of the losses.

Gothenburg (1-4) hits the road this week with games at McCook on Wednesday (today), Cozad Tuesday and Ogallala next Wednesday. The Melons host Minden Friday.

Melons suffer no-hitter

Gothenburg hitters came up empty Sunday in a 10-1 home loss to Lexington.

The Melons had five base runners but they all came via walks, hit batters or an error.

Ben Tiedemann scored the only Gothenburg run in the third inning. He was hit by a pitch to

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reach first, went to second on a passed ball, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on an error.

There weren't enough gifts by the visitors to make up for their 10 runs, though.



Third inning costly

A nine-run third inning paved the way for an 11-5 victory by Hershland over the Gothenburg Juniors Sunday.

The Melons took a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Brandon Wlasiuk singled and later scored on a ground ball by Trey Kolbo. Back-to-back singles by Trent Good and Chase Ostergard worked for the second run.

Hershland hit five singles and took advantage of three errors and three walks while taking a 9-2 lead.

Two walks and three hit batters produced a pair of runs in the bottom of the third for Gothenburg.

A two-run homer in the fifth finished the scoring for Hershland.

The Melons got one run back in their final turn at the plate.

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Trey Kolbo took the loss giving up nine runs, but just two were earned.

Lexington coasts to win

Gothenburg gave up 17 runs—all unearned—in a loss at Lexington June 2. The Melons managed just three hits.

Five errors and 12 walks made it difficult for the Melons to gain a positive outcome.

Lexington poured it on in the first inning taking a 12-1 lead early.

Ben Tiedemann singled and eventually scored on a wild pitch for Gothenburg's first run.

Lexington padded its margin by three runs in the second and then answered a two-run fourth by Gothenburg with a pair of runs.

An error and a wild pitch gave the Melons their scoring in the fourth.

Joining Tiedemann with a single each were Trent Good and Chase Ostergard.

14 hits bury Melons

Kearney used a 14-hit attack to pound the Gothenburg Juniors 12-1 on June 1.

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The visitors scored early and often benefitting from three home runs. It was 3-0 after one inning, 9-0 after two and 12-0 after three.

Double leads hitters in loss

Gothenburg's lone run came in the fifth inning. Caleb Geiger doubled and then scored on a single by Jeff Rodriguez.

Trent Good's double, coming in the first inning, was Gothenburg's only other hit.

Justin Larson took the loss. Trent Good threw in relief.

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