

Senior Melons improve to 5-1

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Gothenburg defeats McCook 11-6.

McCOOK—A triple by third baseman Tre Ostergard in the top of the third inning at McCook on June 9 gave the Senior Melons the boost they needed to get past McCook 11-6.

It was the only game the Seniors played last week as Mother Nature drowned out a matchup scheduled with Minden on Friday.

The Melons started slow against the McCook National Bank Seniors, trailing 4-2 after two innings.

In the top of the third, Tanner Schwanz and Cody Ostergard each singled to start the rally and both scored when Tre Ostergard moved them home with a triple.

Catcher Korey Ahlenstorf followed up with a single to bring Tre home and give the Melons a 5-4 lead.

Ahlenstorf moved to second on an error by McCook's left fielder and then took third on a passed ball pitched to Tannor Mroczek, who later walked. Ahlenstorf scored on a single by Ben Mayher that sent Mroczek to second.

Both Mroczek and Mayher advanced on a wild pitch and Mroczek zoomed home when Taylor Walker grounded out to the shortstop.

With two outs and Mayher in scoring position, left fielder Dane Wilson got a base hit and the RBI. Wilson was stranded when Schwanz grounded out to the pitcher for the third out.

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With a comfortable 8-4 advantage, Gothenburg held McCook scoreless through the next three innings allowing only two more runs on four hits in the bottoms of the sixth and seventh innings.

The Melons scored a pair of runs in the top of the sixth inning on two hits and two errors with another run on one hit in the seventh to seal the win.

Lauer and Cody Ostergard split the pitching duties, allowing five hits each. Ostergard got credit for the win.

The Melons had 12 hits total including two each by Cody Ostergard, Tre Ostergard and Taylor Walker with Tre's triple being the biggest of the night.

Gothenburg moves to 5-1 on the season with games scheduled at Ogallala Wednesday (tonight), at Broken Bow on Saturday and at home hosting Holdrege on Sunday afternoon.

The first pitch Sunday will be thrown at approximately 3:30 p.m.