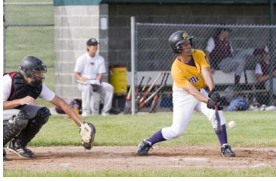


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Melons hit 0-12 on the season.

The Gothenburg Juniors scored 18 runs in the last two games at home, plenty to win a baseball game or two.

The trouble is their opponents combined for 31 runs as the Melons continue on a 12-game losing streak.

The Juniors have five regular-season games remaining before the Area 6 tournament begins at Lexington on July 15.

This week the young Melons host Broken Bow Wednesday (today) before traveling to Aurora on Friday and Holdrege Tuesday. All three games are slated to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Melons let chances slip away

Despite a home run and four doubles, the Melon Juniors couldn't put enough runs on the board to beat McCook at home on June 22.

The First Central Bank Juniors walked away with a 16-11 victory.

Gothenburg trailed from the start, falling behind by as many as six runs before pulling within two at the end of the sixth inning.

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Down 5-0 heading into the bottom of the first inning, Brett Mayher knocked the first McCook pitch out of the park.

In the first five innings of the game, Gothenburg earned 11 hits and scored eight runs but struggled in the field.

The Melons committed eight errors that allowed McCook to carry a 12-8 lead into the bottom of the sixth.

With one out and nobody on, Levi Walker doubled to center field. He advanced when Trey Kolbo grounded out to shortstop and scored when Chase Ostergard reached on a McCook error at third.

Kolbo took second on a single by Caleb Geiger and scored on a long single from Jeff Rodriguez to bring Gothenburg within two runs down 12-10.

The inning ended when Geiger was forced out at third on a fielder's choice to Kolton Barnes.

Hope quickly faded in the seventh inning as McCook scored four runs on three hits and one error, then held Gothenburg to a single run in the bottom of the inning.

In addition to his homer, Mayher hit two doubles and earned five RBIs to lead the Melons at the plate.

Trent Good suffered the loss on the mound.

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Rough start equals deep hole

Gothenburg allowed 10 Cozad runs in the first inning and couldn't manage enough scoring to catch up as the Junior Reds defeated the Melons 15-7 at home Friday night.

Cozad led 11-0 heading into the bottom of the fourth inning before Gothenburg got on the board.

With two outs and nobody on, Ben Tiedemann singled to left field and advanced when Kolton Barnes reached on an error.

Brett Mayher also reached on an error to push Tiedemann to third and load the bases.

Tiedemann scored when Justin Larson walked but the inning ended with three guys stranded on a fly out to center field.

Gothenburg pulled a little closer with six runs in the bottom of the fifth boosted by a two-RBI triple from Mayher but it was not enough to catch up.

Mayher finished with two hits and one run. Tiedemann recorded one hit and two runs.

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