

Melons capture pair of victories

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The fortunes of the Gothenburg Seniors have turned a bit this week with the Melons doubling their win total for the season.

Victories over Cambridge and Overton boost the Melons' record to 4-18 for the season. A loss to Lexington was sandwiched between the wins.

A postponed game gives Gothenburg one more regular season contest before the area tournament. The Melons host Shelton-Gibbon Monday at 7 p.m.

Melons capitalize on errors

Gothenburg took advantage of numerous Overton errors leading to an 8-6 Melon victory Monday.

Overton committed 11 errors and didn't allow an earned run. The Melons made the most of four hits.

The visitors reached the scoreboard first when a double and a sacrifice fly pushed one run across the plate in the first inning.

Gothenburg came back with a pair in the bottom of the frame. Trent Good led off with a double and then scored on Levi Walker's ground out. Brandon Wlasiuk's RBI single drove in Chase Ostergard who reached on an error.

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A fielding mistake and several errors led to Overton taking a 3-2 lead after two innings.

The score remained the same until the fourth when Gothenburg went up 4-3. Zach Wolf reached on an error and advanced on a single by Ernie Galvan. Both scored when the second baseman couldn't convert Good's ground ball into an out.



The Melons opened up a 6-3 lead in the fifth. Errors again contributed to the rally with one run scoring on an error and another on a double by Wolf.

Overton used a pair of singles to score a solo tally in the sixth inning. The Melons erased the advantage with two more runs in the bottom of the inning, benefitting from three errors.

The visitors combined three singles in the seventh inning to score two runs, but the rally fell short of what was needed.

Justin Larson went the distance on the mound while picking up the win for Gothenburg. He was tagged for nine hits, but issued just one walk while striking out seven batters. Just three of the six Overton runs were earned.

Lex wins 15-11 slugfest

Gothenburg didn't lack any offensive firepower against Lexington Friday. The problem was that Lex was even more potent at the plate.

The visitors banged out a home run, three doubles and nearly a dozen singles while holding off

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a late Melon rally to win 15-11.

Chase Ostergard broke out of a slump with his first multi-hit game of the season. He connected for a pair of doubles and a single for five runs batted in.

The start of the game didn't give much indication of the final outcome. Lexington led 2-0 after two innings.

Both teams scored a pair in the third. Walks put Ben Tiedemann and Justin Larson in scoring position for Ostergard who doubled both runners home.

Lexington poured it on in the top of the fourth scoring seven runs on eight hits, which included a home run and two doubles.

Gothenburg responded, but it was only with three runs to trail 11-5. Walks again proved beneficial and Ostergard hit a single to drive in a pair.

Lexington padded its lead by a two runs in the sixth with two singles extending the rally.

The Melons answered with five runs powered by Ostergard's double and singles by Larson, Jeff Rodriguez and Ernie Galvan.

The eventual winners gained a couple insurance runs in the seventh while Gothenburg went down in order to end the game.

Tiedemann started on the mound and suffered the loss. Trent Good and Brandon Wlasiuk threw in relief.

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Melons earn win No. 3

Gothenburg made the most of a single hit by taking advantage of Cambridge's generosity in a 6-2 win for the Melons.

Three hit batters, a couple of errors and a costly wild pitch led to two Gothenburg runs in the first inning.

Another hit batter, a couple of walks and another wild pitch moved Melon runners around the bases in the second frame. Chase Ostergard's sacrifice fly drove in one of the runs for Gothenburg's only RBI. When the dust cleared, the Melons were on top 5-0.

Jeff Rodriguez hit the ball safely to left field in the third inning for Gothenburg's only hit of the game. After advancing on a wild pitch and an error, he scampered home on another wild pitch.

Cambridge scored a single run in the fourth inning, but it could have been worse. Two runners were tagged out trying to score.

Another Cambridge run came in the sixth inning with the help of a couple of Melon errors.

Brandon Wlasiuk went the distance on the mound for Gothenburg while picking up the win. He never allowed more than a single hit in an inning and didn't allow an earned run.