

## Seniors pick up first victory

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The Gothenburg Melons beat Broken Bow behind the arm of Justin Larson who struck out 10 batters. The Melons also had six hits in their first victory of the season.

In other action, Holdrege hit the ball early and often while Cambridge came from behind late to take the lead from the Melons.

The Melons look to duplicate their only win of the season when they play at home Wednesday against Overton and at Cozad Tuesday.

### Cambridge surges in 4th

Cambridge used an eight run fourth inning, that included four walks and two hit batsmen to beat the Melons, 11-4 last Sunday.

Gothenburg jumped to an early lead with three runs in the first inning. Justin Larson and Chase Ostergard were able to reach base before a double by Levi Walker scored the runners putting the Melons ahead, 2-0.

A wild pitch moved Walker to third base and Jeff Rodriguez laid down a bunt giving the Melons a 3-0 lead after the first inning.

Cambridge would respond with a run in the second inning, and two more runs in the third when runners advanced into scoring position on wild pitches from Ross Ostendorf to trail the Melons, 4-3.

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Ostendorf was relieved of his pitching duties in the fourth inning by Trey Kolbo, and Cambridge capitalized on the substitution. Kolbo surrendered a number of walks, and timely hits that gave Cambridge an 11-4 lead heading into the fifth inning.

The Melons were limited to only two hits after the second inning and were unable to come from behind.

### Hot bats defeat Melons

Holdrege wasted no time scoring as four runners crossed the plate in the first inning against Gothenburg last Saturday, defeating the Melons 19-3.

Holdrege scored multiple runs in every inning including a grand slam in the fourth inning.

The Melons bats were quiet until the third inning when Ross Ostendorf was able to connect on a ball to center field. Ostendorf stole second and was sent home when the first baseman for Holdrege made an error on a ball hit by Justin Larson.



The Melons scored two more runs in the fifth when Trey Kolbo doubled sending Larson and Chase Ostergard across home plate.

Gothenburg had four hits in the game, each hit by different players.

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### Larson K's 10 in victory

The Melons earned their first victory of the season defeating Broken Bow 7-6 last Friday.

Back-to-back walks and a hit put Gothenburg in the lead after one inning but a four run second inning by Broken Bow had the Melons trailing 4-2, heading into the third.

The Melons trailed 5-3 when a four-run sixth inning sparked them into the lead, 7-5.

A pair of two RBI hits from Chase Ostergard and Ben Tiedemann put the Melons ahead 7-5 heading into the seventh inning.

Broken Bow threatened in the bottom half of the seventh inning when Levi Walker threw out a runner trying to steal third, representing the tying run.

Gothenburg was able to secure its first victory only allowing one run in the seventh, and beating Broken Bow, 7-6

Larson threw a two-hit complete game striking out 10 batters.