

Seniors end regular season with 2 losses at Ogallala

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The Senior Melons lost two games July 2 in Ogallala, ending the regular season.

The first game was continued from Friday, June 28, when an umpire was injured and taken away from the field in an ambulance.

Gothenburg coaches are trying to schedule a game before the Area 6 tournament begins on Friday, July 19.

The Melons are tentatively scheduled to open the area tournament at Holdrege on Friday, July 19, against Broken Bow. The official schedule will appear in next week's issue of The Times.

Play resumed

The Melons trailed by nine runs when the game was suspended against Ogallala last Tuesday, but they were unable to come back in the last two innings, losing 16-4.

Gothenburg committed four errors in the first inning giving Ogallala a four-run lead.

The Melons answered with two runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning.

Justin Larson singled to left field before a Chase Ostergard walk moved him into scoring position.

An error on the Ogallala shortstop allowed Larson to score from second with Ostergard advancing to third on the throw.

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He used a wild pitch to cross home plate and the Melons trailed 4-2 after the first.

In the second, Ogallala's first six batters reached base combining two doubles with a walk, a hit batter and a Gothenburg error to score five more runs for a 9-2 lead.

Three strikeouts sent the Melons back into the field and Ogallala to the plate, where three more runs added to the deficit.

Errors stung Gothenburg during the rally as two were committed and two hits led to four different Ogallala runners getting into scoring position.

The three runs put Gothenburg behind 12-2 heading into the bottom of the third inning.

Ross Ostendorf led off the inning and reached first on an error by the first baseman. Larson doubled to right advancing Ostendorf to third, and runners were on the corners with no outs.

Ostergard hit a pop up to deep second base that scored Ostendorf and advanced Larson to third.

Levi Walker walked before a pitch bounced off Trey Kolbo, hitting the umpire in the neck. The game was suspended until July 2, with the Melons behind 12-3.

Tuesday's action picked up with Jeff Rodriguez getting hit by a pitch and sending Larson home from third base. A strikeout ended the inning, and the scoring for the Melons.

Ogallala had another multi-run inning using three hits to generate four runs. With the lead, 16-4,

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Ogallala retired the Melons in order, ending the game on a mercy rule.

Ogallala's 12-run inning

In the second game, Gothenburg managed just one hit, and lost 20-2 in the last game of the regular season.

Gothenburg had few scoring chances. One of them came when Chase Ostergard reached base in the top of the first earning a walk. He advanced to second on a wild pitch to Levi Walker.

After Walker walked, Ostergard tried scoring on a pitch that got away from the catcher but the ball was relayed to the pitcher in time to tag him out at the plate.

Ogallala managed to get three hits in the bottom of the inning.

A hit to center field put a runner on first before he stole second base. A single to left sent the Ogallala runner around third and across home.

Jake Matthies walked in the second inning. Consecutive wild pitches took him from first to third before a Jeff Rodriguez grounder to second allowed him to score, tying the game at 1-1.

Ogallala scored seven runs in the second inning aided by just two hits and four Melon errors, taking the lead 8-1.

In the third inning, Ogallala took advantage of seven walks and six hits to score 12 runs and extend the lead, 20-1.

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Ostergard reached base in the top of the fourth, and advanced around to third on two pitches passed the catcher. He scored on a Matthies single to right field.

The Melons went scoreless in the top of the fifth and the game ended on a mercy rule.

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