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At times, the Gothenburg Juniors would jump out to an early lead and that was when you thought it was over.

They would get that monkey off their back and earn Gothenburg's first victory.

Then, something always seemed to direct the momentum in the way of the opponent.

Gothenburg's inexperience ended up beating themselves more than their opponents did.

Although the team went winless in 2013, individuals did make progress throughout the season.

Patrick Messersmith was a key player for the Melons finishing with a .581 on-base-percentage. He collected six hits in 24 at-bats figuring to a .250 batting average. On base, Messersmith stole 10 bases and scored 10 times leading the Melons in both categories.

Braeden Brundage led the team in batting average, hitting .294. In a limited 17 at bats, he knocked five hits with four RBIs.

The main battery unit for the Juniors was Dominic Long and Zach Kolbo. Long pitched 24 innings, more than double of any other pitcher on the Melons squad. Long faced 144 batters striking out 23 in 11 games.

Kolbo started nearly every game behind the plate and providing a solid .276 batting average

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and a .523 on-base-percentage, both second best on the team.

Skyler Schwanz connected for 10 hits in his 44 at-bats this summer, figuring to a .250 average. He tied for second-most stolen bases on the team with four.

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