

Early scores boost McCook to victory

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Gothenburg's softball team eventually turned things around against McCook Friday, but it was too late to affect the outcome in a 12-5 loss.

The Swedes were trailing 8-0 in the third inning when coach Roger Neujahr met his defensive players on the infield and told them, "We've dug a hole. Let's win the ball game from here on out."

Gothenburg gave up one more run in that inning, but went on to out-score the Bison 5-4 the rest of the way. The fact that they played competitive in the second half of the game was something positive to take away, he said.

A two-run home run, a double and single fueled a four-run Bison rally, aided by a Swede error, to start the game.

Three more hits and another Gothenburg error allowed two more runs to score for McCook in the second.

Two additional Swede errors in the third helped the Bison tack on three runs without the benefit of a hit.

Gothenburg got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third. Katlin Harm started it with a single and she eventually scored on a wild pitch. Two McCook errors, sandwiched around a walk, and a ground out produced two more Swede runs.

The Swedes scored a solo tally in the fourth and matched a single run by McCook in the fifth. They could have cut into the margin more as Gothenburg loaded the bases but couldn't net more than a bases-loaded walk before the rally ended.

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A two-run double by McCook ended the scoring in the seventh inning.

Rebecca Anderson couldn't match her pitching performance from the night before. She may have been throwing while not feeling well, the coach said.

"She walked four batters; that was a shocker to me," Neujahr said. "She is hesitant and hates walking people. She will put it down the middle more and not give up a walk."

Harm and Franzen each had a pair of hits to lead the Swedes.

Gothenburg faces Cozad Thursday before competing Saturday in the Lexington Invitational.

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McCook was out of the box quickly with eight runs in the first inning and breezes to a 15-1 win.

The line score:

McCook 8034—15

Gothenburg 0100—1

HITTING: Ebony Anderson and Tish Winter both hit singles.

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PITCHING: Karleigh Kleinknecht started and suffered the loss. Morgan Cardenas threw the last two innings.