Gothenburg pushed its winning streak to five games Thursday picking up a pair of softball victories at Ogallala.

The Swedes opened with a 9-1 win over Scottsbluff and then clipped the wings of the Chadron Cardinals 12-4.

13-hits power Swedes

Gothenburg had four multi-hit innings in the win over the Bearcats.

The game featured doubles by Emily Franzen and Kyndal Holmes that likely would have been home runs had the outfield been fenced.

The Scottsbluff outfielders were playing deep.

“We could hardly see their outfielders and we still hit them over their heads,” Swede coach Roger Neujahr said.

Both players were held to doubles because of the defensive placement.

Franzen doubled in the first run of the game for Gothenburg and Holmes followed with an RBI single to make at 2-0 after one.

The Swedes poured in six runs in the third inning. Katlin Harm plated two with a single.

Scottsbluff's only run—and three of the team's four hits—came in the fifth inning.

Kerry Wellmann hit an RBI single to end the scoring in the sixth inning.

Perhaps the most remarkable play came at the expense of the Swedes. Gothenburg loaded the bases with no outs in the fourth inning.

Neujahr said that he was going to put in a pinch hitter after Wellmann batted. He jokingly told the players, "Kerry is not going to hit into a triple play. She won't do that."

But she did. Wellmann hit a pop up between home plate and first base for the first out. With the catcher trying to catch the ball, no one was covering home. After tagging third, Kylie Koehler tried to score but was called out. Haley Meyer tried to advance on the play to third base but was also thrown out.

Rebecca Anderson went the distance on the mound with six strikeouts and no walks while scattering five hits.

"Rebecca did a good job pitching and spotted pretty good," the coach said.

Franzen's four hits paced the Swedes on offense.

Chadron leads early

Chadron jumped out to a 4-3 advantage after one inning but couldn't continue the momentum in a 12-4 loss to Gothenburg.

The Swedes used three singles to take a 3-0 lead in the top of the first. The Cardinals took advantage of a double, a single, two walks and two errors to slip in front.

After that, pitcher Karleigh Kleinknecht was full in control and held Chadron to just two singles and two walks the rest of the way.

Gothenburg grabbed the lead for good with a two-run second inning. The Swedes exploded for seven runs in the fourth inning with the big blast being Ashley Eskew's two-run triple.