

Cat Girls Struggle With 'Worst Performance'

Mulvane High School girls softball coach Nancy Winter is looking forward to the next games. She can't forget the last games quick enough.

The MHS girls travelled to Derby Thursday, April 21, for a doubleheader against the Panthers and came away with two more losses. Derby snipped the girls from Mulvane, 7-5, in the opener at Garrett Park, then swamped Mulvane, 14-4, in the second game.

"Overall, it was our worst performance of the year," stressed Winter, whose team tumbled to 4-7 on the season. "We made so many mental errors and all we could do was hit fly balls. They had a couple good pitchers but we were hitting the ball. It was just going right at the defenders, though."

The double loss spoiled the best pitching of the season by junior Shanda Vangas, who spaced seven hits in the opener and picked up the loss. "Shanda had her best game pitching," said Winter. "She was on but we couldn't help her because of the errors and mental mistakes. She couldn't hold it together in the second game and we weren't even in it."

Derby snapped a 5-5 tie with two runs

First Game

Mulvane	011 201 0-5 2
Derby	211 012 x-7 7
Shanda Vangas and Shellene Palmer; Shea and Mintz.	

Second Game

Mulvane	003 01-- 4 3
Derby	151 34-14 7
Shanda Vangas, Kandi Miller 3, Vangas 5, and Nicole Intinger, Kanga and Mintz	

in the bottom of the sixth inning to take the first game. The Cats failed to mount an offense in the top of the seventh to end the game. In the nightcap, Derby scored five runs in the second inning to take a 6-0 lead and that was the ball game.

"Hitting standouts? We didn't have any," said Winter, whose team rapped only five hits during the two games. "Vangas was on base a number of times but we couldn't do anything when we got people on base. Kim Prickett also had a good game."

The next doubleheader for the Cat girls will be today (April 28) when El Dorado is in Mulvane for a pair. The first game starts at 4:30 p.m. A doubleheader with McPherson was to have been played Monday, April 25, but the games were rained out and will be played May 14.