

Season Ends

Rotten Start Foils Wildcat Girls

Talk about rotten starts. The Mulvane High School girls softball had one Monday night, May 16, in the opening round of the Wichita 4A-6A Regional Softball Tournament at Goddard.

The Wildcats gave up nine runs in the first inning and never could recover as the Goddard Lions blasted the Cats, 21-10, and eliminated Mulvane from the tournament. Goddard will go on to play top-seeded Valley Center in the next round.

The loss ended Mulvane's season with a 7-15 record.

"Defense just killed us, we never got our defense into the game," said Nancy Winter, Mulvane softball coach. "We started off poorly and by the time we got our pitching stabilized, our defense went to pieces."

Goddard used the defensive misconduct to good use as Mulvane pitchers Shanda Vangas and Kim Kysar only gave up six hits and walked nine. The

Lions added six more runs in the second to make it a 15-2 game.

Mulvane finally got rolling in the final inning, the fifth. Shellene Palmer tripled with the bases loaded, Tammy Kissinger, Heather Donaldson and Vangas walked. Kysar, Stacy Palmer and Delinda Gonzalez had base knocks in the big inning.

The Cats closed out their regular season with a toughie Saturday, May 14, at home. Highly-ranked McPherson came to town and parlayed some top-drawer pitching to a double victory, 13-0, and 16-2.

The losses put the Cats at 7-14 for the year heading into the regional tournament opener at Goddard.

"For as high as they are rated, we didn't play that poorly," said Winter. "We hit their pitcher pretty decently but our defense was a little suspect. We started when the wind picked up and that hurt our defense, plus we had more walks than we needed."

McPherson has two of the best pitchers we've seen on one team this

year," added the MHS skipper. "About everybody has one good pitcher but McPherson has two real fine ones, and Bacon is totally over-powering. She's outstanding. We had several good hits in the doubleheader but they always seemed to come with two outs. That left us no room to maneuver. We had a hard time running anything (hits) together because she's so consistent."

The Wildcats were held to only four hits in the first game, then finally scored against the Bullpups in the fourth inning of the second game. Kim Kysar doubled with one out and Kandi Miller chased her home with a ringing triple. Heather Donaldson hit a sac fly to right which scored Miller.

Mulvane finished with seven hits in that game and catcher Nicole Infinger had two singles.

In the first game, offense was absent. The only hits for Mulvane were Miller's second-inning single, a double by Shellene Palmer in the third, a triple by Donaldson in the fourth and Shanda Vangas' base knock in the fifth.

WICHITA 4A-6A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT AT GODDARD First Round

Goddard	960 24-21 8
Mulvane	202 06-10 5

Murray and Jatzlau; Shanda Vangas, Kim Kysar 2, and Shellene Palmer.

First Game

McPherson	101 65-13 8
Mulvane	000 00- 0 4

Vance and Thacker; Shanda Vangas and Shellene Palmer.

Second Game

McPherson	125 17-18 8
Mulvane	000 20- 2 7

Bacon and Thacker; Kandi Miller, Shanda Vangas, 5, Kim Kysar 5, and Nicole Infinger.