

## Two Bright Spots

# Softball Wildcats Roughed Up At Wichita Tourney

Call it a lost weekend. Call it a bad day. Call it whatever you wish. Mulvane High School girls softball coach Nancy Winter is calling it an ineffective day.

The Wildcats went to Wichita Saturday, April 15, to play in the Wichita Northwest Girls Softball Tournament and were they ever sorry. Three losses later, the Wildcats returned home battered and beaten by a combined score of 62-8 and on a seven-game losing skid. The Cats were handled by Newton, 10-5, in the tourney opener, then were ripped, 22-2, by Rose Hill and in the game for seventh place in the eight-team field, Goddard creamed the girls from Mulvane, 30-1, scoring 18 runs in one inning.

"It definitely and easily was one of the worst outings we have ever had as a team," said Winter, searching for the right words.

"All the teams were well-established teams with programs going strong. We're not quite in the same league as those teams yet. Most of our people haven't played high school ball competitively before. We have lots of things to learn, and games like these just

prove we need to practice a lot harder and a lot longer."

Mulvane was in only the opener against Newton. Rose Hill and Goddard blasted away at the Cat pitching, took advantage of fielding miscues and controlled the MHS offense very effectively.

"Our pitching was ineffective and we weren't getting around on their pitchers, it's that simple," said Winter.

The Cat coach said there were only two bright spots, the entire tournament. Outfielder Carrie Mintzer had a respectable day with four hits, two stolen bases and she also threw one batter out at the plate from leftfield against Goddard. Catcher Shanda Smith also had a good series defensively, according to Winter.

The MHS girls will be seeking their first victory tonight (April 20) when they entertain Derby in a 4:30 p.m. doubleheader.

### WICHITA NORTHWEST GIRLS TOURNAMENT SEVENTH PLACE

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| Mulvane  | 010 00-1     | 5 |
| Goddard  | 552 (18)x-30 | 8 |
| Shanda Vengas and Shanda Smith; Murray and Jordan. |              |   |

### SECOND ROUND

|  |           |   |
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| Mulvane  | 001 10-2  | 2 |
| Rose Hill  | 479 02-22 | 9 |
| Suzie Ridd and Shanda Smith; Barb Harnett and Lynda Lewis. |           |   |

### FIRST ROUND

|  |              |    |
|--|--------------|----|
| Newton   | 015 001 3-18 | 10 |
| Mulvane  | 002 000 0-0  | 4  |
| Reul and Hannon; Shanda Vengas and Shanda Smith. |              |    |