

Girls Struggle For First Win

The Mulvane High School girls softball losing string stretched to 15 games Tuesday afternoon, May 2, at Campus as the Colts kicked the Cats, 15-1 and 18-4, in a doubleheader.

"We didn't play that badly," said Nancy Winter, the Mulvane girls coach. "We are still getting better each game. Now its a matter of putting it together for a victory," The Wildcats are 0-15 this season.

First Game

Mulvane 100 00—1 1
 Campus 751 2x—15 4
 Suzie Rudd and Shaunda Smith; Hophner and Doffing.

Second Game

Mulvane 002 20—4 2
 Campus 184 5x—18 7
 Shanda Vangas and Shaunda Smith; Ryhard and Rinshart.

First Game

Mulvane 000 02—3 7
 El Dorado 3(15)(13) 30—34 9
 Suzie Rudd and Shaunda Smith, Shanda Vangas 2;
 McGadem and Halstead.

Second Game

Mulvane 000 00—0 3
 El Dorado 003 52—10 4
 Shanda Vangas and Shaunda Smith; Lucas and Halstead.

Catcher Shaunda Smith was on base three of five times at bat in the doubleheader and had a triple in the second game. Carrie Mintzer went 4-for-5 and scored three of Mulvane's five runs on the day.

Top defensive play was turned in by Stacey Palmer in the outfield, making several difficult catches in the wind.

The Cats will be at Goddard for a 3 p.m. doubleheader today (May 4), then play Maize at home Monday, May 8. The twinbill starts at 4.

The Wildcat losing streak reached 13 Thursday, April 27, but Coach Winter saw something of a clearing in the sky despite a double dip loss at El Dorado. The host El Dorado team blasted the Cats, 34-2, and 10-0.

"The first game they just pretty much knocked us back on our heels early and we never recovered, but in the second game, we played much, much better," said Winter. "We were right there with them most of the way. We had only one bad inning (a five-run 4th) and other than that, we played pretty well. The girls are starting to hit the ball

and Shanda (Vangas) pitched her finest game of the season."

El Dorado scored 15 runs in the second inning of the opener, then came back with a 13-run barrage in the next inning to make things look easy. The second game was different because Vangas gave up only four hits and struck out two. "She improved on her number of strikeouts and number of walks," said Winter. "She also got some good defensive help from Shaunda Smith at catcher, and Holly Donaldson had her best hitting game of the season, going 4-for-5."

Mulvane's only scoring for the day came in the last inning of the first game when Donaldson singled and scored on a double by Vangas. She then scored on a double by Smith.

"They pulled away in the second game in the fourth with a couple hits, a couple walks and a couple errors," said the Cat pilot. "Overall, we were pleased with the second game. We really didn't have a bad inning and we shut them out a couple of innings to hang right in there."