

Cat Bats Boom In Softball Finale

It was as close to a sweep as you can get and still split. The Mulvane High School girls softball team and McPherson battled to a virtual standoff Monday afternoon, April 23, on the MHS softball diamond.

The spunky Wildcats scrambled from behind by scoring four times in the sixth, then barely were turned back in the final inning as the Bullpups held on for a 13-12 conquest. In the second game, however, Mulvane used a seven run first inning as a springboard to an 11-1 verdict.

"Once again, we were in position to win both ball games but couldn't advance the runner," said Dale Landes, the MHS first year coach. "If I counted the number of runners we have let on base this year, it would be pretty high. That's one of the problems we are having this season. Even in the second game, when we won big, we left a lot of people on base."

Generally, though, Landes was pleased. "We played better than we did last week

against Derby," pointed out Landes. "Our bats still had trouble getting started but we were able to make enough noise to score some runs. That big seven run inning really got us off to a huge start in the second game."

The Wildcat rally fell just short in the opener. Tricia Turner walked and Kendra Banzet reached on an error to start the last inning two runs behind. Shaunda Smith walked, filling the bases. Turner scored on a passed ball but the Wildcat push ended on two straight outs.

Mulvane's big four run sixth featured a bases loaded triple by Paula Cooke.

In the nightcap, Shanda Vangas started the game off with a double. After Turner and Banzet walked to load 'em up, one run scored when Smith was hit by a pitch and Holly Donaldson cleared the base paths with a triple which zinged into the gap in centerfield. Terri Holman kept the rally going by walking and Cooke got hit by pitch. Kerri Taylor walked before Donaldson, Holman and Cooke all scored on passed balls.

Derby pitching put a damper on the Wildcat hitting. Mulvane could muster only four hits in the two games—two singles by Vangas in the first game and singles by Tricia Turner and Kerri Taylor in the nightcap.

Mulvane will be home today (April 26) for a 4 p.m. twinbill against El Dorado. The games against once-beaten Rose Hill originally scheduled for Saturday, April 28, will be played beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5, instead because of the Mulvane Junior-Senior Prom.

First Game

McPherson	515	010	1	13	6
Mulvane	222	104	1	12	4

Regehr and Wedel, Oswald 1, Kendra Banzet and Shaunda Smith

Second Game

McPherson	100	00	1	7
Mulvane	700	31	11	6

Kramer, Wisdom 4, and Oswald, Kendra Banzet and Shaunda Smith

First Game

Mulvane	000	00	0	2
Derby	114	22	10	8

Kendra Banzet and Shaunda Smith, Shea and Foster

Second Game

Mulvane	204	021	0	9	2
Derby	400	337	x	17	6

Paula Cooke, Kendra Banzet 3, and Shaunda Smith, Jones, Shea 4, and Foster.