

Girls Shell Douglass

Circle Rings Cats

The Mulvane High School girls found out they weren't road warriors Tuesday night, April 9, at Circle as the Thunderbirds busted the Wildcats in a pair of games.

The T-Birds won the first game, 21-11, and then exploded for a 34-7 winner in the nightcap.

"We scored 18 runs in two games but when you turn around and walk 12-to-14 a game and you have double figure errors on routine plays, you're going to get beat," said

Mason. "Being so you, we're playing very inconsistently. I was just disappointed in the way we played because we gave up too many unearned runs too easily."

The lone bright spots for the Cats were a pair of three-run homers, one in the first game by Dawn Hicks and one in the second game by Stacy Taylor.

The Cat girls bounced back after opening the year with two losses as they romped

past Douglass in a pair of come-from-behind victories Friday, April 5, at the Mulvane sports complex.

Coach Mason's hitters warmed up in 12-run 6th inning to blitz Douglass, 20-12, in the first game, then rallied from behind twice in the nightcap for a 12-7 winner, squaring their record at 2-2.

"We bounced back real well," said Mason. "We kept the ball in play and didn't make as many mistakes as we did in the opening games against Andover and Maize. And we came from behind to win both. That should give the girls a boost."

It looked bad early as Douglass scored nine runs in the first three innings to take a 9-6 lead, then made it 10-6 in the 4th. The Wildcats batted around in the 6th, however, to take control of the game with a 12-run binge and righthanded reliever Stacy Taylor closed the door in the top of the 7th.

"We had some big hits and they helped us out when their pitcher lost her control," said Mason. "She walked five and hit two girls in that big inning. Throw in two triples by Stacy Taylor and you have a big inning."

Dawn Hicks started the big inning with a walk and Shaunda Smith also walked. Taylor ripped a triple to score two. Heather Pearman was hit by a pitch before Stephanie Schultz and Tammy Maxey both walked. Another run scored when Terri Holman grounded out. Dawn Hicks walked again just before Smith unloaded with a three-run double down the line in left. Lee Banzet was hit by a pitch and scored on Taylor's 2nd triple and Taylor trotted home when Pearman singled to right.

Taylor gained the victory with relief help from Holman in the 7th inning.

Mulvane's 5th started when Hicks singled. Taylor and Banzet both walked to fill the bases. Two runs scored when pinch-hitter Pearman, returning from the concert, struck a single. Banzet scored on a wild pitch and pinch-hitter Brooke Hansen singled in Pearman.

Four more in the 6th solidified the MHS position. Jenny Ray singled with none out and scored when Hicks and Taylor both singled. Banzet worked a walk before another run scored on Tifini Bradbury's ground out. Two more scored on passed balls.

First Game

Mulvane 412 40—11 5
Circle 677 01—21 8

Heather Pearman and Shaunda Smith; Meyer and Young.

HR—Dawn Hicks (M); P. Glaves (C).

Second Game

Mulvane 302 02—7 5
Circle 686 (14)x—34 11

Stacy Taylor and Shaunda Smith; A. Smith and Young.

HR—Stacy Taylor (M); Y. Smith (C).

First Game

Douglass 423 102 0—12 10
Mulvane 042 20(12) x—20 6
Parry, Alter 4, Parry 6, and Bailey; Heather Pearman, Stacy Taylor 7, and Shaunda Smith.

Second Game

Douglass 111 020 2—7 9
Mulvane 004 044 x—12 11
Bloom and Miller; Stacy Taylor, Terri Holman 7, and Shaunda Smith.



Coach Charlie Mason waves in MHS runner Shaunda Smith against Douglass