

McPherson Nasty Host; Softballers Beaten 3 Times

McPherson was a nasty host to the Mulvane Wildcats Monday, April 29, in a make-up doubleheader.

Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcats were trounced, 16-6 and 15-5, in five-inning games.

"We just can't seem to put everything together," said Mason. "If we get good pitching, we don't hit, and if we hit, we don't get the good pitching."

Mulvane took a small lead with a four-run second but McPherson got it going with nine in the fourth.

Outfielder Stephanie Schultz had an RBI double and Shaunda Smith singled for Mulvane's only hits in the opener.

In the second game, Dawn Hicks had two RBIs, Lee Banzet had a double, Smith had an RBI single and Schultz singled to spark the Cat offense.

Mulvane's girls saw their losing streak extended one more game Friday, April 26, at El Dorado before serious weather shut the doubleheader off after one game.

El Dorado's Wildcats spanked Mulvane, 12-1, in the first game, handing the Cats of Coach Charlie Mason their ninth loss in succession.

El Dorado broke the ice with three in the 2nd inning and three more in the 4th before Mulvane scored its only run on no hits. Stacy Taylor reached base on a walk, stole 2nd and went to 3rd when Jenny Ray grounded out. After Tiffany walked to put runners on the corners, Taylor raced to the plate on a double steal.

First Game

Mulvane	041 10—6 2
McPherson	303 91—16 7
Stacey Taylor, Heather Pearman 4, and Shaunda Smith; Regoehr and Yowel.	

Second Game

Mulvane	300 11—5 4
McPherson	341 52—15 9
Heather Pearman, Dawn Hicks 4, and Shaunda Smith; Kramer and Wodel.	

First Game

Mulvane	000 010—1 0
El Dorado	030 333—12 3
Stacy Taylor and Shaunda Smith; McClannahan and Davis, Baker 6.	

Second Game

Postponed: game called after one inning by bad weather

"We were in the game at that time but couldn't get the big hits again," said Mason. "They broke it open in the next couple of innings as the weather got worse and I think (MHS hurler) Stacy Taylor lost her concentration."

Mason said the El Dorado pitching wasn't outstanding but it was good. In fact, Mulvane made it look even better by striking out 13 times. "It was still a pretty close ball game in the 5th after we scored, which is surprising because we had 13 walks and committed nine errors," said Mason. "And when we did hit it, they made some plays. We hit it right at them."

Mason still is encouraged by the improving play he is seeing when his young squad. "Our record doesn't indicate it (2-11) but I think we're getting better," said the Cat coach. "We're playing some good 5A schools—Haysville, Valley Center, McPherson and El Dorado—so I'm still hoping we can do something in the regionals."

The Wildcats jumped ahead in the first inning of the nightcap, 1-0, before the game was called by approaching bad weather.

The MHS girls will be playing a doubleheader today (May 2) at Goddard. The games will begin at 3 p.m. instead of the normal 4.