

# 11 Runs Not Enough

## Free Passes By Staff Doom Softballers

The story line for the Mulvane High School girls softball team didn't change Monday afternoon, May 6, when Rose Hill came to town for a doubleheader.

Free passes filled the air like confetti as the visiting Rockets roasted the Wildcats, 15-0, in the first game and followed up by downing the Cats, 21-11, in the second game.

"We couldn't throw the ball over the plate and that kind of limits your game plan," said MHS coach Charlie Mason. "Pitching is a big part of the game and we couldn't solve our control problems. You score 11 runs and kind of hope you're in the ball game, but it wasn't enough for us in the second game."

Rose Hill righthander Barb Hartnett slammed the door shut in the opener, throwing a no-hitter at the Wildcats.

In the second game, the Cats made a game of things, scoring four in the first and nursing a 7-6 deficit into the 3rd inning. Mulvane

### First Game

Rose Hill 254 13--15 6  
Mulvane 000 00--0 0

Barb Hartnett and Chloe Tagtow; Stacey Taylor, Dawn Hicks 3, and Shaunda Smith.

### Second Game

Rose Hill 161 724--21 13  
Mulvane 420 203--11 8

Brandi Nickell and Chloe Tagtow; Heather Pearman, Dawn Hicks 5, and Tammy Maxey.

### First Game

Mulvane 500 03--8 6  
Goddard 26(10) 5x--23 7

Stacey Taylor, Dawn Hicks 2, Lee Banzet 2, Heather Pearman 3, and Shaunda Smith; April Jansen and Scholl.

### Second Game

Mulvane 311 00--5 6  
Goddard 837 0x--18 6

Heather Pearman, Shaunda Smith 3, and Tammy Maxey; McFadden and Scholl.

scored four times in the first when Tammy Maxey walked, Heather Pearman singled and both scored when catcher Shaunda Smith singled. After Kendra Grunden and Tifini Bradbury both walked, Dawn Hicks drilled a single for two more runs.

Mason's scrappy Cats scored two more in the second to close the gap to one run when Smith reached on an error, Grunden struck out but reached on a passed ball and Lee Banzet filled the bases when she trotted to first on catcher's interference. Bradbury worked a two-out walk, forcing in one, before Stacey Taylor singled for a run.

The Wildcats made another run at the Rockets by scoring three times in the 6th. Taylor doubled and Hicks walked. Stephanie Schultz slapped a two-run double and went to third on a passed ball. She scored moments later on a muffed fly ball.

The Wildcat pitchers couldn't find their groove in a doubleheader loss Thursday, May 2, at Goddard. The host Lions took advantage of a rash of walks to stretch 13 hits into a pair of victories, 23-8, and 18-5.

In both games, the Cats jumped ahead only to have Goddard quickly turn the games into cake walks. "They scored six runs on one hit in the 2nd inning of the first game, then added 10 more on two hits in the 3rd inning," said Mason. "That kind of tells you we had a hard time throwing the ball across the plate.

"There's not a whole lot you can do when you give up so many runs without a hit," added the Wildcat coach. "If we could have made them early the runs, we would

have been in both games. It was the same story in both games. We couldn't find the strike zone."

Mulvane jumped ahead quickly in the opener, scoring five times in the first inning when Pearman singled, Smith walked and both scored on Taylor's triple. Taylor scored when Maxey singled. Hicks and Regan Curtis both walked to fill the bases. After one run scored on a wild pitch, Jenny Ray walked to fill the sacks again and Schultz walked to force in a run.

The Wildcats' only other runs came in a three-run 5th when Banzet and Curtis both walked. Schultz singled for an RBI before Pearman kept things going with a free pass to fill the bases. Two runs then scored when Smith ripped a single.

The Cats scored three times in the opening frame in the nightcap. Maxey, Pearman and Smith all rapped singled to score one. Taylor and Tifini Bradbury both walked to force in a run before Hicks grounded out, bringing in the 3rd tally.

The final Mulvane run scored in the 2nd when Pearman singled.