

After Slow Start

Cat Girls In High Gear

To say the Mulvane High School girls are starting to get the hang of things wouldn't be exactly right. To say they have turned the season around would be more appropriate.

Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcat softballers started the season with six consecutive losses, but they now have won five of their last six. Goddard was the latest victim of this surging club. Mulvane had to settle for a split with the Lions Monday night, May 4, after comebacks in both games nearly pulled out a sweep. Instead, Goddard hung on dearly for a 10-9 victory in the first game but the Cats romped from behind, 13-7, in the second.

That victory was significant on two fronts. It gave Mulvane a 7-9 record heading into a doubleheader Monday, May 11, at Valley Center. The set is to begin at 4:30

p.m. The other reason for the victory's significance is that the 7th victory matches a modern school record for victories in one season. The next one will be the most ever.

"We're playing well right now," said Mason. "We didn't play very good defense in the first game, especially when we gave them eight unearned runs, but our defense has been solid overall and we're getting some good outings out of Terri (Holman).

Mulvane started off by falling out of the game in the second inning when the Lions pushed across six unearned runs, taking a 7-0 lead. Mulvane scored one in the third but the Lions came back with two more to make it 9-1. The Wildcats scored three times in the 5th, once more in the 6th, then nearly won it in the 7th with four runs.

The rally was ignited by a big-time homer by Stacy Taylor after two outs.

Melissa Maxey and Heather Pearman both singled after Taylor's big blow and Brooke Hansen tripled them home. She came in to score on an overthrow at third to make it a one-run game, 10-9. However, Jayme Rousseau grounded out to end it.

Holman lost that game, which snapped a personal four-game winning string. However, she came back to space eight hits to win the second game when the Cats rallied from another disastrous first inning. Goddard's bats were smokin' in the first as six runs were plated. Mulvane came back to make it 6-3 in the bottom of the first, then took charge with five runs in the 4th and four more in the 5th.

In the 4th, after one out, Melissa Maxey walked and scored on Stephanie Schultz' single. Amanda Meairs singled, Holman walked and both Schultz and Meairs scored on Lion miscues. Rousseau singled to keep the rally going and Tammy Maxey drilled a single, scoring Holman. Rousseau came in to score when Pearman singled.

Mulvane made it 12-7 in the 5th when Schultz walked and scored when Meairs doubled down the line in leftfield. Holman whacked an RBI single and Rousseau walked. Holman scored when Taylor sliced a foul ball up the line in right that was caught by the first baseman. Rousseau came in to score on a passed ball.

Mulvane racked up a sweep over Circle Thursday, April 30, in a home doubleheader at the sports complex.

The Cats held off the Thunderbirds, 8-7, in the first game, then survived 15 hits by Circle by getting a season-high 16 hits in a 14-9 victory.

First Game

Goddard	160 201 0-10 9
Mulvane	001 031 4-9 10

McFadden and Scholl; Terri Holman and Melissa Maxey.
HR--Stacy Taylor (M).

Second Game

Goddard	600 100 0-7 8
Mulvane	300 541 x-13 12

Jansen, McFadden 5, and Johnson; Terri Holman and Melissa Maxey.

First Game

Circle	004 001 2-7 9
Mulvane	400 301 x-8 14

Meyer and Y. Smith; Terri Holman and Tammy Maxey.

Second Game

Circle	030 420 0-9 15
Mulvane	480 101 x-14 16

Boehm, Meyer 3, and Prilliman; Terri Holman and Melissa Maxey.



Cat 3rd baseman Amanda Meairs puts a late tag on a sliding Goddard runner