

# Mulvane Softballers' Woes Continue Against Rose Hill

Rose Hill had too much pitching for the Mulvane High School Wildcat softballers Thursday, April 22, sweeping Coach Charlie Mason's girls in a pair of games at Rose Hill.

The two losses dropped Mulvane's log to 1-10 for the year as the Cats take an eight-game slide into battle today (April 29) at the Mulvane sports complex against Valley Center. The doubleheader is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Rose Hill scored in every inning, jumping out to a 5-1 lead after one inning. Mulvane's lone score came when Brooke Hansen reached on a fielder's choice after Stephanie Schultz reached base on a game-opening walk. Hansen forced Schultz at second, then scored on an error.

Mulvane had three hits with Hansen, Shannon Reed and Marianne Smysor each rapping singles in the first game.

Rose Hill also jumped out quickly in the second game but senior Heather Pearman found her groove and pitched well the rest of the way, giving up only one run on four hits.

"Aside from a couple of innings, we played really well," confessed Mason. "I felt real good about the second ball game especially. We probably played our best game of the season. Had we been able to field a bunt properly, it might have been a little different story. I just thought everybody did a good job."

The Wildcats were in the thick of things in the nightcap. Rose Hill scored six times after a fielding error on a bunt and that opened the flood gates.

"We didn't make the play, the right play, when we had to," said Mason. "We got some hits in the second game and made it interesting, but never could get back all the way. Pearman did a good job holding them."

Mulvane solved RH righthander Brandi Nickell for only three hits in the first game.

## FIRST GAME

Mulvane	100 00—1 2
Rose Hill	512 4x—12 13

Laura Butler and Deva Lewis; Brandi Nickell and Mandy Scantlin.

HR—Stephanie Kendall, Arien Diamond (RH)

## SECOND GAME

Mulvane	101 100 0—3 6
Rose Hill	600 100 x—7 7

Heather Pearman and Deva Lewis; Brandi Nickell and Mandy Scantlin.

HR—Deva Lewis (M)

"We couldn't bunch any hits together," said Mason. "Again, we had several errors that hurt, and Rose Hill also hit the ball well. They had a couple homers and a couple other extra base hits.

"We have to get something going to get a couple wins down the stretch heading into the regionals," added the Cat coach. "If we want to do anything in the regionals, we're going to have to go through Rose Hill because we're both in the same regional."

The Cats scored first, taking a 1-0 lead when Gemi Spatz walked and took third on a Schultz base knock. After an out, catcher Deva Lewis, the hottest hitter on the squad, rapped an RBI single. Mulvane scored again in the third inning when Lewis connected on a homer with the bases empty.

"That's the hardest hit ball I think I've ever seen a girl hit," said Mason. "She really got ahold of it. It hit at the base of the fence. I thought it was going out, but she was able to get her third homer on it."

Mulvane made it 6-3 with another solo run in the top of the fourth. Pearman, Reed and Smysor had back-to-back singles, Smysor getting the RBI, but the rally died with the top of the Cat order.