



"Yer....safe!" says the umpire as Mulvane's Gemi Spatz slides home with a run against Wellington

Sweep Wellington

Mulvane Girls Hit Paydirt

It was like a ray of sunlight. Two big innings. Two big wins.

The Mulvane High School girls waded into Wellington Monday, April 18, and walked away with their first two victories of the season at the Mulvane sports complex.

The Wildcats moved to 2-6 for the year as they screamed past the Crusaders, 13-5, in the first game, then scored eight runs in the fourth to launch a 15-5 victory.

"we've been playing good ball," emphasized Mason. "We didn't have any wins to show for it, but we have been playing good ball. we finally got some hits when we needed them, and they helped out with some errors. They have four in the first game and seven in the second game, but even that is putting the ball into play. We didn't strike out in either game."

It wasn't all peaches and cream. Wellington took advantage of one Mulvane miscue in the first inning on the tail end of three walks to score four times to quickly get the lead. Panic didn't set in, though, because Mulvane has played everybody tough this season and has come from behind several times.

"Susan (Wenger) was a little shaky in that first couple innings but she settled down after that," said Mason. "We started hitting the ball and we got some errors and were able to pull away.

The Cats rallied in the third to take the lead, scoring five times, then pulled away with five more in the sixth.

Gemi Spatz walked to open the third for the Cats. She scored on Heather Taylor's base hit. Shannon Reed reached on an error in front of a walk to Marianne Smysor. Two more runs scored when Heather Pearman sliced a single just inside the rightfield line. She later scored when NiChelle Bruce singled.

A base hit by Pearman also ignited the sixth. Brooke Hansen reached on an error and Lee Cates and Bruce both walked, forcing in a run. Another run scored on a passed ball before two errors enabled Cates and Bruce to score. Stephanie Schultz, who had reached on an error, scored on a ground out.

Mulvane exploded for eight runs in the fourth inning to make short work of the Crusaders in the nightcap after Wellington had again bolted to a 1-0 lead in the first. And by the time the game got to the big fourth, the Cats held a 7-4 advantage.

Spatz started the procession of 13 hitters to the plate with a base hit. She two stolen bases, Reed walked, stole second before Smysor singled in Spatz. Reed scored on a wild pitch. Pearman kept the rally going when she walked and stole second. Cates drove her in with a sacrifice. Bruce walked, Kendra Grunden reached on an error with another run scoring and Schultz rapped a base hit to score one. Spatz then lined her

second hit of the inning to left for another score and came around after stealing a base when Taylor reached on an error.

Spatz had the only two-hit effort of the game for the MHS girls. She also scored three times, as did Pearman. Reed, Cates and Bruce each scored twice.

Both Jamie (Wilson) and Susan got off to rough starts, but once they settled down after a couple innings, they pitched well," said Mason. "I think Wellington only had three balls hit to the outfield the whole series. And the girls played pretty solid defense overall. We're making the plays."

Valley Center dumped the Wildcats in two games Thursday, April 14, in a Mulvane visit into Hornet country. The VC hosts stopped Mulvane, 10-2, in the opener, then edged the Cats, 7-6 in one extra inning in the nightcap.

The only offense for Mulvane came

FIRST GAME

Wellington	410 000 0-5 4
Mulvane	205 105 x-13 7

Strothman and Reyes, Susan Wenger and NiChelle Bruce

SECOND GAME

Wellington	103 01-5 4
Mulvane	133 8x-15 8

Durant, Strothman 4, and Reyes, Jamie Wilson and NiChelle Bruce

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	010 010 0-2 8
Valley Center	602 020 x 10 8

Jamie Wilson and NiChelle Bruce; Heather Barbosa and Hendncks

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	002 100 20-6 6
Valley Center	000 006 01-7 9

Susan Wenger and NiChelle Bruce; Grimes and Hendncks.

when Hansen scored on an error after singling in the second inning. Taylor's RBI single scored Schultz, who had singled in the fifth.

It was a different story in the nightcap, as Mulvane led by as much as 4-0 before

Valley exploded with six runs in the sixth. Mulvane tied it with two runs in the top of the seventh to send it into extra innings. Spatz walked and Taylor reached on an error, scoring Spatz. Taylor came in to score on a passed ball.