

Drub Douglass

Wildcat Softballers Catch Fire

The Mulvane High School softball girls rang up three victories in their four games last week, capping the rain-plagued week with a doubleheader sweep of hapless Douglass Tuesday, May 3.

Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcats zapped Douglass, 27-1, in the opener behind the sparkling pitching of Jamie Wilson, who fired a one-hitter, and edged the Bulldogs, 4-2, in the nightcap, with righthander Susan Wenger spacing six hits.

Coupled with a split of a twinbill against Goddard Monday, May 2, that left the Mulvane record at 5-10. The Cats won the first game at home against Goddard, 6-5, and lost the second game, 5-3.

"We didn't have much trouble with Douglass in the first game," said Mason. "Douglass really helped us out. Twenty-seven runs on seven hits. There were 24 walks and three batters hit, so it wasn't much of a ball game. We did start to hit the ball much better though, and that was the encouraging thing about the series. Plus, we played solid defense. We made only one error in the two games."

In the opening game, Mulvane scored seven runs in the first inning and by the third, it was 12-0. End of contest. Shannon Reed went 3-for-5 with two doubles, Heather Taylor went 2-for-3 and scored four times, Stephanie Schultz and Lee Cates both scored four runs, NiChelle Bruce scored three times and Gemi Spatz reached base six times, five on walks and the sixth by being hit by a pitch.

The second game was much more interesting as Mulvane was sailing along in the sixth inning with a 4-0 lead behind Wenger. Douglass scored two on a homer and Wenger had to work out of a two-on, no out jam in the seventh to preserve the victory.

The winning runs came in a two-run fifth inning when Taylor walked and

Schultz reached on a fielder's choice. Shannon Reed drilled an RBI single before Marianne Smysor walked. An error on the pitcher allowed Reed to score.

Mulvane could have swept the Lions a day earlier, but Goddard punched in three runs in the top of the seventh. Mulvane scored two in the bottom of the seventh and had runners on but couldn't get the game-winning delivery.

"I didn't know it at the time, but Goddard came in here pretty hot," said Mason. "They had won nine in a row and we snapped that streak. The first game was outstanding because we came from behind three times to win it, so I felt pretty good about that."

Mulvane scored one in the third inning when Cates singled and scored on an error and added two more in the fifth as Brooke Hansen led off with a walk, Heather Pearman singled and both runners scored when Cates' hit was errored.

The Cat girls will be going up against Belle Plaine at Belle Plaine today (May 5) in a doubleheader starting at 4:30. The girls will make a single game up Monday, May 9, when they go to Augusta.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	714 96-27 7
Douglass	000 00-0 1
Jamie Wilson and NiChelle Bruce, Natalie Sagely 5; Hayes, Yost 4, and Vaughn, Anderson 5.	

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	010 120 0-4 4
Douglass	000 002 0-2 6
Susan Wenger and NiChelle Bruce; Hayes and Yost. HR--Cook (D).	

FIRST GAME

Goddard	000 311 0-5 5
Mulvane	002 202 x-6 3
Hackenberg and Johnson; Jaime Wilson and NiChelle Bruce.	

SECOND GAME

Goddard	000 101 3-5 8
Mulvane	001 000 2-3 6
McFadden and Scholl; Susan Wenger and NiChelle Bruce.	