

# Maize Machine Too Much

Going against the best takes your best. Mulvane's Wildcats weren't at their best Thursday, April 13, when undefeated Maize came to town.

The Eagles swept both ends of the Chisholm Trail League doubleheader Thursday at the Mulvane sports complex, 9-0 and 17-4. It was no confidence-builder for Coach Charlie Mason's Cats.

"We just didn't play very well," confessed Mason, whose Wildcats stumbled to 6-2 for the season with the double loss. "The first game should have been a 2- or 3-0 ball game, but it was 9-0 because of the

errors we made. Maize always is going to do a good job of hitting the ball. They put so much pressure on you that you have to make every play, and we didn't. And when you don't make the plays, they're going to beat you."

The game started out with Maize scoring twice in the first frame. A two-out single drove in a pair and a third run was cut down at the plate. The Eagles made it 3-0 against Mulvane righthander Jamie Wilson with an error-aided run in the fourth inning, then punched in four more runs in the sixth with four hits to put the game on ice.

"That was way too much for us to overcome," said Mason. "That's the best pitching we're going to see all season long. We were up there taking our cuts, we just weren't connecting. Their pitching has a lot to do with it and I knew we weren't going to be able to score that many runs."

The MHS girls tried to make a run at Maize in the second inning when Natalie Sagely looped a single to leftfield. She

made it to second on an error and went to third when Janelle Wenke reached on an error but the rally was killed by an pop fly.

Lee Cates got things started again for Mulvane with a two-out single in the fourth. After she stole two bases, though, Shannon Reed fanned to end the frame.

Mulvane's final opportunity was fruitless, too. Sagely reached on an error to start the seventh inning but two strikeouts followed and Wenke's single couldn't score a run and the game ended on a ground out.

Mulvane finally broke through in the fifth inning of the nightcap when Susan Wenger singled with one out. Courtney Renfro also singled in front of Crissy Carpenter, who reached on an error, scoring one run. After Carpenter stole second, Gemi Spatz singled to bring in the final two runs.

"I was disappointed we didn't at least split because I thought we could play better than that," said Mason. "But in the second game, we were down, 10-0, and would have ended the game in the fifth had we not scored three times. I think the girls showed they had some fight in them."

The final two Mulvane runs came in the seventh when Wenger tripled and scored when Reed singled with no outs. Carpenter then walked and Spatz singled, driving in the second run but the rally was cut short with two straight strikeouts to end the game.

The Cat girls were to have been back in action today (April 20) at Rose Hill in a key doubleheader for the Wildcats. Games start at 4 p.m.

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Laura Butler scoops up a grounder at second

#### FIRST GAME

Maize	200 114 0—9 10
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Grimsley, Park 7, and Bruce; Jamie Wilson and NiChelle Bruce.

#### SECOND GAME

Maize	211 602 5—17 13
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Frasco, Parks 7, and Bruce; Susan Wenger and NiChelle Bruce.