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SB Girls Split In Andover DH

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Mulvane and Andover traded big innings, leading to a doubleheader split Monday, April 28, between the two schools in a Chisholm Trail League softball series in Andover.

The Cats held off a late charge by Andover to win the first game, 6-4, then Andover blasted out to a 5-0 lead after two innings in the second game on the way to a 6-2 triumph.

The split gave Coach Charlie Mason's MHS softball girls a 3-1 record for the week. Earlier, the Wildcats rolled past Buhler twice, 5-2 and 20-7, in two games Thursday, April 24.

"It seems like we split every time we play Andover," said Mason. "We had a real good chance to win both of those games. We beat their No. 1 pitcher and were a little out in front of their second pitcher. But you have to give them credit, too. We hit the ball on the button five or six times. Line drive all of them, but they made the plays."

The two games were similar in that the winner took advantage of mistakes made by the other team to roll during big innings. The Wildcats won the first game, scoring four times in the second inning. After Cara Ashlock and Shelley Richards walked, NiChelle Perry singled in two runs. Winning hurler Jamie Wilson grounded one that was booted and another run scored, setting up an RBI for Rachel Rose when her sacrifice scored Wilson from third.

Wilson did the rest, scattering eight hits and walking only three. He went the distance.

In the second game, Andover knocked out Cat starter Sabrina Foy with six runs in the first three innings. Two errors helped in the first inning and three in the next two innings helped fuel the Trojan offense.

Mulvane's only offense came in the 3rd when Ashley Wirths singled and scored when Crissy Carpenter doubled. Carpenter came in to score on a ground out by Lindsay Kendrick.

"We got the benefit from their mistakes in the first game," said Mason. "They didn't field it very well and we took advantage of it. But the same thing happened in the second game to us. They took advantage of our mistakes. One good thing that came out of it was that we finally got to work in Ashley Wirths at pitcher the last three innings and she didn't give up a hit."

The Wildcats went to Buhler Thursday and got the two games in despite a light rain. "Going into the Buhler game, I was pretty concerned because they had every-

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body back and the same pitcher back to beat us twice a year ago, but we took care of business," said Mason. "We put some hits together in the last few innings to win the first game, then that seemed to get us going because we had a lot better hitting game in the second one."

The Cats broke a 2-2 tie in the 5th when Foy scored on a triple by Jackie McColpin, then got a two-run cushion in the sixth when Richards slammed a two-run triple, scoring Ashlock and Perry. Wilson picked up the victory with a four-hit job.

Foy and Richards shared mound duties in the second game and benefited from a 16-hit Wildcat assault. Ashlock went 3-for-5 with two doubles and two runs scored, Richards banged out three hits and scored two. McColpin and Carpenter went 2-for-4 with five runs between them and Jessica Sheridan went 2-for-5 with three RBIs.

"It was nice to get the bats going," stressed Mason, "We have to win every league game we can. And it was especially nice to go up there and beat them twice after they beat us twice last year. It would have been a really nice week had we got Andover twice."