

MHS Downpour Buries Indians

It started as a trickle, then became a downpour, and before it was over, it was a raging flood. That pretty much describes Mulvane High School's first trip ever to Medicine Lodge for a softball doubleheader Monday, May 12.

It ended with the Wildcats swamping the Indians under 34 runs and Cat hurlers Jamie Wilson and Ashley Wirths posting shutouts in the 18-0, 16-0 shellacking. That gives the Wildcats four wins in a row. Thursday, May 8, Coach Charlie Mason's Cats dumped Augusta in two games, 3-2 and 7-3. Both were Chisholm Trail League games, improving Mulvane's league mark to 7-7. Overall, the Cats are 10-8 heading into a make-up series today (May 15) at Circle.

"Medicine Lodge helped us a great deal

because they had quite a few mistakes, but we did hit the ball well there," said Mason. "And defensively, we played two great games. One error total in the two. That's what we need to do for us to be successful. And both Ashley and Jamie did a good job pitching. Hopefully, we're coming together at the right time."

The Wildcats banged out 12 hits in each game. NiChelle Perry and Lindsay Kendrick whacked homers in the opener. Kendrick finished with a 3-for-5 night, scoring three times and both Crissy Carpenter and Cara Ashlock had two hits with five runs scored between them.

Game No. 2 wasn't a contest after Mulvane exploded for eight runs in the first inning. Perry went 2-for-3 with three runs scored and one RBI, Ashlock had two RBIs and went 2-for-3, as did Rachel Rose, who knocked in two runs. Big hits in the first frame were RBI singles by Kendrick and Perry and RBI doubles by Rose and Wirths, who did the rest by holding the Indians to only four singles.

The Augusta series was much more thrilling. The Cats won the first game behind Wilson's two-hitter by scoring twice in the fifth to wipe out a 2-1 Augusta lead. Kendrick started the assault with a home run. Jessica Sheridan then singled and stole two bases, finally scoring on a passed ball.

In the nightcap in Mulvane, a four-run out-burst in the second was all Wirths needed. She even started the rally with a stinging single and scored on an error. Sabrina Foy walked and came in on Carpenter's double, and Carpenter scored on the second of Kendrick's three base hits in the game. Kendrick scored on an error and a passed ball moments later.

"Those were good series' for us," emphasized Mason. "We needed them to get some positive momentum going into the regionals."

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 006 (11) 1--18 12
Medicine Lodge 000 00-0 3
Jamie Wilson and Shelley Richards; Crater and Van Allen.

HR--NiChelle Perry, Lindsay Kendrick (M).

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 820 41--16 12
Medicine Lodge 000 00-0 4
Ashley Wirths and Shelley Richards; Dunaby, Crater 3, and Van Allen.

FIRST GAME

Augusta 000 200 0--2 1
Mulvane 000 120 x--3 10
Simon and Wallace; Jamie Wilson and Shelley Richards.

HR--Lindsay Kendrick (M).

SECOND GAME

Augusta 000 120 0--3 5
Mulvane 041 200 x--7 10
Spiers and Bork; Ashley Wirths, Shelley Richards 5, and Richards, Jana Smith 5.

Junior Varsity Softball

FIRST GAME

Augusta 403 10--8 15
Mulvane 040 03--7 6
Mulvane battery: Kayla Masters and Sara Redinger.
HR--Karen Graves (A); Aubrey Benjamin (M).

SECOND GAME

Augusta 001 02--3 4
Mulvane (12)00 0x--12 5
Mulvane battery: Kassie Hargrove and Sara Redinger.