

SB Girls Keep Rolling

Even with a sweep of two games at Buhler, there's no resting for the Mulvane High School softball games. On the contrary, now it's time to get down to business.

Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcat SB girls dumped Buhler in each end of a double-header Thursday, April 22. Freshman Sara Simpson made her varsity debut on the mound and fired a fancy three-hit shutout in a 6-0 landslide, and in the second game, the Cats made three runs in the 4th inning stand up for a 3-1 victory behind veteran senior Shelley Richards' four-hit job.

But almost before Mason and his team could enjoy the sweep, they were already pointing ahead to the key part of their Chisholm Trail League season. Because of rainouts earlier, Mulvane will play at Andover (April 28), Maize (April 29) and at Rose Hill (May 1) in an unusual 10 a.m. series.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	000 302 1 --6 9
Buhler	000 000 0 --0 3
Sara Simpson and Shelley Richards, Bennett and Phillips	

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	000 300 0 --3 11
Buhler	010 000 0 --1 4
Shelley Richards and Danielle Vanderhoof, Robinson and East	

Junior Varsity Results

Buhler 4, Mulvane 0
Buhler 3, Mulvane 1

"We played extremely well at Buhler hitting-wise," said Mason. "It was our best series of the year because we hit up and down the line-up." The Cats ripped nine hits in the first game and banged 11 in the nightcap.

Simpson did the rest in her first varsity appearance, replacing junior Kassie Hargrove, who was given a rest because of

sore arm. She didn't walk a batter and fanned four. "Simpson was pretty outstanding," admitted Mason. "She had a no-hitter going into the 6th inning before she got a little tired. We wanted them to hit and let our defense work. That's what happened. She did a super job and our defense did, too."

The Cats scored all the runs Simpson would need when they pushed across three in the fourth inning. Jessica Sheridan walked and went to second on a Sabrina Foy sacrifice. Ashley Wirths singled and Kristin Buchanan plated Sheridan when she singled. Aubrey Benjamin followed with a single for another run and Buchanan scored on an error.

Both Sheridan and Wirths went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and Lindsay Kendrick went 2-for-4 with two big RBIs in the 6th that sealed the victory.

In the second contest, Richards did what she's been doing all year—shutting down the opposition. Upping her record to 5-1 this year, Richards fell behind, 1-0, giving up two hits in the second inning, but stiffened the rest of the way. She finished with a four-hitter, striking out seven and walking one.

Mulvane won it in the 4th again when Wirths hit a one-out single. She was forced at second when Buchanan reached base on a fielder's choice. Benjamin then poked a game-tying triple over the rightfielder's head and scored the go-ahead run when Jackie McCoplin singled. After two passed balls, McCoplin scored when Kendrick smashed the third of her three singles to complete the binge.

The Buhler junior varsity knocked the ring off the Wildcat JV cake by sweeping two games at Buhler. That dropped the Cat record to 9-3 for the season. The Crusaders won by a 4-0 count in the opener, then took the nightcap, 4-1.

In game No. 1, Tyan Scott went 2-for-2 with a double and Stephanie Sanchez, Jinny Crain and Amber Tillemans had the only other hits for Mulvane. In the second game, Mulvane again had only five hits with Scott again hitting a single and a double and Bob Carmichael, Sanchez and Emily Turner each hitting singles.