



Mulvane's Kayla Linnebur's bat is just about ready to give the ball a ride Monday in the first game of a doubleheader sweep by the MHS softballers

## Girls Sweep Augusta

# The Ugly Side Of Unity

It looked an awful lot like a scene from "Animal House," you know, the one with toilet paper hanging all over the trees in front of the Delta house after a frat party.

It was vandalism, but Coach Charlie Mason didn't mind a bit. It was the first bit of "unity" he had seen this year and seemed to turn his Mulvane High School Wildcat softball girls into more than paper tigers. The Cats "TPed" Mason's house one night, then went out the next and burned Augusta to the ground in a pair of Chisholm Trail League games.

The Orioles were in Mulvane Monday night, May 7, sporting a perfect record the last two years on the home turf of the Cats but you can cross that one off, too. The Wildcats outlasted Augusta, 4-3, in 10 innings in the opener, then ripped them, 6-0 in the nightcap behind an outstanding two-hitter by freshman Shayna Duncan.

The games were big for the Cats, too. "We needed those two," noted Mason, whose Cats improved to 9-11 overall and 6-8 in the CTL in their final set of the regular season. "These two wins give us two big league wins, and it also sets things up for the regionals. It also gives us some momentum going into the regionals and that's big, too."

Mason said he challenged his troops last week to come together, show unity that hasn't been apparent all season and he didn't care how they showed it. Well, the toilet paper and white shoe polish supply in Mulvane was severely tested Sunday night.

**FIRST GAME**  
 Augusta 000 002 100 0—3 8  
 Mulvane 002 000 100 1—4 9  
 Megan Arnold, Harrison 7, and Day; Sara Simpson and Danielle Vanderhoof.

**SECOND GAME**  
 Augusta 000 000 0—0 3  
 Mulvane 004 002 x—6 5  
 Harrison and Taton; Shayna Duncan and Danielle Vanderhoof.

And they got his van while he was playing golf Sunday. "My house looks like it went through the frat party with those guys in 'Animal House.'"

The Wildcats had a gutsy game against Augusta in the opener. After leading, 2-0, through five innings, the Orioles pounced on a couple fielding miscues to get back in the game with a two-run 6th, then took a 3-2 lead in the 7th inning. However, the Cats bounced back with a run with one out in the bottom of the seventh, tying the game at 3s.

A dandy throw from rightfielder Sara Clasen which nailed an Augusta runner trying to score in the 8th inning gave Mulvane another chance and finally, in the 10th inning, the Cats ended the game. Melissa Doerfer started the rally with a single. Josalyn Marksberry, who has been on a tear, belted a single, and Danielle Vanderhoof reached first when she tapped back to the pitcher and she couldn't make a play. That filled the bases. Doerfer was cut down at the plate when Kayla Linnebur hit an infield

grounder but Sarah Carmichael won the game when she drilled a base hit past the second sacker.

"We were aggressive at the plate," said Mason. "We didn't have a lot of hits but we hit the ball hard and we forced them into making some defensive mistakes."

The Cats took the early lead in the 3rd inning when Dani Phillips singled and went to second on a throwing error. Doerfer bunted but reached when the Orioles tried to get Phillips at 3rd. After Doerfer stole second, Marksberry, who had three singles, lined a base hit that scored both runners.

Mulvane tied the game up at 3-3 in the 7th when pitcher Sara Simpson walked and went to second on a wild pitch. Phillips had a hit but Duncan, pinch-running for Simpson, had to hold up at 3rd base. She scored when Doerfer put down a good bunt.

Simpson, who had lost a 17-inning gem earlier this year, picked up the win but it wasn't easy. She had to work out of a bases-loaded jam in the 8th with the help of Clasen's perfect throw. She gave up eight hits and more importantly, didn't walk a batter.

In the second game, Duncan checked the Orioles on only three hits. She gave up only one walk.

The Wildcats took advantage of a couple Augusta errors in the 3rd to score four times on only two hits to get the jump on the visiting Orioles. Katie Rose led off the inning with a single and scored moments later on an error and two passed balls. Duncan reached on a fielder's choice as Augusta tried to get Rose and she scored when Clasen lined a base hit. After an out, Doerfer reached on an error which scored Clasen. Marksberry's ground out allowed Doerfer to hit the plate.

Mulvane gave Duncan another two runs as a cushion in the 6th when Vanderhoof slammed a triple and scored when Linnebur reached on an error. Linnebur went all the way to third and scored easily when Carmichael grounded out for the first out.

# Mulvane Sports

The wins appeared to set Mulvane up as the No. 5 seed in the Mulvane Class 4A Regional which opens Monday, May 14, at the Mulvane sports complex.

Rose Hill (17-3) appears to be the No. 1 seed. Two softball diamonds will be used for the regional games. There will be two games on each of the two diamonds with play games starting at 5 p.m. Monday on each diamond. The second games are scheduled to begin at about 7 p.m. The semifinals will be held Wednesday, May 16, with one starting at 3 p.m. and the second one at 5. The championship game will be held at about 7 Wednesday at the sports complex.

The Cats (9-11) appear to be headed for a No. 5 seed and a first-round game against the No. 4 seed but that could change. Other teams in the regional are Clearwater, Augusta, Wellington, El Dorado, Circle and Douglass.