

SB Girls Come Alive Against Wellington

Wellington gave the Mulvane High School softball girls a quick fix in both the winning department and hitting.

After struggling through the team's first six games without a victory, the Wildcats exploded Monday afternoon, April 8, at Wellington, blasting the Crusaders, 11-0 and 7-3, in a pair of Chisholm Trail League games.

Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcats were coming off two —no, make that three—disappointing losses in a row and vented those frustrations on the Crusaders. The Cats continued to get outstanding pitching and added some solid hitting to their game against Wellington. Mulvane rapped 14 hits in the opener, backing up a great one-hit effort by veteran Sara Simpson. In the nightcap, sophomore Stephanie Tatum tossed a two-hitter and didn't give up an earned run.

It was a breakthrough game for Simpson, who has lost two games this season but has an earned run average near one run a game.

This time, Simpson made sure by going 2-for-3 with two runs scored and one RBI. An eight-run first inning also helped a bunch. The Cats came out swinging. Melissa Doerfer singled and scored on a Tatum single. After Dani Phillips walked, Kayla Linnebur delivered two runs with a base hit. Katie Rose singled in another run and Sara McKnight kept the rally going with a single. Rose scored on Simpson's base hit and another run scored on Candace Hufford's base hit. The last run scored on a passed ball.

The Wildcats actually fell behind in

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 811 10--11 14
Wellington 000 00--0 1

Sara Simpson and Sara Clasen; Stocking and Lynch.

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 002 210 2--7 8
Wellington 021 000 0--3 2

Stephanie Tatum and Sara Clasen; Zogelman and Keith.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 100 000 00--1 5
Goddard 000 100 01--2 6

Sara Simpson and Sara Clasen; Phillips and VanHorn.

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 000 001 0--1 4
Goddard 001 100 x--2 4

Stephanie Tatum and Sara Clasen; Hysom and VanHorn.

HR--Bell (G).

Oxford 001 00--1 3

Mulvane 813 0x--12 11

Alexander, Hosey J, and Shultz; Sara Simpson and Sara Clasen.

Homeschool 001 00--1 1

Mulvane 900 1x--19 15

German and Ohyme; Shayna Duncan, Stephanie Tatum 4, and Sara Clasen, Katelyn Carson 4.

HR--Sara Clasen (M).

game No. 2 but quickly rebounded to take the lead for good with a two-run 4th. McKnight started the one-out rally with a single and Sara Clasen followed with a single. One run scored on an infield grounder and Simpson singled again for an RBI.

The Cats were coming off a pair of 2-1 losses Thursday, April 4, at Goddard. The first game went one extra inning.

"Both were disappointing because we didn't win them and we could have," said Mason.

Mulvane had only nine hits in the two games and Simpson and Tatum suffered tough losses in well-pitched circumstances.