

# Pitching Throttles Trojans

Look what happens when the you go by the books.

The Mulvane High School softball girls continued to get grade-A pitching but put together some clutch-hitting up and down the line-up Monday night, April 22, to spank the Andover Trojans in two games at the Mulvane sports complex.

The Cats won game No. 1, 10-0, in five innings, then made the most of three hits and shoddy fielding by the Trojans to scrape out a 4-0 nightcap victory.

"Andover is not the Andover of old since they split but we pretty much dominated thanks to two outstanding pitching performances by (Sara) Simpson and (Shayna) Duncan and we hit the ball in that first game. We finally got some hits from everybody up and down the line-up, which is what we have been missing all season long."

The senior Simpson was impeccable in the run-rule contest. She gave up only two

hits and walked one. She had eight strikeouts. The Cats finally broke loose for her after four previous games where they scored few runs behind her.

Mulvane took the pace early with three runs in the 2nd inning when Kayla Linnebur, Katie Rose and Simpson all reached on errors. Sara McKnight banged a base hit and Melissa Doerfer singled.

The Cats went up, 5-0, in the 3rd with two more. Sara Clasen launched a single and scored after a hit by Dani Phillips on a ground by Linnebur, who crossed the plate when Simpson and Katelyn Carson singled.

The game quickly soared out of sight when Mulvane scored two more in the 4th and three times in the 5th. Doerfer (two), Linnebur, McKnight and Stephanie Tatum had RBI hits as the Trojans watched the tail lights sail off down the highway.

Duncan came back to mid-season form and improved her record to 4-2. She tossed

a one-hit shutout and struck out six. She gave up her only hit in the 4th with a lead-off single.

The Cats inched ahead in the 3rd inning when Rose walked and took second on a passed ball. Carson singled but was out going for second with Rose scoring. Tatum walked and advanced when Doerfer reached on an error. Clasen's long fly to left scored Tatum with the second run. Linnebur singled and scored on an error in the 4th before Mulvane wrapped it up behind Duncan with a run in the 5th. Carson reached on an error and scored moments later on a passed ball.

Buhler throttled the Wildcats a pair of Chisholm Trail League games at the Mulvane sports complex Thursday, April 18. The Crusaders nudged the Wildcats in the opener, 3-2, with Duncan picking up the "non-support" payments in a game No. 1. Simpson had something of an off-game in the nightcap as the Crusaders rolled out to a 7-5 victory.

"Their pitching wasn't that outstanding but we just didn't hit the ball," said Mason about the opener. "It was just one of those games. They took advantage of our mistakes and we didn't take full advantage of theirs."

Buhler broke through against Duncan in the 3rd inning with two hits, a fielder's choice and a passed ball, then made it 2-0 on a sac fly in the 5th. They won it an error, two hits and a ground ball in the 7th inning.

The Wildcats scored a run in the 5th when McKnight singled, Phillips walked and Duncan grounded out with McKnight scoring. And they tried to make a move in their last at-bat when Phillips ripped a one-out single. She scored on an error but that was all the damage.

Mulvane rapped 10 hits in the nightcap to support Simpson but Buhler punched in three runs in the first extra inning and Mulvane managed only one in the 8th.

Linnebur went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and one RBI. Phillips went 3-for-5 with one RBI and Doerfer had a 2-for-4 game with one run scored.

The MHS girls will be on the road the rest of the season. They'll be at Maize today (April 25) for two games beginning at 4:30 p.m., then they have about a 10-day layoff.

#### FIRST GAME

Andover 000 00-0 2  
Mulvane 032 23-10 13  
Hanson and Pickard; Sara Simpson and Katelyn Carson.

#### SECOND GAME

Andover 000 000 0-0 1  
Mulvane 002 110 x-4 3  
Finger and Bosen; Shayna Duncan and Katelyn Carson.

#### FIRST GAME

Buhler 001 010 1-3 9  
Mulvane 000 010 1-2 4  
Krankenber and Rayl; Shayna Duncan and Sara Clasen.

#### SECOND GAME

Buhler 010 100 23-7 5  
Mulvane 120 100 01-5 10  
Robinson, Krankenber 4, and Rayl; Sara Simpson and Sara Clasen.

## Chisholm Trail League Softball Standings

### DIVISION I

Team	LEAGUE OVERALL			
	W	L	W	L
Maize	4	0	9	1
Valley Center	7	1	11	1
Goddard	5	1	12	2
Augusta	3	7	3	7
Mulvane	2	6	8	8
Buhler	2	6	2	6
Wellington	1	3	3	7

### DIVISION II

Clearwater	8	2	10	3
Rose Hill	6	4	7	5
Andale	7	5	7	7
Andover Central	2	6	2	6
Circle	1	5	1	5
Andover	0	2	0	8



Mulvane's Sara Clasen (22) rips one down the line that enabled Sara McKnight to score from third base against Andover