

Pitcher Flip-Flop Good For Girls

Change the order and watch good things happen.

Mulvane High School softball coach Charlie Mason swapped the order of starting pitchers and that was enough to give his Wildcats a fresh approach and a sweep of two games at Augusta Monday afternoon, April 7.

Mason had been starting Shayna Duncan in first games and coming back with Dani Phillips. Duncan had two one-run losses going into the Chisholm Trail League games at Augusta, and the move sparked up the Cats as they won 9-3 and 11-3 as first Phillips, then Duncan quelled the Oriole attack.

"I didn't have any particular reason to change that but I thought it might help Duncan after two tough-luck losses and it did," said Mason.

The Cats battered Augusta for 13 hits in the opener, scoring in five of the seven innings. Hot hitters for the Wildcats included Stephanie Tatum, who went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and one RBI, and seniors Melissa Doerfer, who went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and one RBI, Kyla Linnebur, who went 3-for-3 with one RBI and one run scored, and Phillips, who knocked in three runs and scored two. Her two-run homer in the first inning started the rampage.

Phillips scattered seven hits and walked only one Augusta batter as she ran her record to 3-0.

In the nightcap, Duncan was in charge. She, too, issued only one free pass and struck out seven as she spaced seven hits.

The Cats busted the game open in the 5th with six runs to take a 7-0 lead. Sara Clasen walked and scored when Katelyn Carson doubled. Abby Sorensen singled and scored, Phillips reached on an error and strolled home when Linnebur belted a double and Linnebur scored when Duncan singled. Duncan scored when Sara McKnight reached on an error.

Mulvane's junior varsity also is off to a sizzling start. The Cat jayvees racked up Augusta, 17-8 and 12-6, to run their record to 5-1 for the season.

Top bat-swingers in the first game were Ashley Martin, who went 4-for-4 with a home run and four runs scored, Tara Roberts, who cracked three hits and scored three times, and Whitney Phillips, who went 3-for-5 with two runs scored.

Martin remained hot in the 2nd game, going 4-for-4 with three runs scored. Christy Hartley had two hits. Amy Phillips had two hits and scored three and Roberts had a single and a triple and scored twice.

Phillips was the star Thursday, April 3, when the MHS girls split a pair at Andale. Phillips fired a no-hitter in the 2nd game as the Cats blasted the Indians, 15-0. Andale won the opener, 2-1, another tough-luck loss for the junior Duncan.

Phillips walked only one and fanned five

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 222 104 0-11 12
Augusta 100 110 0-3 6

Dani Phillips and Katelyn Carson, Weston, Spalding 4,
and Heather Rinckenbaugh

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 100 060 2-9 7
Augusta 000 020 1-3 7

Shayna Duncan and Katelyn Carson, Smith, Weston 7,
and Jamie Farmer

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 100 000 0-1 1
Andale 001 010 x-2 4

Shayna Duncan and Katelyn Carson, Tracy Patry and
Morgan Liebe

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 336 30-15 10
Andale 000 00-0 0

Dani Phillips and Katelyn Carson, Ashley Simon,
Tracy Patry 2, and Morgan Liebe

as she registered only the 2nd no-hitter in the program's history. Kassie Hargrove threw the first one during the 2000 season.

Hit leaders in that one included Sorensen, who had two hits and scored four runs, Doerfer, who went 2-for-4 with three runs scored, Katelyn Carson, who went 2-for-3 with two runs and Sara McKnight, who went 1-for-2 with two runs scored.

Duncan lost despite giving up only four hits and walking one batter because the Cats had only one hit--Doerfer's single in the 6th inning. She also scored the only run for MHS.