

SB Sweep

Not Trivial

The trivia question of the day is when was the last time the Mulvane High School softball girls took both ends of a doubleheader from Goddard?

It's a trick question because they never have...that is, until Monday evening, April 21, at Goddard. The Wildcat, rebounding from a twin loss to Maize in their last outing, rallied in both games and saw the Lion mystic melt away with a 2-1 victory in the opener and a 5-3 decision in the nightcap.

That sweep kept the Wildcat hopes alive in the Chisholm Trail League race. Coach Charlie Mason's girls have an 8-4 record overall and a 7-3 mark in the league.

"We played a couple of pretty good games," said Mason. "It's been a long time since we beat Goddard once let alone taking both games in a doubleheader. The good thing about it is that we got some production from some people where we haven't been getting it and that we came from behind in both games."

Mulvane waited until its last at bat to take game No. 1, and also left it to winning pitcher Dani Phillips to win her own ball game.

Trailing, 1-0, in the top of the 7th, the Cats rallied for two runs. Catcher Katelyn Carson singled to start the uprising in the 7th. Sara Clasen walked and both girls moved up a base on a wild pitch. Pinch-hitter Hannah Benven and Abby Sorensen both popped out before senior Melissa Doerfer beat out a swinging bunt that scored pinch-runner Morgan Stoll. Phillips' shot to the outfield for a single plated the winning run.

"Dani won her own ball game," said Mason. "She pitched a really good ball game, then got the big hit to drive in the winner. It was nice to see us getting the clutch hitting and coming from behind after Goddard had scored a run in the 6th inning. Just last week against Maize, we weren't able to get the lead run on base and get her home. The girls worked real hard on that against Goddard."

And they also played spotless defensively behind Phillips, who spaced four hits and didn't walk a batter as she improved her record to 5-1. The MHS defense had only a couple of errors that proved not critical.

In the nightcap, another comeback was a welcome achievement. The Lions punched in two runs in the 1st inning to take the lead but Mulvane came back in the 4th with a pair of runs to take the lead for good, 4-2.

"Shayna Duncan settled down in the second game after that first inning and pitched a great ball game," said Mason. "She was a little shaky in that 1st inning. She didn't have her best stuff the whole game because she walked a couple and hit one batter. I felt it was an excellent test for her to be able to pull it out when she didn't have her best stuff."

"We were pretty steady behind her, too," added Mason. "(Kayla) Linnebur made a

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	000 000 2--2 7
Goddard	000 001 0--1 4
Dani Phillips and Katelyn Carson, Mauck and Van Horn	

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	101 200 4 5 5
Goddard	200 100 0 3 6
Shayna Duncan and Katelyn Carson, Mauck, Carson 4, and Van Horn	

Junior Varsity Results

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	001 02 3 8
Goddard	210 3x 6 4
Mulvane battery Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hughes	

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	814 5 18 12
Goddard	000 0 0 3
Mulvane battery Christy Hartley and Whitney Phillips	
HR: Rachel Parman (M)	



nice catch on a line drive and so did (Candace) Hufford. We ended up with only one error."

Carson and Linnebur ignited the go-head rally with singles. Clasen's base knock drove in one run and Linnebur stole home moments later.

Mulvane added an insurance run in the 7th when Sara McKnight singled and was sacrificed along by Stephanie Tatum. She scored on an error when Abby Sorensen grounded one up the middle that was bobbled.

Meanwhile, Duncan had her own test of bravery in the 7th. She had to wiggle out of a bases-loaded jam to lock up the game and she did it.

"That was a big two games for us," admitted Mason. "To come from behind on the road in this league is big. Hopefully, that momentum will carry us through the next few weeks because we have some more big ones coming."

The Mulvane junior varsity softballers split their two games with the Lions. Goddard won the first game, 7-3, but the Wildcats bounced back in the 2nd one, 18-0.

Mulvane lost the first one despite out-hitting the Lions, 8-5. Ashley Martin had two hits, one run scored and one RBI and Whitney Phillips had a double and one run in the opener.

In the 2nd game, Christy Hartley twirled a three-hitter and was backed up at the plate by Martin's three hits and four runs, three runs and two hits by Tasha Parman, a solo homer by Rachel Parman and two hits and three runs by Whitney Phillips.