



Coach Charlie Mason, background, signals "safe" but the umpire called a sliding Melissa Doerfer out at the plate in the first game Monday

Mulvane-Rose Hill

'Famous Feuds' Ends With Split Games

Let's see now. There is the Hatfields and the McCoys, USC and UCLA, Missouri and Kansas and Mulvane and Rose Hill.

All of those match-up are rivalries of nearly unmatched intensity. And when Mulvane's Wildcats and Rose Hill's Rockets tangled in softball Monday night, April 28, it was the usual tooth-grinding operation.

The Wildcats handed Rose Hill the first game on a silver platter but the Cats came back in the second game for a series split in a Chisholm Trail League Division I battle.

The Rockets took advantage of three Mulvane errors in the 7th inning to rally for a 5-3 victory in the opener but Mulvane had righthander Shayna Duncan in the nightcap and a 5-0 verdict.

"It was your typical Mulvane-Rose Hill games and we've played a bunch of them over the years," pointed out MHS Coach Charlie Mason. "We had the first game handed to us by Rose Hill in the top of the 7th inning but we couldn't handle it and gave it right back to them. If we could have played a little better defense, we could have taken both of them. Dan (Phillips) pitched a good enough ball game to win it but we just didn't hold it together on defense. They got a hit, then we made three errors and two unearned runs scored to end the game."

The split left Mason's Cats at 9-5 and Rose Hill at 5-7 for the year.

Phillips was sailing along until Rose Hill took a 3-1 lead with three in the 4th. The

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	000 101 2- 4- 5
Rose Hill	000 300 2- 5- 9
Dan Phillips and Katelyn Carson, Ashley DeMoss, Lenny Hoyt 7, and Katie Hoyt	

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	110 021 0- 5- 4
Rose Hill	000 000 0- 0- 8
Shayna Duncan and Katelyn Carson, Geyer, Ashley DeMoss 6, and Katie Hoyt	

Junior Varsity Results

FIRST GAME

Rose Hill	010 02- 3- 7
Mulvane	030 03- 6- 12
Mulvane batters: Christy Hartley and Whitney Phillips	

SECOND GAME

Rose Hill	000 01- 1- 2
Mulvane	011 10- 3- 12
Mulvane batters: Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hazhe	

Cats went ahead, 4-3, with a pair of 7th inning runs. Stephanie Latum reached on an error and was sacrificed to 2nd by Abby Sorensen. Melissa Doerfer singled for one run and with two outs, Duncan ripped a base hit to score Doerfer. But the lead was short lived as the Cat defense collapsed in the 7th.

That ruined a fine game by Phillips, who didn't walk a batter and issued eight hits.

"I really kind of underestimated Rose Hill," said Mason. "They hit the ball as hard as anybody we've played all season long. In fact, they out hit us in both games."

Duncan had her hands full in the nightcap but hung in there to get the shutout despite giving up eight hits as RH threat-

ened six of the seven innings.

The turning point, though, came in the 5th inning when Rose Hill had the bases filled and no outs. One runner was out when she interfered with Doerfer catching a ball at shortstop and that kind of took the steam out of the inning. No runs were scored as the Cats protected a 4-0 lead.

Kayla Linnebur carried the big stick for Mulvane. She knocked in two runs with a one-out double in the 5th. Duncan went 1-for-1 with one run scored and Sara McKnight scored a run.

Mulvane charged to the lead in the opening inning when Doerfer singled, stole second and scored when Katelyn Carson lined an RBI base hit. The lead went to 2-0 when McKnight scored on an error in the next inning. The Wildcats added an insurance run in the 6th when Sorensen walked with two outs and scored after two stolen bases on an error by the catcher.

"It's amazing how sometimes one play can make a difference but that interference call just took them out of a big inning," said Mason. "After that, Shayna didn't let them get anything going."

Mulvane's softballers will have one series this week. They'll go to Andover Central today (May 1) for a make-up doubleheader before coming home Thursday, May 8, for a big series against Valley Center. Those games begin at 4 p.m. at the sports complex.