

Doubleheader Sweep

Lions Smother Cat Bats

Blame it on the "Post-Prom Blues" or a "Maize hangover." Or just blame it on not being mentally ready to play.

Goddard, with three wins under its belt, knocked the stuffing out of the Mulvane High School softball girls by sweeping two games Monday, April 19, at the Mulvane sports complex. And it wasn't even close as the Wildcats went to sleep at the plate, scoring one run in the Chisholm Trail League doubleheader.

The Lions roared loudly, 10-0, in the opener, then punched across six runs in the last two innings of the nightcap for a 6-1 verdict.

The losses were the fourth straight for Coach Charlie Mason's Wildcats after opening the season with eight consecutive victories. "We weren't mentally ready to play, that's all there is to it," declared Mason. "They came out and hit the ball. That's the best hitting against us in a long, long time. It kind of snowballed after that. We started having a lot of mental breakdowns like throwing to the wrong bases and errors. And, we also didn't swing the bats."

The MHS softballers were coming off back-to-back 1-0 losses at Maize last week.

"In the first game, we didn't have much hitting and it got into our confidence," added Mason. "Until we get aggressive at the plate, we're going to struggle scoring runs."

Both the Wildcat pitching and defense took a day off! Until Monday, senior Shayna Duncan had been almost flawless, but Goddard smashed her for 13 hits before sophomore Whitney Phillips replaced her. Until that game, she probably hadn't given up 13 hits in the other five outings!

Meanwhile the MHS hitters dozed at the plate. Stephanie Tatum cracked a single in the 6th inning right after Devin Redford had singled to break up Goddard's no-hitter. Before that "flurry," the Cats had only one baserunner.

The dry spell continued into the second game until after Goddard had busted loose for four runs in the top of the 5th against Tatum, who was hurt by Mulvane's defensive lapses. Three of the six runs scored against her were unearned.

Catcher Katelyn Carson walked to start the bottom of the 5th inning. After a wild pitch, Abbie Sorensen connected on a single that plated pinch-runner Amanda Hagerman.



Mulvane's Stephanie Tatum (11) fouls a pitch off against Goddard

The Cats ended up with five hits in the game. Ashley Martin started the nightcap with a solid hit to rightfield but was caught in a rundown at 3rd base moments later. Redford smacked a single in the 6th and Duncan walked but both were left stranded. Sorensen had the only active bat for the day. She went 3-for-3 with one RBI in the nightcap.

"We responded a little at the plate but we broke down defensively," said Mason. "Overall, they just wanted it more than we did and that's the way I have to look at it. I just hope it was a one-time deal. Our pitchers were getting the ball up and Goddard hammered it. You can't get the ball up."

Mulvane will try to get some momentum back in a home doubleheader today (April 22) against Andover Central. The games start at 4:30 p.m. at the sports complex. The Cats follow that up by entertaining rival Rose Hill in a Chisholm Trail League doubleheader Monday, April 26, at the complex. Game time is 4:30.

FIRST GAME

Goddard 030 304 0-10 16
 Mulvane 000 000 0-0 2
 Sarah Mauck and Erica Van Dorn, Shayna Duncan,
 Whitney Phillips 6, and Katelyn Carson

SECOND GAME

Goddard 000 040 2-6 6
 Mulvane 000 010 0-1 5
 Sarah Mauck and Erica Van Dorn, Stephanie Tatum
 and Katelyn Carson

Junior Varsity Results

FIRST GAME

Goddard 005 01-6 9
 Mulvane 713 3x-14 19
 Mulvane battery: Christy Hartley and Stephanie
 Hughes

SECOND GAME

Goddard 100 10-2 6
 Mulvane 010 00-1 5
 Mulvane battery: Whitney Sullivan and Amber Smith.

Chisholm Trail League Softball Standings

DIVISION I

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Maize	6	0	8	2
Rose Hill	6	2	7	3
Mulvane	4	4	8	4
Goddard	3	3	5	5
Valley Center	3	3	5	7
Augusta	1	5	7	5
Buhler	1	7	2	8

DIVISION II

Clearwater	6	0	9	3
Wellington	2	0	3	1
Andale	0	0	1	5
Andover Central	2	4	2	8
Andover	0	2	2	6
Circle	0	4	0	6