

Another Strong Game Wasted

Who could blame senior pitcher Shayna Duncan if she sued her teammates for non-support?

The Mulvane High School softball bats were quiet again when Duncan took the mound Monday night, May 10, at Wellington. Duncan pitched another great game but Wellington prevailed by a 1-0 count. Mulvane barely held off for a split in the nightcap when the Cats punched in three runs in the top of the last inning to win a 3-2 game.

The victory ended the regular season for both teams. Mulvane finished at 13-7. The Wildcats will march into the Augusta Class 4A Regional with a 6:45 p.m. game Tuesday, May 18, against Augusta (12-8).

"We're just not putting our hits together," said Coach Charlie Mason. "We're wasting games with Shayna. Last week, she throws a three-hitter and loses. Then, she throws a four-hitter (against Wellington) and loses."

It was the third 1-0 loss for Duncan this year. Wellington scored its run in the 1st inning. The series was nearly a disaster. The Wildcats came close to losing both games as only a dead-eye throw to the plate from rightfielder Tara Roberts for the final out of game No. 2 kept the Crusaders from tying the game.

The Cats broke their scoreless string against Wellington in the 7th to overcome a 1-0 deficit. Katelyn Carson singled and after two outs, Abbie Sorensen doubled in pinch-runner Amy Phillips. Stephanie Tatum dou-

Augusta Class 4A Regional Softball Pairings

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Game 1 -- No. 1 seed Douglass (18-2) vs. No. 8 seed El Dorado (6-12), Field No. 2, 5 p.m.

Game 2 -- No. 2 Clearwater (16-4) vs. No. 7 seed Wellington (11-9), Field No. 4, 5

Game 3 -- No. 4 Mulvane (13-7) vs. No. 5 Augusta (12-8), Field No. 2, 6:45

Game 4 -- No. 3 Chaparral (13-7) vs. No. 6 seed Rose Hill (12-8), Field No. 4, 6:45

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Game 5 (Semifinal)-- winners of games 1 and 3, Field No. 2, 3:30 p.m.

Game 6 (Semifinals)-- winners of games 2 and 4, Field No. 2, 5:15

Game 7 (Championship)-- winners of games 5 and 6, Field No. 2, 7:15

bled Sorensen to the plate and then scored on a stolen base and an error when the catcher tried to pick her off 3rd base.

Tatum won the game, pitching credibly by scattering five hits and striking out seven. Neither Duncan in game No. 1 nor Tatum in the second game issued a walk.

Duncan pitched another stellar game, but the Cat bats had trouble producing again Thursday night, May 6, when the Wildcats went to Valley Center for their final Chisholm Trail League games. Mulvane and Valley split the pair, the Hornets winning game No. 1, 1-0, and the Cats bouncing back to win the nightcap, 6-5.

"That first game looked like we hadn't played in about 10 days but we got things back in the second game," said Mason. In

fact, it was the first MHS games since splitting two games April 26th with Rose Hill. "It's too bad because Shayna pitched a great ball game to keep us in it."

Duncan gave up only three hits and survived three errors in the first three innings because she didn't walk a batter. The senior righthander pitched her way out of a two error, one-hit first inning before VC put two hits together in the bottom of the 6th inning to finally scratch out a run.

That was all the Hornets needed, though. Mulvane's only offense consisted of two singles by Sara McKnight and two singles by Whitney Phillips. The closest the Cats came to scoring was in the 3rd inning when McKnight singled and went to 3rd on Phillips' single. After Phillips was gunned out at 2nd base, Abbie Sorensen walked but that was the last of the rally.

The Wildcat bats came alive in the 2nd game, ripping 12 hits behind senior Stephanie Tatum, who gave up nine hits herself but still picked up the victory.

Trailing, 2-1, in the 4th inning, Mulvane took the lead when Sorensen and Tatum both singled and Duncan and Phillips knocked in runs with singles.

The Cats came on for three more in the 6th to regain the lead after VC had touched Tatum for three runs in the 5th inning to take a 5-3 lead. It started with an Amanda Hagerman single and a one-out double by Katelyn Carson to score Hagerman.

Sorensen reached on an error that plated Carson's pinch runner, Ashley McKenzie. Sorensen stole second and took 3rd on a wild pitch, then came home when Tatum lofted a sacrifice fly to right field.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	000 000 0--0	6
Wellington	100 000 0--1	4
Shayna Duncan and Katelyn Carson; Weber and Neises		

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	000 000 3--3	6
Wellington	000 100 1--2	5
Stephanie Tatum and Katelyn Carson; Webber and Neises		

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	000 000 0--0	4
Valley Center	000 001 x--1	3
Shayna Duncan and Katelyn Carson; Schmidt and Moody		

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	000 123 0--6	12
Valley Center	101 030 0--5	9
Stephanie Tatum and Katelyn Carson; Potler, Schmidt 6, and Spears		

Junior Varsity Results

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	200 01--3	6
Wellington	000 02--2	1
Christy Hartley and Stephanie Hughes; Zogleman and Weber		

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	113 23--10	12
Wellington	000 10--1	2
Whitney Sullivan and Amber Smith; Keith and Crisler		

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	110 00--2	10
Valley Center	120 0x--3	4
Mulvane battery: Christy Hartley and Stephanie Hughes		

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	102 30--6	11
Valley Center	100 02--3	5
Mulvane battery: Whitney Sullivan and Stephanie Hughes		