

Wildcats Bounce Back Vs. Indians

The Mulvane softball team had hit a mini-slump, but they snapped out of it in time for a split at Andale Monday, May 2.

After losing the opener 6-3, the Wildcats broke a three-game losing skid with a five-inning 14-4 run-rule win over the Indians to gain the split, which leaves Mulvane's record at 10-6 overall, 3-5 in AVCTL Division III.

"We didn't hit the ball well in the first game," said MHS head coach Charles Mason. "We left too many runners on base, and we had a couple thrown out at the plate.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	010 002 0—3 6 1
Andale	023 010 x—6 9 3

Christy Hartley and Stephanie Hughes; Simon and Hein.

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	023 36—14 14 2
Andale	010 03—4 4 3

Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hughes; Simon, Diehl 4, Prange 5, and Eck.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	202 000 0—1 9 7
Augusta	221 204 x—11 11 3

Christy Hartley, Whitney Sullivan 4, and Stephanie Hughes; Spalding and Farmer.

HR—Amy Phillips, Tara Roberts (M), Waldorf, Spalding (A)

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	200 00—2 5 4
Augusta	403 5x—12 12 1

Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hughes; Spalding and Farmer

HR—Tara Roberts (M), Spalding (grand slam), Farmer (A)

In the second game, we hit the ball the way we wanted to in the first game. Our defense was solid, but it has to get air-tight when you get to this point in the season "

Mulvane was held to three runs on six hits in the opener. Whitney Phillips had two hits and two RBI while Amanda Hagerman scored twice. Pitcher Christy Hartley took her second straight loss, allowing six runs on nine hits with two walks and two strikeouts.

The 'Cats got their offense going in the second game. Mulvane built up an 8-1 lead before putting things out of reach with a six-run fifth. Stephanie Hughes and Whitney Phillips singled and Jordan Cox reached on an error to load the bases. One out later, Kourtney Bell laced a two-run single, and Abby Sorensen crushed a two-run double. One out later, Hagerman singled, and Amy Phillips followed with another two-run double.

All of this came in support of pitcher Whitney Phillips, who allowed four runs on four hits over five innings, walking six and striking out four. Sorensen and Hagerman both went 3-for-3 while Hughes, Amy Phillips, and Whitney Phillips each added two hits. Hagerman scored three times while Sorensen drove in three runs.

The Wildcats went into Augusta Thursday, April 28, having won nine of their last 10 games. The host Orioles, appar-

ently, were not entirely impressed.

Mulvane was spotted a 2-0 lead in each game, only to lose both, 11-4 and 12-2, with the second game lasting only five innings.

Mulvane got off to an ideal start in the opener, as leadoff hitter Amy Phillips got things started with a bang, homering on a full-count pitch. Whitney Sullivan reached on an error and eventually scored on a two-out double by Amanda Hagerman. Augusta came back with two runs in the first and second innings before Mulvane tied it at 4-4 in the third. Abby Sorensen reached on an error with one out and Tara Roberts followed with a two-run homer.

The Orioles scored once in the third and twice in the fourth to take a 7-4 lead, then put the game away with a four-run sixth. Roberts, Sorensen, and Whitney Phillips each had two hits to lead the 'Cat offense. Mulvane starting pitcher Christy Hartley had her first really rough outing, charged with seven earned runs on seven hits over 3 2/3 innings. Mulvane also committed seven errors.

Mulvane started quickly again in the second game. With two out, Sorensen doubled and Roberts followed with her second two-run homer of the day. Augusta came back immediately, though, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first off 'Cat hurler Whitney Phillips, and things only got worse from there.

The Orioles added three runs in the third and five in the fourth to bring the game to a quick end. Mulvane was held to five hits in the nightcap, including two from Roberts. The 'Cats also committed four more errors.

"You can never give your opponent more than three outs," said Mason. "We need to tighten things up down the stretch. We still have a chance to finish unbeaten at home with two doubleheaders to go. We need to stay focused and win as much as possible to be ready for the regional."

The Wildcats will finish their regular season with a pair of home doubleheaders. Mulvane will host El Dorado today (May 5) and Clearwater Monday, May 9, with both doubleheaders scheduled to start at 4 p.m.