

Clearwater Regional Next

SB Cats Work Overtime

The Mulvane softball team ended the regular season by putting in overtime on Senior Day against Clearwater Monday, May 9.

Both games went eight innings before being decided. Mulvane won the opener, 4-3, but the visiting Indians put together a four-run eighth in the nightcap to gain the split, 7-3. The loss prevented Mulvane (13-7 overall) from

finishing unbeaten at home this season (9-1).

"Overall, we stranded too many baserunners," said MHS head coach Charles Mason. "We made too many mistakes on the basepaths, and we didn't get the key hit when we needed it in that second game. Still, I can't take anything away from this bunch. We finished with the same record we had last year, which is a big accomplishment for this team."

The first inning of the opener was a wild one, compared to the rest of the game. Both teams scored three runs. In Mulvane's first, Jordan Cox tripled, Kourtney Bell singled, Abby Sorensen reached on an error, as did Tara Roberts, and Amanda Hagerman singled.

The game would remain 3-3 until the eighth. In the top of the inning, the 'Cats cut down the potential lead run at the plate to keep the game tied. In the bottom of the frame, Bell reached base on an error, went to third on a Sorensen single, and scored the winning run on a single by Roberts. Mulvane finished with seven hits, including two from Bell.

In the nightcap, Hagerman had an RBI triple in the second inning, Roberts had an RBI single in the third, and Sorensen tied the score on a double steal in the fifth. This game also went to an eighth inning, but this time, it was Clearwater who struck for four runs on three hits and one error in the top of the inning. Roberts was 4-for-4 as Mulvane had 11 hits.

The Mulvane junior varsity swept Clearwater, 15-4 and 7-1, to finish their season with an impressive 18-2 record. Mulvane's only losses were to Augusta and Andale.

The Wildcats hosted El Dorado Thursday, May 5, and rolled to a pair of run-rule victories. The 'Cats won the opener in six innings, 11-1, and won the nightcap in five innings, 10-0. Mulvane finished 5-5 against AVCTL Division III opponents.



Mulvane's Whitney Sullivan gets tagged out at home in Clearwater opener

In the opener, Mulvane scored in every inning except the fifth, ending the game with a three-run sixth. Mulvane's 11-hit attack was highlighted by Tara Roberts' third home run of the season. All of this was in support of pitcher Christy Hartley, who allowed only one run on four hits over six innings.

In the second game, the 'Cats scored three runs in the second inning and added six more in the bottom of the third. Mulvane added one more run in the fifth to bring the game to a close. Mulvane had 10 hits in the nightcap to back up pitcher Whitney Phillips, who pitched a five-inning, one-hit shutout.

The Class 4A Regional Tournament will be held at Clearwater Monday-Tuesday, May 16-17. This year's regional field

includes Mulvane, Rose Hill, Wellington, Clearwater, Andover, Andover Central, Belle Plaine, and Wichita Collegiate.

Class 4A Softball Regional

At Clearwater
Monday, May 16

5 p.m.--#1 seed Rose Hill vs. #8 Andover
5--#2 Wichita Collegiate vs. #7 Andover Central
7--#3 Clearwater vs. #6 Belle Plaine
7--#4 Mulvane vs. #5 Wellington

Tuesday, May 17

5 p.m.--Rose Hill-Andover winner vs. Mulvane-Wellington winner
5--Wichita Collegiate-Andover Central winner vs. Clearwater-Belle Plaine winner
7--Regional Championship Game

MULVANE Sports

FIRST GAME

Clearwater 300 000 00—3 5 3
Mulvane 011 010 01—4 7 2

Luger and Love, Christy Hartley, Whitney Phillips
8, and Stephanie Hughes

SECOND GAME

Clearwater 021 000 04—7 6 2
Mulvane 011 010 00—3 11 4

Finney, Luger 5, and Love, Whitney Phillips and
Stephanie Hughes

FIRST GAME

El Dorado 000 010—1 4 2
Mulvane 231 203—11 11 2

Ladson and Long, Christy Hartley and Stephanie
Hughes

HR—Tara Roberts (M)

SECOND GAME

El Dorado 000 00—0 1 1
Mulvane 036 01—10 10 0

Garland and Long, Whitney Phillips and Stephanie

AVCT League Softball Standings

DIVISION III

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
x-Rose Hill	9	1	18	2
x-Augusta	9	1	15	5
Mulvane	5	5	13	7
El Dorado	3	7	6	10
Wellington	2	8	8	10
Buhler	2	6	2	10

DIVISION IV

y-Andale	8	0	12	4
Clearwater	4	4	13	7
Andover Central	4	4	5	11
Andover	3	5	3	13
Circle	1	7	1	14

x-titled for AVCT League championship; y-won
AVCT League championship