

# Modest Streak For S-Ball Cats

The Mulvane softball team is heading into a key stretch of the season on a four-game winning streak.

The Wildcats traveled to Towanda Monday, April 17, and swept host Circle in a doubleheader, 4-0 and 13-4. Mulvane improved its record to 6-2 overall, including 1-1 in AVCTL Division III.

"We started out slowly offensively in the first game," said Wildcat head coach Charles Mason. "We were able to put some hits together late, and Whitney Phillips had a dominating pitching effort. We were able to jump on them early in the second game, and we took advantage of some errors and wild pitches. Courtney Maples and Christy Hartley had a solid game pitching, and we were able to overcome some mistakes in the field."

The opener was scoreless until the sixth inning. Tara Roberts led off with a single, went to second on a wild pitch, and scored on a single by Amy Phillips. Three batters later, Kourtney Bell drove one deep for a three-run home run and a 4-0 lead. Whitney Phillips took over from there, pitching a three-hit shutout, walking one and striking out 15.

In the nightcap, Mulvane scored four runs each in the first two innings. The Wildcats added four more runs in the sixth, highlighted by a solo homer by Whitney

## AVCTL League Softball Standings

### DIVISION III

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Buhler	2	0	2	0
Augusta	3	1	5	3
Rose Hill	2	2	7	3
Wellington	2	2	2	4
Mulvane	1	1	6	2
El Dorado	0	4	0	4

### DIVISION IV

Andover Central	2	0	5	1
Antdale	2	2	5	3
Clearwater	0	0	5	3
Circle	0	0	0	4
Andover	0	2	0	6

### FIRST GAME

Mulvane 000 004 0—4 6 1  
Circle 000 000 0—0 3 1

Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hughes; Jensen and Wittlake.

HR—Kourtney Bell (M).

### SECOND GAME

Mulvane 441 004 0—13 7 4  
Circle 101 020 0—4 6 5

Courtney Maples, Christy Hartley 6, and Stephanie Hughes; Moore, Jensen 7, and Kriss.

HR—Amy Phillips (M).

### Junior Varsity

Mulvane 13, Circle 1  
Mulvane 10, Circle 0  
Mulvane 3, Rose Hill 2  
Rose Hill 6, Mulvane 4  
Mulvane 8, Andover 0  
Mulvane 9, Andover 1  
Andover Central 3, Mulvane 1  
Mulvane 7, Andover Central 4

Phillips. The 'Cats were very balanced on offense. Their eight hits were spread out among seven players, with Jordan Cox getting two hits. Amy Phillips, Bell, and Maddie Wise scored twice each, and six different Wildcats each drove in a run.

"We had four errors in the second game, but we overcame them," said Mason. "We won't be able to do that against our league opponents and still win. We've got Wellington, Buhler, and Augusta coming up next, which makes up the key part of our league schedule. It's good that we've won four straight, but we'll have to play better to stay near the top of the league."

The Mulvane junior varsity is off to a 6-2 start. The JV 'Cats opened with a split against Andover Central, losing 3-1 and winning 7-4. That was followed by a sweep of Andover, 8-0 and 9-1. In a makeup doubleheader, the 'Cats split with Rose Hill, winning 3-2 and losing 6-4. Most recently, Mulvane swept Circle, 13-1 and 10-0.

The Wildcats are back at home today (April 20) for a key AVCTL III doubleheader against Wellington. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Mulvane will also play at Buhler Monday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m.