

AVCT Lead On Line

Rolling At Right Time

The Mulvane softball team is about to enter a key late stretch on a considerable roll.

The Wildcats extended their winning streak to eight games with a sweep at Buhler Monday, April 24. The 'Cats won 8-0 and 18-0, with the second game lasting just four innings. Mulvane improved to 5-1 in AVCTL Division III and 10-2 overall.

"We're trying to stick to the plan," said MHS head coach Charles Mason. "Keep swinging the bats, play solid defense, and give the ball to Whitney Phillips. It took us a couple of innings to adjust to their pitchers, but once we did, we were able to hit the ball and play aggressively on offense. We also had just one error over both games. Of course, with Whitney pitching, sometimes the fielders don't get much work."

In the opener, Phillips pitched a one-hitter with 13 strikeouts and one walk over seven innings. On offense, Mulvane finally busted it open with three runs in the fourth inning and two more in the fifth. Kourtney Bell was 3-for-4 with three runs batted in. Phillips and Tara Roberts each added two

hits. Phillips also scored three runs while Courtney Maples scored twice.

In the second game, Mulvane broke it open early with seven runs on seven hits in the second inning. Jordan Cox went 3-for-4 with a triple and five RBI. Amy Phillips went 2-for-2, reached base four times, scored four runs, and drove in two. Maples added two hits and three runs scored. Jordan Owens also scored twice. Whitney Phillips pitched a two-hitter, walking one and striking out nine over four innings.

The Wildcats posted two more shutouts

Thursday, April 20, at home against Wellington. Mulvane won by scores of 8-0 and 3-0. Whitney Phillips allowed a total of four hits over 14 innings.

In the opener, Mulvane scored at least once in each inning except the third, eventually getting some breathing room with a two-run home run by Roberts in the fifth and three more runs in the sixth. Bell went 2-for-3 with three RBI, and Cox went 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Phillips pitched a three-hitter with one walk and 11 strikeouts.

In the second game, Bell scored on an

error in the second inning for a 1-0 lead. Owens' RBI single in the fifth made it 2-0. In the sixth, Whitney Phillips led off with a triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by Bell. Phillips took care of the rest, pitching a one-hitter, walking one and striking out 10. Over her last four games, Phillips has pitched 25 shutout innings, allowing just seven hits and four walks while striking out 43.

The league title could very well be on the line. The Wildcats host Augusta today (April 27) for a key AVCTL III doubleheader. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 100 320 2—8 8 0
Buhler 000 000 0—0 1 0
Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hughes; Pankratz, Brown 5, and Guhl.

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 373 5—18 14 1
Buhler 000 0—0 2 2
Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hughes; Brown, Pankratz 4, and Guhl.

FIRST GAME

Wellington 000 000 0—0 3 1
Mulvane 110 123 x—8 9 1
Danae Webber, Stephanie Ryherd 5, and Hughes;
Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hughes.
HR—Tara Roberts (M).

SECOND GAME

Wellington 000 000 0—0 1 2
Mulvane 010 011 x—3 5 0
Stephanie Ryherd and Hughes; Whitney Phillips and Stephanie Hughes.



It's a race to the plate and Wildcat Tara Roberts (running) beats the ball (right) to the plate against the Crusaders.