

# Girls Sweep Clearwater

Mulvane High School head softball coach Charles Mason went into the season-opening doubleheader at Clearwater Monday, April 2, wanting to find out what kind of team he had. Now, he has some idea.

The Wildcats got off to a 1-1 start with a split at Clearwater. Mulvane won the opener, 4-0, thanks mainly to an impressive pitching debut from freshman Taylor Parsons. Mulvane's only error of the doubleheader was a factor in Clearwater rallying to win the second game, 3-2.

"We were very solid defensively, with the exception of that one mistake," said Mason. "I thought our pitching was pretty good on the day, especially Taylor. On the other hand, we didn't swing the bats as well as we wanted to. These two games enabled us to see what kind of team we're going to have, as well as what we need to work on."

## FIRST GAME

Mulvane	001 030 0—4 6 0
Clearwater	000 000 0—0 2 3
Taylor Parsons and Jordan Cox; Watt and Vogel.	

## SECOND GAME

Mulvane	100 000 1—2 3 0
Clearwater	100 002 8—3 4 2
Haylee Smith, Whitney Sullivan 3, and Stephanie Wilson, Withler and Vogel.	

The Wildcats managed four runs on six hits in the opener, with three of those runs coming in the fifth inning. Amanda Hagerman ripped a two-run single, and pinch-hitter Jordan Owens added an RBI single. Parsons did the rest, pitching a complete-game, two-hit shutout, striking out 13 while walking three.

Each team scored a run in the first inning of the second game. The game would stay tied until the bottom of the sixth, when the host Indians scored twice, helped by the Wildcats' lone error on the day. The 'Cats rallied with a run in the top of the seventh, but they would leave the tying run at third base. Pitchers Haylee Smith and Whitney Sullivan combined to allow three runs on four hits, but Mulvane managed just two runs on three hits.

"We had a few big hits, but not enough of them," said Mason. "We missed several scoring opportunities in both games. We left several runners on base in scoring position. Our pitching and defense are both off to a solid start, but our hitting needs to get better as the season goes on."

The Wildcats will play their home opener today (April 5) against Rose Hill in an AVCTL Division III doubleheader. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.