



MHS Sophomore Jesica Goldring (34) connects with the pitch during the Clearwater game

Missed Opportunities Undermine SB Sweep

The Mulvane High School girls might have missed a lot of golden opportunities Monday night, March 31, when Clearwater was in Mulvane for two games, but they didn't miss ALL of them. The Wildcats boosted their record to 3-1 Monday by splitting the two game series with Clearwater's Indians.

"We had quite a few hits in the first game and didn't take advantage of them but in the second game, we didn't hit the

ball that well again," said coach Charlie Mason. "We still have plenty of room to get better."

The Indians and Mulvane both were 2-0 going into the opener. Cat righthander Taylor Parsons gave up only four hits and one run before MHS finally won it in the 8th inning. Parson even had to win it at the plate. She smacked a two-out triple and pinch runner Jackie Schwemmer scampered home to end it when Caitlyn

Wayman reached on an error.

Stephanie Wilson had two hits in three trips including a base hit in the 2nd inning that scored Wayman, who had doubled to start the frame.

Mulvane had runners on in every inning but the 3rd inning.

The Wildcats got off to a quick start in the nightcap, scoring once in the first inning. Shasha Swaney singled and scored when Taylor Bell grounded to the right side.

But the rest of the game centered around more missed opportunities. Mason's girls stranded two runners in the 2nd, 4th and 6th innings without scoring a run.

Two errors opened the gates for a four-run rally by the Indians in the third inning and that was all the cushion Clearwater needed to hold on.

Parsons had two hits. Bell had an RBI and Swaney went 1-for-3 with two runs scored in game No. 2.

Mason's Wildcats were successful in their season opener Thursday, March 27, at home. They had little trouble as they took two games from El Dorado, winning in "typical Parsons style" in the first game, a 7-0 shutout, then coasted in the nightcap, 9-3.

"The first game was a typical Taylor game," said Mason. "She picked up where she left off last year with another strong performance. I think there was only one ball out of the infield, so she was pretty dominant."

Parsons, who went 9-4 last year with an earned run average of 1.02, checked El Dorado on only two hits and struck out 12. "It's nice knowing you can put her out there every day and know you have a good chance to win it," said Mason.

The Cats didn't really bang the ball, though. They had only three hits but took advantage of 10 walks and several fielding blunders by the El Dorado girls to pull away. The second game was much better at the plate for Mulvane as Mulvane hammered 14 hits.

Swaney started the game by walking and scored moments later on a wild pitch before Lexi Linnebur's double would have driven her in anyway. After two more in the 2nd inning, Mulvane put it away behind Parsons with a three-run 5th. Tela Roberts and Taylor Bell both walked. Caitlin Wayman singled the runners in, then scored on an error.

Sophomore Haylee Smith pitched the second game for the Cats and Parsons mopped up with two scoreless innings that included four strikeouts in a row to end it.

Roberts, Linnebur and Parsons had two hits each and two RBIs and Swaney went 4-for-4 with two doubles and two runs scored. Catcher Stephanie Wilson went 1-for-3 with one run scored and Jesica Goldring was 1-for-1 with one run scored.

FIRST GAME

Clearwater 000 010 00-1 4
Mulvane 100 000 01-2 9

Wobler and Watt, Taylor Parsons and Stephanie Wilson.

SECOND GAME

Clearwater 004 000 0-4 9
Mulvane 100 000 01-2 4

Tuttle and Watt, Haylee Smith, Taylor Parsons 4, and Stephanie Wilson.

FIRST GAME

El Dorado 000 000 0-0 2
Mulvane 120 031 8-7 3

Lexanne Smith and Jessica Carter, Taylor Parsons and Stephanie Wilson.

SECOND GAME

El Dorado 000 210 0-1 4
Mulvane 302 004 8-9 14

Katie Byard and Jessica Carter, Haylee Smith, Taylor Parsons 6, and Stephanie Wilson.

HR-Lexi Linnebur (M)