

# Cats, Crusaders Split

A collapse defensively was only part of the story Monday night, April 14, when the Mulvane High School softball girls paid a visit to Wellington.

The other part of the story was the reawakening of the Wildcat bats, which cleared the way for a Mulvane split with the Crusaders.

Wellington took the opener by a 7-1 count but the Cats rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the nightcap to win a 13-7 game to keep ace hurler Taylor Parsons from losing her fourth straight game.

Coach Charlie Mason wasn't the happiest guy in the world in game No. 1. The Cats gave up five unearned runs and the frustrated Parsons issued three walks as Wellington just pulled away.

"In the first game, we had eight errors leading to all those unearned runs," complained Mason. "It was one of the worst defensive games we've played in a long, long time.

"And to go along with that, we didn't

score runs. We left the bases loaded in both the 2nd and 3rd innings and that was pretty disheartening. Wellington always makes great contact and they just kept putting the ball in play and we kept booting it."

Mulvane's only run in the game came on a solo homer over the leftfield wall by Taylor Bell in the third inning. It was one of seven hits.

It was still a ball game at 1-1 at that point. Lexi Linnebur reached on an error, Jessica Goldring doubled and Haylee Smith walked to fill the bases but nothing was shaking at the bottom of the MHS order.

The loss left Parsons at 4-3 for the year. She walked three.

The Crusaders threatened to take both games when they scored four times in the opening frame but Mulvane cut loose with an eight-hit assault in the 2nd inning to score eight times.

Linnebur started the uprising with a lead-off single. She scored when Goldring doubled. Caitlin Wayman doubled for a run and Smith hit a single. Sasha Swaney walked to fill the bases and Jackie Schwemmer's double cleared them. She scored when Bell singled and Linnebur's single and another double by Goldring closed out the inning.

Mulvane finished with a 15-hit attack led by Goldring's 4-for-4 effort. Swaney went 3-for-3 with three runs scored and Schwemmer, Bell and Linnebur had two hits apiece.

Although she issued four uncharacteristic walks after relieving Smith in the 2nd inning, Parsons picked up the win. She only struck out three.

"We started driving the ball and did a better job of hitting in that second game," admitted Mason, whose Wildcats are now 6-4 on the season. "It was a good one to come back and win." We needed it."

There's no rest for the MHS girls. They will tackle the tough Orioles from Augusta in a doubleheader Friday, April 18. The series is a make-up from last Thursday's rainout. The Cats also are at home Monday, April 21, when Andale comes to town.

## FIRST GAME

Mulvane 001 000 0-1 3  
Wellington 102 301 4-7 6  
Taylor Parsons and Stephanie Wilson, Hannah Stuck and Madison Hughes.  
HR-Taylor Bell (M)

## SECOND GAME

Mulvane 182 100 1-13 11  
Wellington 420 000 1-7 6  
Haylee Smith, Taylor Parsons 2, and Stephanie Wilson, Ternes, Rebecca Ryherd 3, Hannah Stuck 4, and Madison Hughes.

## Junior Varsity Results

### FIRST GAME

Mulvane 007 02-9 11  
Circle 100 01-2 4  
Mulvane battery: Kyleen Condon and Stormi Potucek.

### SECOND GAME

Mulvane 360 4-13 9  
Circle 000 0-0 4  
Mulvane battery: Audrey Sullivan and Stormi Potucek.

### FIRST GAME

Mulvane 000 00-0 4  
Rose Hill 113 0x-5 3  
Kyleen Condon and Stormi Potucek; Courtney Rash and Molly Baker.

### SECOND GAME

Mulvane 100 11-3 8  
Rose Hill 010 03-4 5  
Audrey Sullivan and Stormi Potucek; Meghan Allard and Showalter.