

# Indian Raid Smokes Cats

Ever wonder if high school rankings mean anything? A lot of times, they don't.

But this time, they did. Andale came to the Mulvane sports complex Monday night, April 21, and showed the Mulvane High School girls why they were ranked No. 1 in Class 4A in dramatic fashion. The Cats were coming off an outstanding sweep over Augusta but the Indians had too many weapons and dominated Mulvane with two shutouts, 13-0 and 1-0.

"Andale has a lot of things a lot of other teams don't have," said Mulvane Coach Charlie Mason. "They have a lot of hitters. They have great speed. And they have Carly Schmelzer. They just don't make mistakes and they force you to make mistakes because of their speed."

The first game was over before it started. The Indians punched in six runs in the first two innings off MHS "ace," Taylor Parsons, taking a 6-0 lead.

"They hit the ball hard. We had a few errors behind Taylor in the first game but they hit her pretty good," said Mason. "In the second game, we pitched Haylee Smith and she had them off-balance the whole game. Haylee pitched a great ball game considering what happened in the first one."

The Wildcats did little on offense in game No. 1. Jessica Goldring had a single in the 2nd frame and Caitlin Wise singled with one out in the last inning.

"We just didn't hit the ball in both games," said the Cat coach. "Haylee had one of our four hits in the second game, which was the hardest hit ball all night. The rest of the time, they just dominated us."

The MHS offense was only slightly better in the nightcap. Stephanie Wilson, Lexi Linnebur and Wise had singles and Haylee Smith had a double to start the 6th inning.

They were only two victories, but they couldn't have come at a better time and against a better opponent.

Coach Charlie Mason's Mulvane High School softball girls were on the ropes before Augusta came to town for a make-up series Friday night, April 18. After all, the Cats were coming off a stretch that included a doubleheader loss to Rose Hill and a split in two games in Wellington that saw the MHS defense crumble. But it didn't get the Mulvane girls down to have Augusta's powerful Orioles up next. The Wildcats regrouped and dished out a two-game beating to Augusta. The Cats won the

**FIRST GAME**

Andale	241 024-13 13
Mulvane	000 000-0 7

Carly Schmelzer and Ek; Taylor Parsons and Stephanie Wilson.

**SECOND GAME**

Andale	001 000 0-1 7
Mulvane	000 000 0-0 4

Carly Schmelzer and Ek; Haylee Smith and Stephanie Wilson.

**FIRST GAME**

Augusta	000 002 0-3 6
Mulvane	000 220 0-4 3

Caitlin Kennedy and Kay; Taylor Parsons and Stephanie Wilson.

**SECOND GAME**

Augusta	000 000 0-0 4
Mulvane	031 012 0-7 10

Vivian and Seers; Taylor Parsons and Stephanie Wilson.

**Junior Varsity Results**

**FIRST GAME**

Mulvane	320 30-8 7
Wellington	023 30-7 7

Mulvane battery: Kylee Condon and Stormi Poreck.

**SECOND GAME**

Mulvane	101 10-3 4
Wellington	001 00-1 7

Mulvane battery: Audrey Sullivan and Stormi Poreck.



opener, 4-2, then dominated Augusta, 7-0, in the nightcap.

"Those were two pretty good wins for us to get us back on track," stressed Coach Charlie Mason. "They were as good of games as Wellington was had. They were the best two games we've played all year long. I think with those two victories, the girls realized just how good they can be if they really put things together."

Sophomore righthander Taylor Parsons threw both games and recaptured the magic she displayed last year in a phenomenal year. Game 1 was a six-hit, eight-strikeout, one walk game and she followed that up with easily the best game of the year, giving up four hits in another eight-strikeout game. She didn't walk a batter in the nightcap.

"Taylor had her two best games of the year, especially that second one," emphasized Mason. "She was pretty much in complete control of that game. Augusta is a very hard-hitting team. They have at least four or five different players who have hit home runs against other people, so they are hard-outs, but Taylor was pretty dominant."

"And the motivation was there. Anytime you play Augusta it's a big game and our girls were motivated," added Mason.

What was even more important is that the Cats re-discovered their defense. The defense was pretty shaky earlier in the week in Wellington.

"And we hit the ball, too," said Mason. "We manufactured runs and forced them into making a few mistakes defensively."

In the opener at the Mulvane sports complex, Mulvane broke up a scoreless pitcher's duel in the fourth inning with two runs. Jessica Goldring started the uprising with a walk and scored on a double by Caitlin Wayman. Sasha Swaney singled and Maddie Wise walked. After a double steal, Swaney scored when she stole home.

The victory came against former Mulvane player Kaidin Kennedy, who transferred a year ago to pitch for Augusta.

The Cats struck for two more in the 5th, taking a 4-0 lead. Stephanie Wilson and Taylor Bell both walked and Lexi Linnebur reached on a fielder's choice as Wilson was thrown out at third. With two out, Parsons reached on an error and Wayman drilled a single that scored two more runs.

Wayman was the hitting hero as she bombed two doubles and a single in her three at bats.

The second game was all Parsons. Only one Oriole runner went past second base and that came after two outs in the 4th inning.

Mulvane lit up the scoreboard for the only runs it would need in the 2nd inning, scoring three times. Linnebur doubled and took third on a Goldring single. Wayman's single brought in both runners and Wayman scored after a Wise single and a throwing error.

Bell and Wayman both had two RBI for Mulvane and Linnebur finished with a 2-for-4 game with two runs scored.

The sweep of Augusta projected the Wildcats back into the Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League Division III race. Mason's girls are now 8-4 and are 4-2 in the league.

"It looked like we were out of the race before this," said Mason. "Somebody still has to get Rose Hill (4-0 in the league) but they haven't played Augusta yet either. At least we're back in the hunt. If the girls play like this the rest of the year, they'll take care of themselves."

The Wildcats will be at home against Andover today (April 24) for two games in the league before closing out the league contests with a trip to Bubler Thursday, May 1.

## AVCT League Baseball Standings

### DIVISION III

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Andover	3	1	7	3
El Dorado	3	1	8	4
Augusta	4	2	3	3
Mulvane	3	3	7	7
Bubler	1	3	1	3
Rose Hill	0	4	3	7

### DIVISION IV

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Andover Central	3	1	11	1
Clearwater	4	2	8	6
Wellington	4	2	7	3
Andale	3	3	3	3
Kingman	0	3	0	8
Circle	0	4	0	8

## AVCT League Softball Standings

### DIVISION III

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Rose Hill	4	0	10	2
Augusta	4	0	7	3
Mulvane	3	2	8	6
Andover	0	2	2	6
Bubler	0	2	0	8
El Dorado	0	4	0	8

### DIVISION IV

Team	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Andale	3	1	10	2
Clearwater	3	1	11	3
Andover Central	2	2	9	3
Wellington	2	2	3	7
Circle	0	2	0	8
Kingman	0	2	0	6