Two From Andover

SB Girls Pick Selves Up When Andover came to Mulvane for

a doubleheader Thursday, April 24, it was important for Coach Charlie Mason's girls to get back on track after getting knocked down twice by Andale and that's exactly what the Cats did.

Behind three five-run bursts, the Wildcats swept the Trojans in both games at the Mulvane sports complex, taking the

game No. 1 by a 5-1 count, then bombing Andover, 10-0, in the nightcap. It was good to see us bounce back after the Andale games," explained Mason, whose team boosted its record to 10-6 with the sweep. "The first game was a struggle but we had one big inning. They handcuffed our hitters early because their pitchers had some off-speed stuff that kept us off-balance. But in the one big inning, we put the ball into play and made them make plays. They didn't and we got the five (runs) we needed."

The Trojans scored once in the top of the 4th against Mulyane pitcher Taylor Parsons. It was an unearned run. But the Cats came out in the bottom of that inning and took care of business. Taylor Bell singled and Lexi Linnebur reached on a walk. Jesica Goldring singled to load the bases and Parsons helped her own cause with a two-run single. Caitlin Wayman singled and scored herself moments later after a stolen base and a wild pitch when Tela Roberts doubled in the gap in left-centerfield

Parsons did the rest, although it wasn't easy. She finished with a two-hitter She walked two and had Andover runners on in four of the seven innings. including the bases loaded in the 1st inning. She got out of that jam unscathed. "Taylor pitched well in the first game but they had a lot of baserunners," said Mason. "We made a couple of pretty good defensive plays behind her and she was tough when she needed to be. They threw it around a little and that helped us get five on them. Once we got on top. I felt pretty good because Taylor usually takes care of business then. We just had to scramble more than I thought we would have to in that first game."

In the nightcap, Mulvane jumped out to a 5-0 lead after one inning. Game over with Parsons on the mound. She tossed another two-hitter with five strikeouts

"We played much better in the field in that second game," said Mason, "We had three errors in the first game and generally played better defense in the second game. That's something we talk about every day. You can't win games by giving somebody more than three outs."

Adjusting to Andover's off-speed pitching was the biggest factor in the games. "It took us a while to get there," said Mason "Neither of their pitchers had a whole lot of speed "

Mulvane had eight hits in the first game and 12 more in the nightcap.

The Wildcats got after things in the first inning of the nighteap. Jackie Schwemmer led off with a single and Roberts walked. Both runners moved un on a passed ball and they scored when Bell slammed a triple to centerfield. A single by Linnebur delivered Bell and Parsons singled for another run, then went to 2nd on a passed ball. Catcher Stephanie Wilson, who went 3-for-3 in the second game, singled to center and that brought pinch runner Maddie Wise home to make it 5-0.

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Mulvane scored five more in the 6th inning to end the game, as Parsons. Wilson. Haylee Smith and Bell had singles and scored runs

The wins gave Mason's team 10 in the "W" side this season, and the home games were the last this year for the Cats. Mulvane goes to Buhler today (May 1), then ends the regular season at Kingman Tuesday, May 5. Play in the Class 4A Regional at Douglass will begin Monday, May 12th.

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