Wildcat Girls Rack Up 1st Win

Home cooking is at its best and the new Mulvane High School girls softball team used a little of it to get in the win column.

After opening the season with a doubleheader loss, the Wildcats won their first game Monday, April 6, when Campus came to Mulvane. The Cats came from behind to notch an 8-5 victory over the Colts in the first game before dropping a 13-9 decision in the second game.

In the opener for the MHS girls, Valley Center rocked Mulvane, 10-1 and 11-1, in two games played at Valley Center Thursday, April 2.

"We had only one practice between games to get ready but I think the girls showed a lot of progress in the second opponent." said Nancy Winter, Mulvane girls coach. "Our defense wasn't quite as sharp but that happens with a young group before the home crowd. They calmed down and did okay. In the first game, our girls played well but our bats really came alive in the second game. We fell behind badly early or we might have been able to win both. Then, we just ran out of innings."

Campus scored eight runs in the first inning of the nightcap to take charge and Mulvane never could quite get it even after that. A five-run second inning made it tight at 9-7 but two runs in the fourth and fifth put the Colts back in charge.

Freshman Amy Arnold had a two-run triple in the second and senior Sara Jones had a two-run single in the inning. Overall, Arnold finished with two hits as did Teresa Wylie, Susie Quigley and Holly Donaldson.

Lefthander Kathy Saxton won the opening game by spacing five hits. She also struck out five.

Mulvane matched Campus' three-run first then scored one run in each of the next five innings. Wylie cracked three extra base hits and scored twice, Kim Pricket scored two runs and Saxton had a pair of singles, scoring one time. Arnold also scored two runs.

There wasn't much going on for Mulvane at Valley Center. The strong Hornets completely quieted the Mulvane bats. "Their pitching was too good for this early in the season," said Winter. Mulvane could manage only five hits in the two games while giving up 27 hits.

Mulvane will be idle for a week before going back on the diamond for a 4 p.m. doubleheader Thursday, April 16, at Derby in a set that was originally scheduled for Mulvane but moved to Derby so a junior varsity contest could be played at the same time.



"She's out!" -- MHS shortstop Kim Prickett, left, puts the tag on a sliding Campus runner at second base

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Campus	301	100	15 4
Mulvane	311	111	x8 8
Ryherd and Hitchman, K	athy Saxton ar	nd St	naunda
Vangas.			
HD Torgen Willia (M)			

HR--Teresa Wylie (M)

Second Game

Campus	810 220 013 8		
Mulvane	250 101 0 9 12		
Hitchman, Ryer 2, and	Buchkoski; Karen Lewis,		
Kathy Saxlon 5, and Te	resa Wylie, Vangas 3.		
First Game			

Mulvane 000 001-- 1 3 Valley Center 004 042--10 10 Mulvane battery Kathy Saxton and Teresa Wylie.

Mulvane 000 01- 1 2 Valley Center 307 01--11 15 Mulvane battery Karen Lewis and Shaunda Vangas.