

Mustangs split with Abilene

Rock Creek softball won the first of a pair of games with Abilene on Tuesday night, 5-1, and then battled in the nightcap falling 5-9 in 8 innings. Abilene (22-4 last year, 4th in class 4A) was a formidable opponent for the mustangs.

In the first game, the mustangs took the early lead in the bottom of the 2nd inning when sophomore Katie Hodges belted a 2 out triple followed by 3 consecutive walks by Abilene's sophomore pitcher Alise Murray. 2 runs would score on passed balls.

The mustangs added 3 runs in the bottom of the sixth via 3 hits in the inning, Becca Snapp singled, followed by a Bailey Elliott walk, freshman Lauren Overkamp belted out a 2 RBI triple, and eventually scored. Abilene's only tally was not an earned run. Taylor Ebert improved to 2-0 on the year, fanning 7 cowgirls.

The mustangs had many opportunities to win game 2, but fell short. Early in the contest the mustangs led 3-1 and continued to hold the lead into the top of the 6th, Abilene matched the score at 3 each, and then added 2 in the 7th to take their first lead 5-3. Behind 4 errors, and being outhit 7-12 in the game, the mustangs were able to knot the game up in the 7th by manufacturing 2 runs. In the ½ inning Ashley Srna tripled and Bailey Elliott doubled to provide the baserunners. Taylor Ebert and Jana Havens earned the RBI's. The mustangs struggled in the 8th and could not match the Abilene 4 run surge. "Two quality teams battled tonight. We definitely have some areas of concern that we have to get ironed out, miscommunication or lack of communication top the list. There were many positive aspects to the double header, we are doing some things well - we just need to capitalize on our opportunities."

The mustangs are now 3-1 on the year with SES games on Friday, followed by a JV game at home against Clay Center Monday, and a trip to Clay Center for the varsity on Tuesday.

