

Mustang Softball

The mustangs fall to 1-5 on the season, dropping two at the hands of the Abilene Cowgirls.

The mustangs allowed only 5 hits in game one from pitcher Katie Hodges, but managed only 3 of their own in the 2-3 loss. The first run was scored by Abilene in the bottom of the second. Rock Creek rallied for 2 runs via Jessi Snapp getting hit by the pitch, scoring on Bailey Elliott's triple. Elliott then scored on Katie Hodges' grounder toward 2nd base. The mustangs took the lead 2-1 into the bottom of the 7th. Successive singles by the cowgirls ended the game 3-2. Caitline' Christenson went 2-2 & had a sacrifice bunt in the game, Bailey Elliott tripled and Caitlyn Larson legged out a single. Katie Hodges went the distance and struck out 2, walked 2. Abilene's hurler Alise Murray fanned 14 mustang batters, which took a great deal of pressure off of Abilene's defense. "We played better, we were challenged so much more than Abilene defensively. We turned 2 huge double plays, made some nice plays for outs. We have to be more aggressive & offensive minded. We were in a good place heading into the 7th. We really needed this win for our morale."

The nightcap was going a 1-0 mustang led game until the bottom of the 4th when the mustangs gave up 9 runs. 14 Abilene batters faced in the inning, 3 mustang pitchers utilized, and outs were ridiculously hard to manufacture. Kelsey Quinn went 2-3 and Katie Hodges singled for the mustangs in the game. Katie Hodges, Caitline' Christenson, and Alisha Banta each saw pitching time in the contest. "When we are not hitting, everything is compounded, more pressure on our defense, more pressure on our pitchers,...we have to develop some type of warrior attitude at the plate." Abilene is a solid 4A school. Osage City was the runner up at State last year and returned 7 seniors, Wamego is so much improved. Our schedule is very unforgiving and brutal. In order for us to win games, we have to match offenses; at this point we are not doing that. We may not be putting up the W's right now, but we will continue to work and improve until our weaknesses become our strengths. We have specific goals in mind for this season now and we will have until the end of May to achieve them.

The mustangs will have their 1st home game this Friday against Southeast of Saline, that game time is 4:00.