

Mustangs split with Tigers

In games played on Tuesday, April 12, the mustangs competed in two close ball games dropping the opener 4-5; and capturing the nightcap in the bottom of the 7th 4-3.

It was quite a dual in games played Tuesday night. The mustangs took the lead in the bottom of the first inning off a Katie Hodges hit followed by one of Jessi Snapp's two doubles of the game. Ashley McDaris singled to drive in Snapp. The tigers answered in the top of the next inning by knotting the score at 2's. Then the tigers took the lead in the 3rd by adding 3 more runs off two homeruns hit in the inning. The mustangs answered with 2 in the 5th with a string of singles from Shiann Bruce, Caitlyn Larson, Katie Hodges, and Snapp's second double, and gave themselves a chance in the bottom of the sixth with bases loaded, but could not seize the opportunity. Katie Hodges took the loss from the mound, despite her season best 7 strikeouts and not allowing a walk. The mustangs out-hit the tigers in the game 12-9, but could not string the hits together to manufacture runs. Shiann Brice went 2-3, Ashley McDaris & Katie Hodges each had 2 singles. Jessi Snapp drove in three runs.

Game two would be the same type of tight game, but with a favorable result for the mustangs. The mustangs and tigers each had 8 hits, the tigers committed 2 errors (one in the bottom of the 7th that was costly) while the mustangs committed only one. "Our defense has been constant & solid, we did not have the kind of strikeout numbers (as batters) that we have been having – which is so key...we have to put the ball in play and force teams to make plays." Jessi Snapp continued her outstanding offense by going 3-4 with another double and the game winning RBI off that double in the bottom of the 7th. Caitlyn Larson reached on an error to start the inning, and scored from first on Jessi Snapp's left center gap double to end the game. Bailey Elliott put the first run on the board for the mustangs as the leadoff batter in the bottom of the 2nd with a first pitch 205' homerun. Megan Srna tripled to eventually score in the 3rd, Caitlyn Larson doubled in the 5th and was scored by Jessi Snapp who had 6 RBI's for the series with Clay Center. Caitline' Christenson singled in the game for the mustangs. Katie Hodges earned the win, striking out 3. The mustangs played solid defense throughout the double header games with Clay Center. "Coach Holaday & I cannot give enough kudos to Jessi Snapp for the kind of performance she had tonight and as of late, in the last 4 games, she's 8/14 with 8 RBI's. It's my hope that as MEL play rolls around we continue to have players contribute and play to their potential. We open MEL play with St. Marys on Monday, April 18th at St. Marys."