

Mustangs open MEL play 2-0

In games played on April 18th in St. Marys, the Mustangs won two from the Bears, 5-2 in the opener and 7-6 in the nightcap.

In the first of the two games, the mustangs combined for 10 hits, multiple hits from 3 of the girls: Katie Hodges 3-4 with a double and 2 RBI's, Megan Srna 3-5 scoring 2 runs, and Caitline' Christenson 2-4 . Caitlyn Larson and Shainn Bruce each had RBI singles in the game. "We executed 4 very important sacrifice plays that proved to be big in this game." Our execution at the plate was improved, we didn't strike out and were able to put every ball in play and challenge their defense." It was Katie Hodges' night – picking up both wins from the mound, striking out 4 and 6 Bear's batters respectively.

In the second game, the mustangs again belted out 10 hits – this time, those shared by 8 different players throughout the game. Bailey Elliott and Caitlyn Larson each had 2 singles, while 6 other mustang batters singled – Hodges produced 2 RBI's. Ashley McDaris, Megan Srna, Shainn Bruce and Kelsey Quinn each drove home a run. The Bears challenged the mustangs late in the 7th. Going into the bottom ½ of the inning, the mustangs led by 2, up 7-5, but the bears manufactured 3 singles in the inning to come within 1 run and have runners at 2nd and 3rd with 2 outs – the mustangs were able to defend and ended the inning with a ground ball out. The mustangs committed only 2 errors on the night – one in each contest. "We competed tonight. We made big plays, they made big plays and had a host of big hits, but we didn't yield, we played like we wanted to win. It was an exciting set of games."

The mustangs are now 6-6 on the year and look to finish strong throughout MEL play. The mustangs will compete at home against Riley County on April 26th. Game time is 4:00.