



Above: Junior Chelsey Bieberle gets in under a tag attempt by Haven catcher Katelynn Stucky in game two of Tuesday's season-opener. Right: Senior Kaycee Steiner slides safely into third. (photos by Mike Courson)



Lady Cardinals open 2016 campaign with losses to Haven

By MIKE COURSON

History has a way of repeating itself. Just ask Haven. The past two seasons, the Lady Wildcats have advanced to the Class 3A State Softball Tournament only to fall to Silver Lake in the first round. It's worth noting that Silver Lake has won the last three state titles.

Last year, Hoisington nearly won its opener against Haven but fell victim to a late comeback before getting run-ruled in game two. The Lady Cardinals ultimately made it to the Class 4A, Div. II State Tournament.

Tuesday, the two Central Kansas League squads met for another season opener. Again, Hoisington led most of the way before falling 6-3 in game one. Haven took game two 22-10 in six innings.

Senior Karisa Schremmer is expected to do many things as the Lady Cardinal's fourth-year pitcher. She cruised early Tuesday, allowing just one infield single and striking out six through five innings of play.

Offensively, Schremmer got some help early. She led the game with a walk and came around to score on a single from senior Marisa Jonas. Jonas came home on a fielder's choice off the bat of senior Reagan Phelan and Hoisington led 2-0 after one inning.

With Schremmer in control in the circle, the Lady Cards picked up another run in the third inning. This time, senior Kaycee Steiner had the lead off walk, scoring on a two-out blooper from Phelan.

That 3-0 score lasted until the top of the sixth when the Wildcats began to make their move. With one out, senior

Jacy Ummel reached on an error and advanced to second. Schremmer retired the next batter but the next two Lady Wildcats delivered two-out singles to put Haven on the board. Senior Shelby Davis pinch hit a single up the middle to drive in a second run. The Cardinals clung to a 3-2 lead after six innings.

Haven's momentum carried into the top of the seventh with several hard-hit balls. Senior catcher Katelynn Stucky had the big hit that, combined with an error, scored two runs. The Lady Wildcats took a 6-3 lead into the bottom half of the inning.

"For the first five innings we were pretty awful at the plate," Haven Coach Darin Ashworth said. "(Schremmer) threw the ball 12 inches off the plate where she was getting some calls but we were swinging at everything. It was very uncharacteristic of some veteran hitters. Fortunately by the sixth inning, I don't know if we figured her out or she started getting the ball back over the plate, but we got some hard-hit balls finally."

Hoisington was unable to do anything against Haven junior Bailey Brawner in its final at bat. Brawner allowed just six hits and struck out nine batters to pick up the win.

Schremmer allowed eight hits and struck out six. No Haven batter struck out after the fifth inning.

Jonas paced the Lady Cardinal offense with a pair of singles, a run, and an RBI. Steiner reached base three times with a single and a pair of walks. She came around to score once. Phelan, Kendi Maxwell, and Shae Bitter added the other Hoisington

hits.

Haven 22, Hoisington 10

The Lady Wildcats continued to repeat history with a 7-run top of the first. Schremmer recorded just one out before junior Delaney Smith took over in the circle.

Hoisington picked up single runs in each of the first four innings, then plated six runs to stay alive in the fifth.

Smith doubled to the fence in center field in the first inning and Schremmer came around to score as a courtesy runner. Junior Chelsey Bieberle doubled in the second inning and scored on a single from senior Kaylyn Oberle.

Smith led off the third inning with a walk and junior Emma Harmon scored as the courtesy runner. Phelan and Bieberle walked to open the fourth inning and Phelan scored.

Not that Haven ever stopped scoring. Smith kept the Cats off the board in the second inning but Haven put up five runs in the third and five more in the fourth, thanks in large part to a grand slam from Stucky.

Schremmer ended another threat in the fourth inning but gave up two runs in the fifth inning. 19-14 lead, the Lady Wildcats were three outs from a run-rule.

That's when Hoisington strung together its biggest inning of the doubleheader. Maxwell singled in Schremmer, and Bitter singled with the bases loaded to drive in Phelan and Maxwell. Oberle picked up an RBI on a groundout that scored Bitter.

Haven went on to score three more runs in the top of the sixth to set up another run-rule situation. This time, the Lady Cardinals could only threaten as the



Hoisington senior Karisa Schremmer winds up for a pitch during game on against Haven Tuesday. (photo by Mike Courson)

Wildcats held on for the win.

Jonas finished with a pair of singles and a walk, driving in two and scoring once. Bieberle reached all three times with a double and two walks. She came around

to score twice. Smith doubled and walked in her two at bats, and Schremmer singled and walked in her two at bats.

Phelan, Oberle, Bitter, and Maxwell each had hits.

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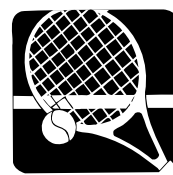


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