

Milan's Late Rally Comes Up Short, Lady 'Cats Fall 7-4

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The Milan Lady Wildcats, down by a score of 6-0 going into the bottom of the fifth inning, had every opportunity to rally for a win on Monday night. However, the Lady 'Cats came up short in a 7-4 final from Legion Field, broadcast on Hot Country Z 101.7 and www.kgozfm.com.



Schuyler County jumped on Milan early, with a combination of hard-hit softballs and shoddy Milan defense heading to a two-out rally in the first that scored two runs, and an onslaught in the second inning that scored four more.

In the third inning, Milan moved Kyley Doak to shortstop and Kenna Michael to the pitching slab, with the freshman holding the Lady Rams to just a run and four hits in the game's final five innings.

The Milan offense began to rise up in the fourth inning, with Breanna Sawyer leading things off with a triple down the right field line. However, the freshman catcher was thrown out trying to stretch the hit into an inside-the-park home run. Milan went scoreless in that inning.

In the fifth, still down 6-0, Milan loaded the bases with nobody out, only to have two straight ground-balls to second base lead into a force-out at home, and a double play, leaving the Lady 'Cats still scoreless. In the sixth inning, Milan cut into the Schuyler County advantage, with Kaylee Michael and Breanna Sawyer cracking back-to-back singles, followed by a single by Kyley Doak, and a fly-ball by Kenna Michael misplayed for a two-base error. After Michael was driven home by a Morgan Gray double, the score sat at 6-4.

A Lady Ram run in the top of the seventh, on a single by winning pitcher Lanie Schubert, pushed the lead to 7-4. With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Milan loaded the bases with two hits and a walk, but a pop-up caught behind second base ended the game.

Milan is now 1-8 on the season, but will stay busy for the rest of the week, with games the next three nights against Novinger, Linn County, and Putnam County. The game with the Lady Midgets will be Thursday night at 5:00 at Legion Field in Milan.

Milan's offense, in the Monday night loss, was led by three hits and a run scored from Sawyer, a hit and a run scored for Kaylee Michael, two hits and a run scored for Doak, two hits and a run from Kenna Michael, and two hits and an RBI for Morgan Gray.

Milan was rained out in last Saturday's Schuyler County Tournament, playing only one inning before the tournament was washed out by the precipitation that moved across the state late Saturday morning.