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The Trenton Lady Bulldogs broke open a tight game with a four-run fifth inning, as THS won its softball season opener on Wednesday night.



The final score, on a hot night at Johnson Field with game-time temperature at 97 degrees, was 7-2 over the visiting Gallatin Lady Bulldogs.

Gallatin opened the scoring in the top of the third inning, with a Bailey Maxwell two-out single scoring Kaitlyn McNeely.

Trenton had opportunities to score early, but left runners on second and third in the first inning, and had a similar, two-on, two-out chance in the third inning with sophomore Ally Ockenfels coming to the plate, and Tom Johnson on the play-by-play:

[Click here to listen to Ally Ockenfels' two run double](#)

Trenton loaded the bases against a tiring Gallatin right-hander Sara Lin in the bottom of the fifth inning, and a wild pitch scored Makaila Capeder to push the lead to 3-1. With Ockenfels back at the plate, a daring base-running move by Madi Trump paid off for THS:

[Click here to listen to Madi Trump's "diving run"](#)

A Daryian Otto single scored Megan Lynch to push the lead to 5-1 Trenton, with Lexi Tolson, pinch-hitting, driving in Otto with a single, upping the advantage to 6-1.

Gallatin had a brief rally against Trenton starter Mallory Hooyman in the top of the sixth inning, scoring a run on a Kirbie Crouse single that plated Aubrey Nelson, but a brilliant double-play turned by Trenton ended the frame:

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Trenton padded the lead with a run in the sixth, as McKinley Hurley singled and moved to second on a fielding error, was bunted to third, and scored on a Trump sacrifice fly.

Trenton starter Mallory Hooyman scattered seven Gallatin hits to earn the pitching win, striking out five and walking only two. Head Coach John Cowling was very appreciative of a large crowd that helped spur his team throughout the contest:

[Click here to listen to Trenton Head Coach John Cowling](#)

Gallatin looks to rebound on Thursday night, playing at Milan in a 5 o'clock first pitch in the Lady Wildcats home and season opener. Trenton will next play next on Tuesday, September 3rd, against district rival Lawson, in a 5 o'clock game scheduled for broadcast on Hot Country Z 101.7 and www.kgozfm.com. There will not be video for next Tuesday's Lawson game. The game will be available both on the radio at 101.7 FM and with online audio-web streaming at www.kgozfm.com.