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DELPHOS — Both Jefferson and Antwerp had gotten off to slow starts in the 2013 fast-pitch softball wars, neither having a win yet.

Something had to give on a warm yet gusty Tuesday night at Lady Wildcat Field.

The visiting Lady Archers used 10 hits, seven errors, seven wild pitches, six free passes, two hit batters and two passed balls to amass a 15-3 5-inning rout.

K. Jemison got the win (1-5; 5 IPs. 4 hits, 3 runs, 2 earned, 3 BBs, 7 Ks). "We've got a lot of young girls in there for the first time and we're learning as we go. We're learning where we need to be in every situation but when you are a work in progress, you will have mistakes," first-year Jefferson coach Josiah Stober said. "At the same time, we have improved from our opening game to today but it's going to take time to be where we want to be. The weather this spring didn't allow us to get out on the diamond a lot and you can only do so much inside, so we're dealing with that along with everyone else. Same thing offensively; we're facing live pitching for the first time for many of the girls and getting comfortable will take time."

Antwerp head man Gary Rodenberger is in the same boat.

"We graduated seven starters from last year and we only had three letterwinners back. We are basically a senior and the rest sophomores and freshmen," he added. "We've got a lot of fresh faces that have to learn how to play varsity softball, so mistakes will be made. We've been in games but we always have THAT inning that costs us; we made a mistake or two and it snowballs. We want to be aggressive and we did that today. Plus, we got solid pitching from one of our letterwinners."

The Archers (1-5) got on board with two in the first against Jefferson senior Taylor Branham (0-4), 5 innings, 10 hits, 15 runs, 9 earned, 3 Ks). A. Braaten led off with a single and two errors put her at third, from where she scored on a successful suicide squeeze by K. Titus; an error allowed her to be safe. A passed ball and wild pitch put her at third. C. Sweet-Miller walked and kept on going to second. A wild pitch plated Titus for a 2-0 edge.

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The Lady Wildcats (0-4) got one back in the home half against Archer starter K. Jemison. Hannah Sensibaugh walked to lead it off, advanced on a wild toss and scored on a 2-out single to center by Branham for a 2-1 deficit. The Archers made it 4-1 in the second with two down. A walk to M. Flint, a steal and a misplayed grounder hit by Braaten scored the first run. Braaten, who was on second, stole third and scored on a passed ball for a 4-1 edge.

The visitors made it 7-1 in the third, combining two hits: a 1-out solo shot over the 200-foot mark in left center by A. Sawyer and a 2-run double down the left-field line by O. Tempel (scoring Jemison and D. Bauer) to make it a 6-run game.

Jefferson got within 7-3 in the third. Alexis Cook walked, followed by a bloop to left by Sensibaugh. An out later, a misplay on a Fallon Van Dyke grounder loaded the bases. Branham walked to score Cook and Jasmine McDougall singled to right to score Sensibaugh for a 7-3 scoreboard. However, the hosts left the bases loaded.

Antwerp really blew it open with a 5-run fourth frame to make it 12-3. They had four hits, including a 2-run double to center by Sawyer (plating Titus and Sweet-Miller) and a 2-run double by E. Derck (S. Cline and Bauer), as well as two miscues to score those five tallies.

Kayla Kill walked to start off the Delphos fourth inning and advanced to second on a Cook ground ball. However, she could get no farther.

The Lady Archers put on three more runs in the fifth, this time without an error. They had two walks, a hit batter and three hits, including a run-scoring double to right by Sweet-Miller (Braaten) and a run-producing knock up the gut by Sawyer (Sweet-Miller), plus a bases-loaded wild pitch that scored Cline for the final run.

McDougall singled with two outs in the fifth but couldn't advance as the game ended.

Jefferson visits Miller City 5 p.m. tonight. Antwerp hosts Holgate Thursday.

ANTWERP (15)

ab-r-h-rbi

A. Braaten ss 4-3-2-0, K. Titus dp 2-2-0-1, B. Hawley flex/3b 0-0-0-0, C. Sweet-Miller 1b

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3-2-2-1, A. Sawyer c 4-1-3-4, A. Crawford cr 0-2-0-0, K. Jemison p 2-0-1-0, S. Cline cr 0-3-0-0, D. Bauer rf 2-1-0-0, O. Tempel cf 3-0-1-2, E. Derck 2b 4-0-1-2, M. Flint lf 2-1-0-0. Totals 26-15-10-10.

JEFFERSON (3)

ab-r-h-rbi

Hannah Sensibaugh 3b 2-2-1-0, Kamie Pulford ss 3-0-0-0, Fallon Van Dyke cf 3-0-0-0, Taylor Branham p 2-0-1-2, Jasmine McDougall 1b 3-0-2-1, Samantha Branham c 3-0-0-0, Kimber Kill If 2-0-0-0, Kayla Kill dh 1-0-0-0, Caitlyn Landwehr rf 0-0-0-0, Alexis Cook 2b 1-1-0-0. Totals 20-3-4-3.

Score by Innings:

Antwerp 2 2 3 5 3 - 15 Jefferson 1 0 2 0 0 - 3

E: McDougall 2, Kim. Kill 2, Sensibaugh, Pulford, Cook; LOB: Antwerp 5, Jefferson 6; 2B: Sweet-Miller, Sawyer; HR: Sawyer; SB: Braaten 2, Titus 2, Sweet-Miller, Flint; Sac: Titus.

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ANTWERP

Jemison (W, 1-5) 5.0 4 3 2 3 7

JEFFERSON

T. Branham (L, 0-4) 5.0 10 15 9 6 3

WP: T. Branham 7, Jemison; HBP: Jemison (by T. Branham), Bauer (by T. Branham); PB: S. Branham 2.