

Lady Lancers bomb Jeffcats 13-1

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MIDDLE POINT - Lincolnview took advantage of 10 Jefferson errors to score 11 unearned runs in a 13-1 rout of the Lady Wildcats Monday afternoon.

It was the Northwest Conference opener for both teams, leaving the Lancers at 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the conference. Jefferson is 0-6 and 0-1.

The home team pushed across four runs, one earned, in the bottom of the first inning without benefit of a ball out of the infield. The only hits of the inning came on a bunt by leftfielder Autumn Procter and a roller to the first-base side by second baseman Kaitlyn Brant. Three other Lancers reached base on errors.

Lincolnview notched another unearned run in the second. Rightfielder Julia Thatcher struck out but reached when the third strike was dropped and the throw to first went awry. She stole second and third, then came in on a squeeze by Procter.

It became 8-0 after three. The Lancers' three runs (1 earned) in the third was started by a leadoff double to the base of the right-field fence by shortstop Bailey Neate, the first ball off a Lancer bat to reach the outfield. The other hit in that inning was a bouncer through the third/short hole by Thatcher. Two walks, two passed balls and two Wildcat errors also contributed.

Lincolnview put the game into run-rule territory at 13-0 with five runs, one earned, in the fourth. The only hit in that inning was a high pop fly single to shallow left-center by catcher Lauren Calvert. Jefferson committed three more errors in that inning. Two walks, a hit batsman and three wild pitches also aided the Lancer cause.

Lancer hurler Ashley McClure cruised through the first four innings, no-hitting the visitors, while striking out five and walking one. Reliever Courtney Gorman came on to pitch the fifth.

Jefferson touched her for a run on a walk to catcher Samantha Branham, a ground out by shortstop Kamie Pulford and a line single down the right-field line by leftfielder Kayla Kill.

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Calvert led Lincolnview hitters, going 1-for-2 with a run and three RBIs. Neate was 1-for-3 with a double, with two runs and an RBI. Procter, Brant and Thatcher had the other Lancer hits.

The Wildcats' Taylor Branham took the loss, although she deserved a much better fate. She yielded 13 runs, only two earned, and was touched for only five hits, striking out six and walking four.

Both teams return to action 5 p.m. Thursday: Jefferson at home versus Paulding and Lincolnview at LCC.

Jefferson (ab-r-h-rbi)

Sensibaugh 3b 3-0-0-0, Van Dyke cf 3-0-0-0, Taylor Branham p 2-0-0-0, McDougall 1b 2-0-0-0, Samantha Branham c 0-1-0-0, Pulford ss 1-0-0-0, Kayla Kill lf 2-0-1-1, Thitoff dp 1-0-0-0, Kimber Kill rf 0-0-0-0, Cook 2b 1-0-0-0. Totals 15-1-1-1.

Lincolnview (ab-r-h-rbi)

Doner cf 4-0-0-0, Procter lf 2-1-1-1, Brant 2b 3-2-1-0, Taylor ph 1-0-0-0, Neate ss 3-2-1-1, Mohr 3b 2-2-0-0, Calvert c 2-1-1-3, Gorman p 0-0-0-0, Ashbaugh 1b 2-2-0-0, Fraker 1b 0-0-0-0, McClure p 1-0-0-1, Klinker pr 0-1-0-0, Thatcher rf 2-2-1-0. Totals 22-13-5-6.

Score by Innings:

Jefferson 0 0 0 0 1 - 1 1 10

Lincolnview 4 1 3 5 x - 13 5 1

WP: Ashley McClure; LP: Taylor Branham. LOB - Jefferson 4, Lincolnview 5. 2B: Neate (L).