Rally comes up short for Lady Cats



Louisburg shortstop Christina Dalrymple hauls in a catch from the outfield to double-up a Eudora runner Thursday at Lewis-Young Park. The Lady Cats fell to the Cardinals 12-5 and 22-2.

The Louisburg softball team had its first win of the season in its sights.

The Lady Cats rallied from a four-run deficit to tie the game in the fourth inning of the opener Thursday against Eudora and the momentum shifted over to the Louisburg side. Unfortunately that momentum didn't last long.

Eudora responded with six runs in the fifth inning and went on to win 12-5 at Lewis-Young Park. It was tough for the Lady Cats to bounce back as they fell 22-2 in the nightcap.

Junior Miranda White had a strong day at the plate as she finished a triple shy of the cycle and also finished with 2 RBIs. Sophomore Emalee Overbay added a pair of singles and an RBI.

Despite taking the loss, sophomore Allyssa Griggs finished the game with nine strikeouts and she also helped her cause with a double and 2 RBIs.

Eudora scored two runs to open the game but the Wildcats got one run back in the bottom of the first as White doubled and then scored on a single from Overbay. The Cardinals responded with three runs in the second to take a 5-1 lead.

In the bottom of the third, Louisburg cut into its deficit some more as White led the inning off with a solo home run. Then after singles from Overbay and Blair Vohs, Griggs doubled both home to make it 5-4.

White tied the game in the bottom of the fourth when she singled home Sophie Purdon. Mistakes hurt the Lady Cats in the next inning and led to six Eudora runs.

Eudora scored early and often in the nightcap as a 13-run second inning all but sealed the win for the Cardinals. The Lady Cats prevented the shutout in the third inning with a pair of runs.

Isabelle Hutson and Christina Dalrymple each recorded RBI singles and Hutson led the Lady Cats with two hits.

Louisburg will try for its first win today when it travels to Baldwin for a doubleheader. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m.