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Mason County Eastern's Emily Knizacky tries to apply the tag on an Onekama base runner at third Thursday. The runner was safe on the play and later scored the first run of the opening game, a 4-2 Onekama victory.

Prep softball

MCE swept by Onekama

BY THE DAILY NEWS

CUSTER — “The pitching was fine today, but we failed to execute with runners on second and third. We had that situation numerous times, but never got a run in,” said Mason County Eastern softball coach Bill Cole Thursday after his Cardinals lost both ends of a Western Michigan D League doubleheader, 4-2 and 7-5, to the Onekama Portagers.

With the losses, Eastern went to 5-3 overall and to 3-3 in league play.

In the first game, senior Kelsey Jensen pitched all six innings for the Cardinals. She allowed nine hits and four walks, while fanning two.

Shortstop Elena Luce led the Cardinals' six-hit offense by hitting a double and a single. Catcher Cassidy Kessel slapped out a pair of singles. Jensen hit a double.

In the second game, Luce pitched all five frames for Eastern. She gave up three hits, five walks and hit one batter. She struck out four.

Center fielder Becca Stefaniak and Luce both hit a pair of singles for the Cardinals.

“I have been very pleased with the defensive play of our third baseman Emily Knizacky,” added Cole. “She has made some remarkable plays.”



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Mason County Eastern centerfielder Becca Stefaniak catches up to and makes the grab on a ball hit deep between into the left-center gap Thursday. MCE was swept by Onekama 4-2 and 7-5.

SPRING LAKE 8-6, LUDINGTON 6-5

SPRING LAKE — “We actually

played really well overall,” said Ludington softball coach Jim Klug Thursday after his Orioles lost a pair of closely-fought games, 8-6 and 6-5, to the Spring Lake Lakers.

With the losses, the Orioles are now 5-7 on the season and 0-4 in the conference.

In the first game, senior Hayley Brockelbank pitched all six innings for Ludington. She gave up nine hits and three walks while fanning seven.

Center fielder Shelby French and shortstop Lauren Bowen each banded out a pair of singles to pace the Orioles' seven-hit attack. Catcher Abby Greenslait added a two-run single.

In the nightcap, the Lakers came up with the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning. Sophomore pitcher Audra Sides worked all 6 2-3 innings for the Orioles. She allowed just four hits and one walk. She struck out three.

Ludington outthit Spring Lake 11-4 in the contest.

Brockelbank, playing center field, led the Oriole bats with three singles. Greenslait hit a double and a single. Right fielder Justyce Stadler and French each chipped in with a pair of singles.

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