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PLAINS — The Southwestern Heights Lady Mustangs gave their seniors a day to remember on senior recognition, scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh in both games to sweep their doubleheader with Ulysses, 8-7 and 22-21.

“Very proud of how hard the girls battled,” Lady Mustangs coach J.R. Mendoza said. “They could have given up when we fell behind, but they didn’t let those plays get them down.”

Heights trailed 7-5 heading into the bottom of the seventh after giving up three runs to the Lady Tigers in the top half of the inning.

It could have been worse. Ulysses scored by the time Heights recorded the first out Ulysses had already scored those three runs.

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And with the Lady Mustangs 6,7,and 8-hole hitters due up, chances did not look great for Heights. But Danielle Sanchez led of the inning with a walk. Sara Eakes singled. Kiana Collins was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

Viancy Jiminez was walked bringing in Danielle Sanchez to cut the Lady Tigers lead to just one.

Celia Sanchez hit a line drive to left center bringing home Eakes to tie and Collins to win.

Ulysses took the early lead 1-0 in the third when a routine play to first from the pitcher for the third out was dropped and the Lady Tigers only baserunner of the inning scored from third.

Each team scored one in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Rachel Amerin doubled in two runs in the sixth to give the Mustangs their first lead of the game, 6-5.

Amerin also pitched all seven innings, giving up seven runs on 11 hits with four strikeouts. Amerin was 2 of 4 at the plate with a double, a triple, 2 RBI and a run scored.

Game 2 was a wild affair with a combined 43 runs scored.

Ulysses took an 9-0 lead before Heights scored 10 runs in the bottom of the third. The Lady Mustangs scored 8 more in the fourth to go up 18-11. Both rallies highlighted by Amerin homeruns.

But on a night like this it still would not be enough with Ulysses tying the game at 18 in the sixth with six runs. Ulysses then took the lead with three more in the top of the seventh.

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But once again the Lady Mustangs answered in their last at bat.

Ulysses walked four of the first five batters to score the first run. The second scored on a fielder's choice. Two more walks loaded the bases with two outs for Sara Eakes. Eakes singled to center to bring home the winning run, 22-21.

Rachel Amerin finished the game 2 of 5 with two homeruns, four RBI, and three runs scored . Lexi Stark was 2 of 4 with a double, an RBI, two runs scored and two walks. Celia Sanchez was 1 of 3 with three RBI, three runs scored and two walks. Kiana Collins was 2 of 3 with 2 RBI, four runs scored, and two walks. Ericka Navarrez was 1 of 3 with three RBI.

Heights (6-8) will travel to Sublette next Tuesday for a doubleheader.