



**ABOVE:** Brethren pitcher Kenzie Voorhees watches her pitch travel toward home plate during a doubleheader with Mesick in Brethren on Monday. **BELOW:** Brethren third baseman Lindsey Krizan fires a ball toward first base during a 10-5 loss to Mesick.

## Bobcats split home-opener with Bulldogs

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**BRETHREN** — The Brethren softball team split a doubleheader against Mesick on Monday in their home opener, winning the first game 7-4 before falling in the second 10-5.

The Bobcats went into the sixth inning deadlocked 4-4 with the Bulldogs, but were able to pull away when outfielder Taytum Myers hit an RBI single before Lindsey Krizan and Kaitlyn Parks both drew walks which allowed two more Bobcats to cross the plate.

Brethren (3-3) was able to hold the Bulldogs scoreless in the final three innings, and head coach Chelsea Pennington was pleased with her team's defensive performance.

"We've been working on defense and (eliminating) stupid errors and that first game was phenomenal," she said. "I couldn't have asked for anything better from the girls."

Brethren pitcher Kenzie Voorhees gave up one earned



run on four hits, with six strikeouts and four walks.

Voorhees didn't suffer from a lack of run support in the first game, crossing the plate twice herself.

Emily Modjeski went 1-for-

4 with two RBIs, Myers went 1-for-3 with an RBI and Sarah Wayward scored twice. Whitney Dean had a solid game, going 2-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored.

Mary Voorhees drew first

blood for the Bobcats, crossing the plate in the first inning when a Mesick throw went awry. Modjeski tacked on two more points in the second with a booming double hit to right-center field, giving Brethren the early 3-0 advantage.

The Bulldogs got on the board in the third inning, putting up three points on a wild pitch and two bunts. They took the lead in the top of the fourth on an RBI single before Dean drove in Kenzie Voorhees to tie it back up.

"(The girls) were great," Pennington said. "They gave me everything I wanted from them."

The Bobcats were unable to carry over their momentum to the second game, and Mesick held a 5-0 lead by the time Brethren first baseman Rachael Makowski gave the Bobcats their first run in the top of the fourth with an RBI single. Modjeski drove in a run with a single of her own before the inning's end.



Brethren senior Emily Modjeski gets ready for a ground ball during a doubleheader with Mesick on Monday.

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"We always come out cold the second game, and we have a hard time coming out of bad innings and they were actually able to come out of it not horrible," Pennington said. "We just needed to get our bats going and our bats went cold."

The Bulldogs rattled off three runs in the fourth inning to give themselves a comfortable 8-2 advantage.

Though facing an imposing deficit, the Brethren players kept battling and managed to put up some runs late in the second game.

"They pushed each other which was great to see," Pennington said.

The Bobcats traded runs with Mesick in the fifth, with Krizan driving in a run, and were within shouting distance in the sixth when Mary Voorhees drove in a run before crossing the plate herself on a Parks RBI that cut the Mesick advantage to 9-5 after the top of the sixth.

Kenzie Voorhees gave up 10 runs on six hits in the second game, with five walks and a strikeout.

Modjeski led the Bobcats' offense, going 2-for-3 with an RBI single and a double.