

SOFTBALL

Plum in middle of key section stretch

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The Plum varsity softball team looked to bounce back from a tough 3-2 loss to defending Section 2-AAAA champion Kiski Area on Monday as it traveled to Penn Hills yesterday (Tuesday).

Results were not available at deadline for this week's edition.

The Lady Mustangs' section game against Penn Hills was the first of three meetings between the rivals this season.

Plum will host Penn Hills in a doubleheader on April 22.

The Lady Mustangs came into yesterday's game with Penn Hills 1-4 overall and 1-3 in section play.

After three straight losses to start the season, Plum got



in the win column with an 8-0 victory over Woodland Hills.

Julie DiLonardo picked up the pitching win.

DiLonardo has shared pitching duties with Athena Kaufman.

Heading into yesterday's contest, DiLonardo had surrendered just two earned runs, while striking out 34 and walking only five in 24 innings pitched.

DiLonardo also has been a force at the plate for the Lady

Mustangs.

Through the team's first five games, she had eight hits in 14 at bats (.571 average).

Also hitting well for Plum is Nina Donatucci, who tallied six hits in her first 13 at bats (.462 average).

Casey Garrity (5 for 15) and Nicole Guido (5 for 19) were among the team leaders in batting heading into yesterday's contest with Penn Hills.

Plum's next two games are at home.

The Lady Mustangs welcome McKeesport to Pivik Field tomorrow (Thursday) for a 3:45 p.m. game.

Saturday's home contest against Gateway at Pivik is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

The Lady Mustangs fell to the Lady Gators in the first meeting between the teams April 2.