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Treynor topples Abraham Lincoln

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TREYNOR – Thirteen games into the season, Treynor softball coach JoEllen Travis is optimistic about the direction of her team.

After Tuesday's 6-2 victory over Abraham Lincoln, the Class 1-A No. 10 Cardinals sit at 11-2 on the year. They've put together a fine first half of the season. They hit with runners on base and use defense and pitching like any other successful team.

When all three components of winning softball merge, Travis said, the results could be favorable.

"I still don't feel like we have everything together yet," Travis said. "Today, we didn't play well defensively, but we hit the ball pretty well and that kept us in the game.

"We've had other games where our bats aren't there but our defense has been very good. And then there's been games where Kaitlin (Floerchinger's) pitching has been dominant. Once we get all three (parts) working together, we can do some special things."

Tuesday, the Cardinals benefited from a strong performance from Floerchinger, along with some key situational hitting to post the 6-2 triumph.

After some initial struggles, Floerchinger settled down in the circle. She allowed the Lynx two runs in the third inning, which spoiled an early Treynor lead. But she composed herself, giving up only one hit over the final four innings while holding A.L. scoreless the rest of the way.

The Treynor bats, meanwhile, took care of the rest. Sarah Klahn led off the third with a walk, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt, then advanced to third and scored on two wild pitches to return the lead to the Cardinals at 3-2.

Treynor added three more runs in the fifth. Lexis Rogers and Klahn reached on an error and single, respectively. They advanced one base on a wild pitch before Morgan Jacobsen's two-RBI single scored both runners. Jacobsen scored later in the inning on a groundout.

With seven upperclassmen on her roster, Travis said that experience has played a large part in the Cardinals' confidence in 2010.

"I have a lot of juniors out there that have been starting since they were freshmen," she said. "They're seasoned, and that makes a big difference. They stay even keeled and they don't get rattled too much."

A.L.'s loss came on the heels of an exciting come-from-behind victory over Glenwood Monday night. Chelsea Acosta hit a two-run homer to tie that game in the seventh inning and Taylor Andersen's RBI single won the game in the 10th.

The drama from that contest may have affected the Lynx's performance Tuesday, but coach Pat Kroll didn't use that as an excuse.

"They definitely didn't have the energy they showed against Glenwood tonight," Kroll said. "We're a young team and it's a process. We just have to keep fighting, but tonight we were just flat."

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Staff photo/Cindy Christensen - Abraham Lincoln's Kristin Burhenne reaches safely on a ground ball against Treynor Tuesday.

W: Kaitlin Floerchinger. L: Michaela Kennedy.

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