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OPSU Softball Hosts Senior Day

Goodwell, Okla.—OPSU seniors [Ashly Duin](#), [Kolbi Graves](#) and [Lilli Ward](#) played the final home games of their college careers Friday afternoon against Lubbock Christian University; the three seniors were recognized for their contributions to Aggie softball in between games of the double-header.

Ward, who has played two seasons for the Aggies at centerfield, topped the team in batting against the Lady Chaps going 4-7 and scoring two runs; she also grabbed two putouts for the series.

At third base, Duin totaled four putouts on the series and went 1-5 batting; she is also finishing her second season as an Aggie.

Completing her first year at right field, Graves hit 1-5 against LCU scoring one run and putting two out in the field.

LCU came into the weekend ranked second in the Heartland Conference with 41-10 overall record and added two more notches to their win column after Friday's games.

The Lady Chaps announced their presence in game one with a five-inning, 14-run win over the Aggies (18-4). [Taylor Richardson](#) got her tenth start on the rubber for OPSU pitching three innings against the hard-hitting bats of LCU; Richardson gave up 20 hits and 18 runs, throwing three strikeouts.

[Samantha Arledge](#) opened the fourth inning of game one throwing three straight strikeouts and holding the Lady Chaps scoreless the remainder of the game. Arledge threw a total of five strikeouts in her two innings in the circle and allowed only one hit and zero runs.

Scoring runs for the Aggies in game one were [Lilli Ward](#) with two runs, [Anyssa Barbosa](#) with one run, and [Kolbi Graves](#) with one run. [Salina Galindo](#) knocked in two RBI in the first inning and Ward and [Rachel Thompson](#) each drove doubles in the fourth; Thompson's good for two RBI.

The Aggies were up 3-1 after five innings in game two, but LCU brought in four runs in the sixth and one in the seventh grabbing a 6-3 win to seal up the series. Arledge took the loss in the circle for the Aggies pitching a full seven innings with 13 hits, five earned runs and six strikeouts.

[Madison Heathington](#) went 2-3 in game two scoring two runs with two RBI; Heathington racked up her ninth home run of the season in the fifth inning. [Salina Galindo](#) came across home plate in the third inning off a sacrifice fly by Heathington.

OPSU's record now stands at 9-33 for the season with two conference wins. The Aggies will finish their season on the road with a double-header against Bacone College on Wednesday, April 23 followed by a three-game conference series with Rogers State April 25-26.

Once again, thank you to our senior softball players [Ashly Duin](#), [Kolbi Graves](#) and [Lilli Ward](#) for their fine representation of Oklahoma Panhandle State University and Aggie Athletics; best of luck with your future endeavors.

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