

## Falls City Softball Opens Home Schedule with Win

The Falls City Tigers softball team made their first game at John and Amalia Morehead Field a successful one. The Tigers spotted Maryville an early 2-0 lead, before cranking up the offense and posting a 9-4 victory Thursday evening.

Maryville scored two runs in the first inning, as the first three batters reached base on singles off Falls City senior pitcher Claire Poppe. Falls City got on the board in the third inning, as Poppe doubled with two outs to drive in Allyson Scholl, who had led off the inning with a single.

Falls City took a 4-2 lead in the 4th. A two-run double by Amie Wiltse was the big blow in the inning.

Maryville scored two runs in the top of the 5th to knot the score at 4-all. The score wouldn't stay tied for long. In the bottom of the 5th, Tiger senior Jennifer Wendtlandt came to the plate with two runners on base and, after falling behind in the count 0-2, sent the next pitch deep over the left field fence for a three-run homerun.

Falls City added two more runs in the 6th inning. Maryville loaded the bases with one out in the top of the 7th, but Poppe got the final two outs without surrendering any more runs as Falls City posted a win in its home opener.

Claire Poppe went the distance in the circle for the Tigers, striking out six batters and giving up 11 hits in seven innings. Mikaila Wallace took the loss for Maryville. She gave up 10 hits to the Tigers, while striking out 12 and walking three.

Offensively, Poppe had three hits and three RBIs for Falls City. Jennifer Wendtlandt had three RBIs and Amie Wiltse drove in two runs, and Allyson Scholl had two hits and scored two runs.

The Tigers are now 3-1 on the season. They play at Wymore this (Friday) evening, and host Nebraska City on Monday night, with the junior varsity game scheduled for 5:00 p.m. and the varsity game for 6:30.

Falls City won the junior varsity game over Maryville Thursday night, 13-0 in three innings.

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