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The young Providence Lady Pioneers turned in a valient effort for four innings in the season-opener March 30 at Floyd Central, but came out on the short end of the 14-3 score.

Providence scored one run in the first, one in the third and another in the top of the fifth and trailed just six three behind a strong pitching performance by freshman Katie Flanagan.

In the bottom of the fifth is when the wheels fell off. Seven Lady Highlanders in a row reached base in the bottom of the fifth and they went on to score eight runs, ending the contest via the 10-run rule.

The Lady Pioneers drew praise from FC Head Coach Joe Witten.

“(Providence) has improved immensely,” he said. “For them to come here and put runs on the board and run the bases the way they did, I am impressed with their improvement. At sectional time they are going to be a threat with all the young players they have.”

Taylor Rockey got things started in the first inning when she singled with one out, then stole second base.

Rockey advanced to third when Kameron Klein reached base on an error and then scored a few moments later thanks to another Lady Highlander error.

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Trailing 4-1 in the top of the third inning, Providence cut the FC lead in half. Allie Gillenwater walked to start the inning. She then stole second base and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

She later scored when Adrienne Voelker collected the RBI with a hard hit single.

Each time the Lady Pioneers scored a run, the Lady Highlanders answered.

Providence trailed 6-2 heading into the top of the fifth when they added their final run.

Rockey, who went two-for-three with two runs scored, doubled and then scored off another RBI single by Voelker that cut FC's lead to 6-3.

That would be as close as they would get as the Lady Highlanders ended the game by scoring eight runs in the bottom of the fifth inning, thus ending the game via the 10-run rule.

Flanagan was the losing pitcher and Floyd Central sophomore Alex Engleman got the win.