

Morris Stops Maize

Valley Makes For Cold Day

Valley Center came to Mulvane Monday afternoon, April 10, and made a cold day of baseball even colder. The Hornets swept a doubleheader from the Mulvane High School Wildcats, taking the first contest, 11-1, and knocking around the hosts, 16-4, in the second game.

Both were Chisholm Trail League games and the double loss dropped the MHS record to 3-4 and 1-3 in the CTL.

"There isn't a whole lot you can say about the games," said Dave Katzenmeier, the Mulvane baseball coach. "You score two or three about every inning and it adds up. In the second game, they just blew us out of the tub early and we don't have the guns to get back in after something like that."

VC pushed across three runs in the first, added three in the third, then capped the opener with a four-run sixth to end the game one inning early. In the nightcap, Valley exploded for 11 runs in the first inning with the help of six hits and the game was history.

"They've got a good, solid ball club and they hit the ball up and down the line-up," testified Katzenmeier. "Our offense and hitting dropped off quite a bit in this game, especially at the top of our order. We're just going to have to practice harder, play better defense and scrap for every run we get to compete. I know we can play better than we showed Monday."

Righthander Adam Morris went the distance in the first game and Sean Gillespie, Robbie Swindle and Scott Young were batted around in the nightcap. "Our pitching wasn't too bad in the first game, we just didn't score any runs," said the MHS skipper. "I know we left a lot of runners on base."

Winfield kept Mulvane's baseball fortunes on a slide as the Vikings chilled the Wildcats, 5-1, Saturday, April 8, in the first game of a scheduled non-league doubleheader on the Mulvane diamond.

The second contest was postponed because of cold weather.

It was the second straight loss for Coach Dave Katzenmeier's troopers and came on the heels of a heartbreaking loss, 10-9, Thursday, April 6, at Maize in the nightcap of a twinbill. Mulvane powdered the Eagles, 6-3, to win the first game. What was so nasty about the 10-9 loss was that Maize scored six runs in the sixth and came back

MULVANE BASEBALL

First Game

Winfield	140	000	0-5	6
Mulvane	100	000	0-1	1

Perry and Thiel; John Fleming, Robbie Swindle 3, and Chad Phipps.

Second Game

Postponed because of cold weather

First Game

Mulvane	210	002	1-6	5
Maize	000	012	0-3	2

Adam Morris, Sean Gillespie 6, and Chad Phipps; Chad Lyon, Norris 5, and Van Stoenburg.

Second Game

Mulvane	012	312	0-9	5
Maize	000	016	3-10	4

Robbie Swindle, Sean Gillespie 5, John Fleming 7, and Chad Phipps; Stiverson, Rollings 5, and Van Stoenburg, Chad Lyons 5.

with three more in the bottom of the final inning to catch the Cats.

Against Winfield, Mulvane couldn't solve the serves from the Viking pitcher and had only one hit.

"It's tough to score with only one hit," noted Katzenmeier. "He is one of the hardest throwers we'll see this year. It really should have been about 2-1 or 3-1 but we had that one bad inning."

Mulvane appeared to be on the way to a sweep against Maize in a Chisholm Trail League series. Instead, the Cats fell to 3-1 on the season as Maize rallied late.

"You come away from one like that and you feel kind of cheated, but our pitchers didn't get the job done," said Katzenmeier. "With a 9-1 lead, all you have to do is throw strikes and we didn't do that. We walked three straight people, then we had a couple errors on top of it and that put us in trouble."

In the opener, Mulvane's batters had five hits with RBI hits by Young in the sixth and Rob Swindle in the seventh putting icing on the cake. Mulvane scored twice in the first when Young walked and scored when Phipps reached on an error. He later scored on an error.

Swindle was the only MHS hitter with two hits and his RBI single in the 6th scored freshman Gary Cleverdon, who had walked. Adam Morris scored in the sixth on Young's first hit, and in the 7th, Cleverdon's triple set the stage for a run-scoring single by Swindle.

Morris picked up his second victory of the young season, holding the Eagles to only two hits. He fanned two batters.