

Cat 'Nine' Suffers As Hitters Struggle

Will that spark ever come? Mulvane High School baseball coach David Katzenmeier is hoping it does—and soon.

His Wildcats stumbled to their 4th consecutive defeat Monday night, April 24, at Nickerson in a Chisholm Trail League doubleheader, losing the first game by a 10-0 count and the second by a 15-5 mark. That left the Cats groping for help with a 4-10 record.

"We're just trying to get a spark going, hoping to use the next few games as a springboard to the regionals, but when you play tough teams like Nickerson, Valley Center and Augusta, it's tough to go. You just try to keep plugging away.

The Wildcat hitting, which has been suspect much of the year, grew worse at Nickerson, which is probably one of the top 4A teams in the state. Mulvane had only three hits in the opener and four more in the second game. Mulvane's lone singles in the opener came off the bats of Scott Proctor, Donnie Holman and Sean Gillespie

In the second game, Gillespie had an RBI single in the first and Chad Phipps plated another run. That was it until the fifth when Gillespie singled again, Phipps reached on an error, Proctor and Jeremy Miller both walked and Holman drilled a two-run single to rightfield.

The Wildcat baseballers fell a couple of notches in the Chisholm Trail League with a doubleheader loss Thursday, April 20, to

CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE BASEBALL STANDINGS

Team	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Augusta	9	1	11	1
Nickerson	9	1	11	1
Valley Center	8	2	9	2
x-Goddard	6	3	6	3
Circle	4	4	7	5
Rose Hill	3	7	5	8
Andover	2	8	3	8
x-Mulvane	2	9	4	10
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x—not including one game suspended because of darkness.

First Game

Mulvane 000 00—0 2
Nickerson 103 33—10 10

John Fleming and Chad Phipps; Ontjes and Wosley.
HR—Walker and Ty Quillen (N).

Second Game

Mulvane 200 03—5 4
Nickerson 327 03—15 16

Adam Morris, Robbie Swindle 3, and Chad Phipps;
Ty Quillen and Smith.
HR—Walker (N).

First Game

Circle 010 711 0—10 5
Mulvane 301 120 0—7 10

Domo and Lowmaster; Adam Morris, Scott Young
4, Sean Gillespie 7, and Chad Phipps.

Second Game

Circle 000 010 2—3 6
Mulvane 110 000 0—2 1

Will Johnson and Lowmaster; Robbie Swindle, Sean
Gillespie 5, and Chad Phipps.

Circle in games played in Mulvane. The T-Birds used a seven-run fourth inning as a springboard to a 10-7 victory in the first game, then pushed across two runs in the top of the last inning for a 3-2 winner in the second game.

Mulvane started the opener on the right track, scoring three times when Young doubled, Gary Cleverdon reached on an error and Gillespie walked. Still with no outs, Phipps and Jeremy Miller followed with RBI base hits.

A single by Donnie Holman in the third inning plated Scott Proctor, who had singled, giving the Cats a 4-1 lead but all that changed in the 4th inning.

Young finished with a three-hit game and Proctor had two hits and scored twice. Cleverdon also scored two runs for the Cats.

In the second game, Mulvane took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Young was hit by a pitch to start the game. After a stolen base, Cleverdon singled him home. Mulvane scored its final run in the second when Steve Langholtz walked, went to second when Swindle was hit by a pitch, stole third and scored when Cleverdon reached base on a pitcher's error.