

Skid For Baseballers Continues Vs. Andover

It's "pride time," there's no doubt about it, but can that help pull the Mulvane High School baseballers out of a nosedive?

Andover drove two more losses home for the Cats Monday, May 1, in a double-header here, knocking the Mulvane record to 4-12 with one suspended game. Andover won, 12-3, in the first game, then romped, 18-4, in the second contest. It was the 5th and 6th straight losses for MHS.

"We're just trying to hang in there," said David Katzenmeier. "It's 'pride time' and sometimes pride can bring you out of the pits, and sometimes not. That's about where we are."

The Mulvane coach said the problem is nobody's hitting with consistency and

nobody's fielding with consistency. "We need to pick things up at the plate when we're not fielding and pitching and visa versa," said Katzenmeier.

There wasn't much offense for Mulvane in the opening game. Two hits for the Cats came from Chad Phipps and Jeremy Miller. Meanwhile, Andover was rapping nine hits and Mulvane pitchers gave up 12 walks to make it easy.

The only scoring for Mulvane came in a three-run fourth when Sean Gillespie was hit by a pitch and Phipps walked. After an out, Miller lofted a bases-clearing triple to right-centerfield and then scored on an error at third.

Things were a little better for Katz's club in the nightcap with both freshman Gary Cleverdon and Miller rapping two base hits. Scott Young, Gillespie and John Fleming had the rest of Mulvane's seven safeties.

Mulvane scored two in the fourth when Cleverdon singled, stole second and third and scored on Miller's sacrifice fly. Phipps scored after walking when Scott Proctor grounded out.

The Cats came up with two more in the fifth. After two outs, Cleverdon singled and an error and a walk filled the bases. Miller drove in two with a single.

First Game

Andover	106 320 0—12 9
Mulvane	000 300 0—3 2

Osborne and Miller; Sean Gillespie, Adam Morris 4, and Chad Phipps.

Second Game

Andover	070 600 5—18 10
Mulvane	000 220 0—4 7

Patterson, Leadbetter 5, and Miller; Scott Young, Robbie Swindle 4, and Chad Phipps.