

Scrappy MHS Baseballers Play Well In Twin Setback

MHS baseball coach, Dave Katzenmeier, never feels good about losing, but if he ever did, the two-game setback at Valley Center Monday, April 9, was one such occasion.

The Mulvane High School baseballers played extremely well at VC but came away with two losses against a strong Hornet team. VC took the opener, 8-6, and rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the nightcap for a 6-3 verdict.

The losses dropped Mulvane's record to 1-3, a fact which couldn't dim Katzenmeier's optimism. "We've played four great ball games," said Katzenmeier. "We battled Valley and played them a good ball game, so I am really pleased with our effort. They have a good ball club and we came out and gave them a game. They came

First Game	
Mulvane	030 012 0—6 8
Valley Center	502 100 x—8 11
Jarrod Oldridge and John Fleming; Kintzel and Sharpe.	
HR—Scott Young (M); Sharpe, Chad Nitcher, Cowel (VC).	
Second Game	
Mulvane	300 00—3 1
Valley Center	012 3x—6 5
John Fleming and Jarrod Oldridge; Drumright and Marshall.	
HR—Barry Proctor (M); Jamie Williams (VC).	

out in the first game and jumped us, but we came back and pecked away and made it close. I was really proud of our effort because we could have folded up."

The long ball hurt the Wildcat cause. VC bounced three homers in the opener, including three-run and two-run shots. And in the

second game, a three-run homer won the ball game.

"The long ball didn't help us any, but those things are going to happen," stressed Katzenmeier. "They play on a smaller field and those could have been long outs in Mulvane."

Mulvane also resorted to the long ball. A solo shot in the sixth inning of the first-game by Scott Young made things tighter and Scott Proctor nailed a three-run homer in the five-run first inning in the second game. However, most of the time, the MHS offense was based on making things happen with the short game. "We out-hit them overall, I believe, and I'd much rather be in there getting singles and doubles than hitting the long ball," said Katzenmeier.

"When you're hitting the ball and scoring runs, good things happen. We are and we only need to cut down on their scoring production and that will come."

After falling behind, 5-0, after one inning, the Wildcats tried to attack. Proctor's single started a rally in the second inning of game No. 1. Steve Langholtz reached on an error at short and Darryl White's double scored one. After Rob Swindle walked to fill the bases, freshman Larry Dixon singled up the middle, scoring Langholtz and White.

Gary Cleverdon singled and stole two bases before scoring in the 5th inning and Young's blast came with two out in the sixth. Cleverdon then reached on an error and came in to score on an error. MHS threatened again in the final inning when Proctor singled and White walked but the rally fizzled.

Mulvane jumped on top of the Hornets with three in the first inning of the second contest when the senior Young and sophomore Jarrod Oldridge both walked, then trotted home when Proctor belted his homer, but that was it offensively as the Cats were no-hit the rest of the way.

The lack of offense spoiled a finely-pitched game by John Fleming, who gave up five hits before the game was halted by rain with VC at the plate in the 5th inning. Fleming fanned eight.

The Wildcats will be at Rose Hill today (April 12) for a two-game set beginning at 3 p.m. with an eye on notching their first Chisholm Trail League victories.