

## Andover Sweeps

# 'Watching Cats' Suffer Eye Strain

The problem with watching is that somebody else is "doing."

The Mulvane High School baseball team was watching and Andover was "doing" in a Chisholm Trail League doubleheader Monday, April 30, at Andover. Consequently, the host Trojans twisted away with a sweep of both games, taking the outing, 9-6, then stopping the Cat bats for a 10-4 victory in the second game.

The double dose, coupled with a split Thursday, April 26, with Buhler at home, landed the Wildcats of Coach Dave Katzenmeier at 7-9 heading into the final stages of the regular season.

"Andover had the one big inning," complained Katzenmeier, "and we decided to watch. That's what happens when you watch instead of participate. You get beat. They threw some off-speed pitching in the first game and we couldn't get any timing on him. We were always off-balance, off-stride."

Until the 5th, MHS righthander John Fleming seemed to have things under control with a 3-3 tie but the roof caved in and the Trojans scored six times.

The Wildcats came back with three in the sixth and the rally died with the bases filled. The 7th provided more of the same—three runners on and no runs. "We had our chances but we left them stranded," added the MHS coach. "We've left a lot of people on base this year and we've been getting by with it most of the year, but it's starting to catch up with us. We just didn't suck it up. When you have people in scoring position, you have to suck it up and get them in. We didn't."

After one out in the 6th, Scott Young singled and both Randy Young and Scott Proctor walked to fill the bases. Walks to Fleming and Jarrod Oldridge forced in two runs and Steve Langholtz plated another run when he grounded out.

In the 7th, Rob Swindle reached on an

### First Game

Mulvane	000 213 0—6 6
Andover	020 160 x—9 6
John Fleming and Jarrod Oldridge; Exposito and Coleman.	

### Second Game

Mulvane	000 201 1 4 2
Andover	400 042 x 10 12
Rob Swindle and Jarrod Oldridge; Patterson and Coleman	

### First Game

Buhler	201 000 3 3
Mulvane	506 002--13 12
Ewing, Norde 3, and Ratzlaff; Fleming and Oldridge.	

### Second Game

Buhler	010 191 0 12 8
Mulvane	310 401 0 9 6
Hamby and Ratzlaff; Rob Swindle, Randy Young 5, Jarrod Oldridge 5, and Oldridge, John Fleming 5, R Young 5	

error and that was followed with a walk to Larry Dixon and a bases-filling single by Scott Young, however the Cats then came with three straight outs to end the game.

The second game saw only two Mulvane hits—an RBI single by Fleming in the 4th inning and a single by Langholtz in the 6th.

The best showing for Mulvane came in the opener Thursday against Buhler as MHS banded out 12 hits—three by Swindle and two each by Scott Young, Randy Young, Fleming and Langholtz.

Swindle finished with three RBIs and Langholtz had two. Jarrod Oldridge scored three times and Fleming checked the Crusaders on only three singles, striking out seven.

A nine-run 5th inning kept the Cats from a sweep and brought Buhler from an 8-2 deficit into the lead for good against the lefty Swindle and his relief help, Oldridge and Randy Young.

Randy Young and Scott Proctor banded out two hits each and Proctor scored three times with Scott Young and Dixon scoring twice.

The Wildcats will be trying to get back on the winning track today (May 3) at home against Augusta, the CTL leaders. The doubleheader starts at 4 p.m.