

Boys Reeling

Cats Decked In 2 Twinbills

Nobody ever promised David Katzenmeier a rose garden, but the past few games, he's found plenty of thorns.

His Mulvane High School baseballers dipped into the upper echelons of the Chisholm Trail League Thursday and Monday, April 14 and 18, and found a sobering experience. Valley Center hammered the Cats, 12-2 and 15-5, in a twinbill Monday, and last Thursday, Wellington was in town to plow past Mulvane, 14-0 and 17-4.

The losses left Mulvane's record for the year at 4-5-1. "We knew it was coming (stiff competition)," admitted Katzenmeier. "We're just trying to hang tough, but the last four games have been pretty sobering. That's the way it can be in the Chisholm Trail, though. You run into some good teams and I think we just ran into two of the top three."

They'll run into the other member of the "triad" today (April 21) when they entertain Maize in 4 p.m. doubleheader.

"Valley knocked us around with their hitting and Wellington knocked us around with their pitching," pointed out Katzenmeier. "Valley has a tight little ball park and think they had a four-run homer and two or three three-run homers."

Against the Crusaders, Mulvane saw "the top two pitchers we're going to see," said Katzenmeier. "They really shut us down. Good pitching is going to silence good hitting any time."

Mulvane's only two runs in the first game at VC came in the first inning when Shawn Erbert singled and scored on Tom Nienke's base hit. Nienke then scored on Jay Schlegel's hit. David Butler had two hits in the game for the Cats. In the night-

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 200 00-2 5
Valley Center 026 22-12 9

Jamie Belden and Chad Nulik; Lee and Davison.

HR—Gleason, Swingle, 2, (VC).

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 140 00-5 8
Valley Center 426 03-15 6

Casey Myers, Scott Sanchez 2, and T.J. Lervik; Gleason and Davison.

HR—Quinn Cravens, 2, Gleason (VC).

FIRST GAME

Wellington 412 100 6-14 14
Mulvane 000 000 0-0 3

Jesse Comejo and Greg Henshaw; Jamie Belden, Scott Sanchez 6, and Chad Nulik.

HR—Ybarra (W).

SECOND GAME

Wellington 413 117-17 9
Mulvane 300 001-4 5

Jason Ybarra and Greg Henshaw; Casey Myers, Tim Glaser 6, and Chad Nulik.

HR—Tom Nienke (M).

cap, Casey Myers had two of Mulvane's eight hits and had one RBI and Tim Glaser had two RBIs and one hit.

There's not much to chat about offensively in the opener against Wellington. Mulvane's three hits came from Erbert, Scott Sanchez and catcher Chad Nulik.

In the second game, MHS scored three in the first when Nienke hit a two-out solo homer, Schlegel followed with a single, Shay Vangas walked and both runners were plated when Myers doubled and Nulik singled, each getting one RBI.

The Wildcat jayvee team split two tightly-contested games with Valley Center Monday. Mulvane won the first game, 12-11, but lost a 12-10 contest in the second game. Against Wellington, the Mulvane junior varsity won an 7-6 thriller in the first game before Wellington took the second by an 8-4 count.