

Wildcats Try To Regroup After Maize Shelling

Just when Mulvane High School players thought they had seen the best, along comes Maize.

Maize rocked the Wildcat baseballers in a two-day doubleheader Thursday and Friday, April 21-22, at the Mulvane sports complex. The doubleheader was suspended in the first inning of the second game because of showers and finished up Friday.

"The league is loaded this year and Maize is another excellent team," pointed out David Katzenmeier, the veteran MHS baseball coach. "I thought we had seen the best pitching in the league when we played Wellington, but Maize has two outstanding pitchers, too. They have some real quality pitching, very, very good. It's too difficult to compare the two staffs but I can tell you this: we've been threw the wars."

Maize bombed the Cats, 23-0, in the first game and had little trouble in the second game, a 10-0 rout, which left Mulvane's record at 4-7-1 and six straight shellackings.

"All you can do is try to hang tough, and I think we did that," stressed Katzenmeier. "Good pitching is going to beat good hitting every time. We actually played pretty good in game two, especially defensively. Griff (Comejo) pitched well in that game. And in the first one, it was really a pretty good game until they scored 16 runs in the fifth inning."

Katzenmeier's only conversation piece was the pitching by Tim Glaser and Comejo, both seeing their first action this season. "I

FIRST GAME

Maize	001 6(16)—23 16
Mulvane	000 00—5 2
Robertson and Grimsley, Schultz 4; Tim Glaser, Casey Myers 4, and Chad Nulik.	

SECOND GAME

Maize	310 040 2—10 11
Mulvane	000 000 0—0 1
Eisenbart, Jack Welsh 6, and Grimsley, Schultz 6; Griff Comejo and Chad Nulik.	

thought it was a good time to give my other pitchers a rest," said Katzenmeier. "And we also were able to give Glaser and Comejo some work. Hopefully, they can help us down the stretch."

There wasn't much Mulvane offense against the defending Chisholm Trail champs. Mulvane got only two hits in the first game and one in the second.

Both first-game hits came in the fourth inning when the Wildcats staged their only threat. After an out, Jesse Smith singled and Tom Nienke singled. Both advanced a base on an error but the rally died with the middle of the order up.

In the second game, Mulvane's lone hit was a second-inning single by top hitter Jay Schlegel. Mulvane's best threat came in the sixth when Shawn Erbert reached third base after reaching on an error, taking second when Schlegel walked and both runners advanced on a passed ball. That was it, though.

The Cats will try to get back on the winning trail today (April 28) when they entertain Goddard in a 4:30 p.m. doubleheader at the sports complex.