

Season Slipping Away

Baseballers Search For Answers

It's not getting any prettier for the Mulvane High School baseball team. After starting the season with four victories in their first five games, the Wildcats have lost 10 in a row.

Rose Hill was in town Monday, May 2, for a Chisholm Trail League doubleheader and the Rockets took two, 13-4 and 6-3. The Cats were in Augusta Tuesday, April 26, and the Orioles kept Mulvane's losing string

Chisholm Trail League Baseball Standings

(Includes games thru Monday, May 2)

Team	W	L
Maize	11	0
Wellington	10	2
Augusta	12	4
Valley Center	9	5
Rose Hill	7	5
Nickerson	5	6
Andover	4	7
Goddard	5	7
Mulvane	4	11
Circle	2	11
Buhler	2	13

alive by sweeping the series, 8-0 and 14-2.

"We're just not getting the job done right now," confessed David Katzenmeier, the MHS baseball field manager. "We just need to keep hanging in there and keep working."

Those losses saw the Mulvane record dip to 4-11.

"We just let the first game get away from us," noted Katzenmeier about the opener against RH. "In game two, we had some opportunities but didn't cash in on them. We had the bases loaded a time or two in a 3-3 game but didn't get the job done. Those are the times you have to step up and produce."

Katzenmeier juggled his line-up in the second game and the Wildcats hung in there before Rose Hill pushed across three runs in the seventh to snap a 3-3 tie.

In the first game, Mulvane's offensive push came in the sixth with three runs, but the game was already locked up with RH leading, 11-0. Jay Schlegel singled, Jamie Belden walked and Shay Vangas singled to fill the sacks. Scott Sanchez and Chad Nulik both walked to force in runs and Tim Glaser slapped a sacrifice fly to right for the final run.

In the second game, Casey Myers' pitching held up for six innings and Tom Nienke, Schlegel and Jake Carmichael each had two hits to pace the offense.

The Augusta series was a nightmare as Mulvane played poorly. The first game was played Thursday, April 28, and the second was forced to Friday, April 29, by rain. "We didn't play well at Augusta at all," said Katzenmeier. "Our defense made a lot of mistakes. When you play ball, when they hit it, you should be able to catch it and we didn't make the plays."

Mulvane was held to singles by Shawn Erbert, Nienke and Schlegel in the first-game shutout.

Mulvane's first runs at Augusta came in the fifth. Erbert reached on an error with none out. Jesse Smith also reached on an

FIRST GAME

Rose Hill 113 213 2--13 12
 Mulvane 010 003 0--4 4
 Ben Hammitt and David Ruark; Jamie Belden and Chad Nulik.

HR—Brian Maddox (RH).

SECOND GAME

Rose Hill 010 110 3--6 5
 Mulvane 010 020 0--3 7
 Eric Moss and David Ruark; Casey Myers and Jake Carmichael.

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 000 000--0 3
 Augusta 120 05x--8 0
 Jamie Belden and Chad Nulik; Tipton and Preston.

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 000 02--2 5
 Augusta 419 0x--14 15
 Tim Glaser, Casey Myers 4, and T.J. Lervik; Heise, Smith 5, and Preston.

error. Erbert scored on Nienke's sac fly and Smith trotted home on Schlegel's drive up the middle.

The Wildcats will be playing a make-up doubleheader against Goddard Saturday, May 7, at the Mulvane sports complex.