

'Good Pitching' Comes Back To Haunt Mulvane; Boys Fall To 4-2

The MHS baseball team got off to a 4-0 start thanks to good pitching. The Wildcats are now 4-2 thanks to good pitching, Andover's good pitching.

Mulvane hosted the Trojans Thursday, April 6 and lost both games, by scores of 11-1 and 10-9.

Mulvane did not start their top two pitchers, Brian Minks and Tim Glaser, because they were on one days rest.

"They need four or so days this early in the season," MHS skipper Dave Katzenmeier said. "We don't need hurt arms right now."

FIRST GAME

Andover	416 00—11 6
Mulvane	000 01—1 5

Walker and Nash; Doug Landin, Joe Flowers 3, Casey Myers 4; and Chad Nulik.

SECOND GAME

Andover	401 041 0—10 6
Mulvane	341 100 0—9 11

Anthony Hartness, Justin Holcomb 5, and Nash; James Starkweather, Casey Myers 4, Brian Minks 5, and Chad Nulik.

Junior Varsity Results

Mulvane 31, Circle 0
Mulvane 3-23, Andover 1-15

The Wildcat pitching was ineffective to start the game, as Andover broke out to a 11-0 lead after three innings. The Trojans scored the runs on only six hits, thanks to seven walks.

"They hit the ball real well," Katzenmeier said. "We didn't play very good defense either."

Mulvane tried to mount a scoring opportunity in the second inning, as Glaser and Shawn Erbert both singled, but could not take advantage.

The Cats attempted to prolong the game in the fifth inning when Chad Nulik led off the frame with a single. That was followed by another single from T.J. Lervik. Two batter later, Tom Nienke scored Nulik with a base hit.

It was too little, too late, however, as Mulvane could not plate another run.

"They threw their No. 1 pitcher," Katzenmeier said. "He was lefthanded and hard to hit."

After the loss, the Wildcats just wanted to get off to a good start in the second game. A first-inning Andover grand slam took

care of that thought.

"We could have given up after that," Katzenmeier said. "I was proud of the we gave to battle back."

Michael Abasolo walked to start the rally in the bottom of the first. A Tom Nienke double put runners on second and third with one out. Casey Myers singled home Abasolo, then Tim Glaser scored Nienke with a fielders choice. Myers then came around on an error to pull Mulvane to within one run.

A two-run double from Myers in the second inning gave Mulvane a 7-4 lead.

Andover came back with five runs combined in the fifth and sixth to take the 10-9 lead.

In the last chance for Mulvane, Scott Sanchez and Nienke got on base with walks, but the Cats suffered three strikeouts to end the game.

"If we could have advanced them somehow, put the bat on the ball, Katzenmeier pondered. "But we seen what we needed to do in future games."

Mulvane was slated to play Wellington,

Tuesday, April 11, but the game was postponed because of the wet fields. The games will be made up in Wellington Saturday, April 15 at 1 p.m.

That leaves the Wildcats facing Valley Center, Wellington and Maize in a five-day span.

"We are in the meat of our schedule," Katzenmeier said. "We are going to have to play sound baseball."