

# 'Silly' Mistakes Wreck Cat Push

When you're playing the No. 1 ranked team in 5A state, you can not afford to have mistakes. Unfortunately for the Mulvane baseball team, that is exactly what they had.

The Wildcats fell, 11-1 and 6-3, at Maize Tuesday, April 18. The games were pushed back a day by Monday's rains.

"We just didn't play good defense," MHS baseball coach Dave Katzenmeier said. "It doesn't matter what they're ranked, I don't care if you're playing the Royals, you can't make silly mistakes."

Those mistake led to seven unearned runs in the first game, leading to the Eagle victory. Maize put Mulvane away with an eight-run third inning.

"It was a combination of errors, then a hit, then another error," Katzenmeier said.

Junior James Starkweather pitched all four innings for Mulvane, giving up four earned runs. "He pitched well," Katzenmeier said. "We just needed to be stronger behind him."

The Wildcats got stronger in the night-cap in the final two innings, but it was too late. Brian Minks pitched six innings, allowing only three earned runs, while striking out four.

"He pitched a very good game," Katzenmeier said. "You can't ask for more from our pitching."

The fact they were playing one of the state's best teams put the games in perspective, however. "Our heads aren't down," Katzenmeier said. "We have to head to Augusta, who's No. 2 in 5A, so we'll get right back to practice."

Pitching again carried the Wildcats in play at Wellington Saturday, April 15. Mulvane won the first game, 1-0, but lost the second, 8-2.

Senior Casey Myers was the star of the day as he shut out a ranked Wellington team, allowing only four hits in seven innings.

"Nobody was more intense on the field than Casey," Katzenmeier said. "I just enjoyed watching it."

Kasey McDowell singled to start the third, advanced on a wild pitch and then scored on a Shawn Erbert single. That gave Mulvane all the runs they would need.

Tim Glaser helped shut the door with great play in the field during the sixth inning. With two runners on, a Crusader lined a shot off of McDowell at third, where Glaser picked the ball up and threw the ball from his knees to Scott Sanchez at second to get an out.

The second game was tight through four innings, as Glaser held Wellington to three runs. Mulvane had a couple of their own, thanks to a double and single from McDowell. He scored twice, once in the second and again in the fourth.

"He has been playing spot duty when Myers is pitching," Katzenmeier said. "He

## Chisholm Trail League Baseball Standings

*Team	W	L
Maize	6	0
Augusta	6	0
Valley Center	6	0
Wellington	8	2
Andover	6	2
Mulvane	5	5
Goddard	4	4
Rose Hill	3	5
Circle	0	8
Buhler	0	8
Nickerson	0	10

\*Standings thru Monday, April 17, games

really stepped up hitting the ball and playing defense."

Glaser reinjured his lower back in the fourth inning, and Wellington took advantage, scoring four runs in the fifth.

"We were right in it until he had to leave," Katzenmeier said. "Over-all the effort was really better."

The effort wasn't so great when the Wildcats hosted Valley Center Thursday, April 13. Mulvane fell, 17-4 and 10-1.

"They've got a good team, one of the better ones in 4A," Katzenmeier said. "We didn't play defensively."

Mulvane's lone score came when Sanchez crushed a ball to left-center field for a homer.

"It went out in no time," Katzenmeier said. "That was as hard as I've seen him hit one in four years."

"That let us crack a little smile."

Mulvane will try to get something to smile about when they host Augusta today (April 20) at 4 p.m.

### FIRST GAME

Mulvane	000 10-1	2
Maize	008 3x-11	11

James Starkweather and Chad Nulik; Schoenhofer and Schultz.

### SECOND GAME

Mulvane	100 200 0-3	5
Maize	113 100 x-6	8

Brian Minks and Chad Nulik; Robertson, Eisenbart 6, and Schultz.

### FIRST GAME

Mulvane	001 000 0-1	6
Wellington	000 000 0-0	4

Casey Myers and Chad Nulik; Nate Comejo and Hinshaw.

### SECOND GAME

Mulvane	010 100 0-2	5
Wellington	120 041 x-8	5

Tim Glaser, Scott Sanchez 5, Travis Morgan 5, Joe Flowers 6, and Chad Nulik; Fagan, Hinshaw 7, and Nance.

HR—Nate Comejo (W).

### FIRST GAME

Valley Center	622 16-17	12
Mulvane	200 20-4	3

Looney, Drumright 5, and C. Schmidt; James Starkweather, Kasey McDowell 4, Joe Flowers 5, and Chad Nulik, Jake Carmichael 5.

HR—Quinn Cravens (VC), 2.

### SECOND GAME

Valley Center	200 143 0-10	6
Mulvane	000 100 0-1	4

R. Schmidt, Lee 7, and C. Schmidt; Brian Minks, Casey Myers 6, and Chad Nulik.

HR—Scott Sanchez (M).