

# MHS Baseballers Own Worst Enemy

The Mulvane baseball team got beat and lost last week.

There is a big difference to coach Dave Katzenmeier.

"I don't mind getting beat," he said.

The Wildcats were hammered by Goddard Monday, April 24 by scores of 13-3 and 13-1.

"It was more ourselves than anything else," Katzenmeier said. "I think they were a little better than normal and we were a lot worse."

The Lions jumped out to a 3-0 lead after one inning, but the Wildcats battled back.

Michael Abasolo sliced a single in the third inning and was driven home when Tom Nienke drove the ball over the leftfield fence. The two run tied the game at three.

It was 5-3 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning.

"That inning started nasty and gradually got worse," Katzenmeier said.

Worse to the tune of eight runs and the end of the game.

Abasolo finished the game with two hits, as did Kasey McDowell to lead Mulvane.

The big inning to end the first game seemed to have a mental impact on the second game, as Goddard scored in every at-bat.

"This was the first time we have had an overabundance of walks," Katzenmeier said. "It is also the first time I've been disappointed in how we played."

Nienke scored the lone Cat run after a fourth-inning single.

"Poor play can be contagious," Katzenmeier said. "It has also been rough the last three weeks to be playing tough teams."

Mulvane has lost nine in a row, falling to 5-11.

The junior varsity team grabbed a couple of wins, 7-4 and 3-2. Bryce Schumacher had three hits and two RBIs in the two games.

Mulvane took on the No. 2 team in 5A Thursday, April 20, hosting Augusta. The Orioles came away with 6-2 and 9-4 wins.

"We just booted it around in key situations," Katzenmeier said. "I was pretty happy with the way we played."

Joe Flowers kept the Wildcats close by

pitching five solid innings, giving up only three earned runs.

"I was real happy with his control," Katzenmeier said. "It was just the little things that got us. They are a good team."

With Scott Sanchez on base in the first inning, Nienke continued his power surge of late, smacking another home run.

"He just missed another one in the third inning," Katzenmeier said.

Mulvane could only muster one hit, a Sean Younger double, after the first inning.

The Orioles scored four quick runs in the second game, but Mulvane came back in the second game. McDowell knocked in two runs with a double, then Abasolo plated McDowell with a single.

However, Mulvane again fizzled from the plate later in the game.

Katzenmeier was able to accomplish something in the games.

"We played a lot of people, in case we need them as a pinch-hitter or defensively later in the season," he said. "We don't want them to come in cold turkey."

The jayvee picked up two more wins, 3-0 and 5-1, versus Augusta.

Mulvane next hits the diamond today (April 27) at Rose Hill. Game time is 4 p.m.

## FIRST GAME

Mulvane	012 00-3 6
Goddard	301 18-13 10

James Starkweather, Casey Myers and Chad Nulik; Christensen and Crumbie.  
HR—Tom Nienke (M); Kempton, Knowles (G)

## SECOND GAME

Mulvane	000 10-1 3
Goddard	256 3x-16 8

Brian Minks, Doug Landin 3, Travis Morgan 3, and Jake Carmichael, Widler, McGarrah 4, and Crumbie

## FIRST GAME

Augusta	121 002 0- 6 6
Mulvane	200 000 0- 2 3

Travis Buell and Preston, Joe Flowers, Pete Myers 6, and Jake Carmichael  
HR—Tom Nienke (M)

## SECOND GAME

Augusta	420 001 2 9 6
Mulvane	300 001 0 4 9

Smith, Turpin 4, and Preston, Casey Myers, Doug Landin 2, Pete Myers 6, and Chad Nulik

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## Jayvee Baseball Results

Mulvane 7-3, Goddard 4-2  
Maize 4-8, Mulvane 2-6