

BB Season Ends In First Round

All that was needed was Madison Square Garden.

The Mulvane High School baseball team came out fighting in its regional game at Rose Hill Monday, May 15, but fell to the Rockets 13-9, ending the season for the Wildcats.

"It was just like an old Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier fight," MHS baseball coach Dave Katzenmeier said. "We'd punch, they'd counter-punch."

Rose Hill, officially the visiting team even though the game was in Rose Hill, threw the first punch, scoring one run in the top of the first.

Mulvane came back as Shawn Erbert and Scott Sanchez started things with two singles in the bottom of the first. A Kasey McDowell single scored both.

The Rockets responded with two runs in the third inning, taking a 3-2 lead.

Mulvane came back with what would prove to be its biggest weapon of the day, Casey Myers.

With Tom Nienke and McDowell aboard, Myers blasted a two-out home run.

Mulvane 5-3.

The Rockets tied things up at five with two runs in the fifth inning. Rose Hill then took the lead in the sixth inning on a sacrifice fly.

Rose Hill 6-5.

In the bottom of the sixth, Myers nearly tied the game with one swing, sending a ball to the right-centerfield fence for a double. Pinch-hitter Noel Magee singled Myers home to make the score 6-6 with one inning to play.

Then the roof caved in. Rose Hill scored seven runs off six hits in an at-bat that seemed to go on forever. It may have, but a Rocket Jason Loeck was called out for stepping out of the batters box to protest an umpire's call.

Mulvane 4A Regional Baseball Pairings

At Mulvane sports complex

Today (May 18)

Game 2 — No. 2 Haven (11-6) vs. No. 3 Andover (11-9), 3 p.m.

Game 3 — No. 1 seeded Wellington (14-4) vs. No. 4 Rose Hill (10-9), 5

Game 4 (Championship)—winners of games 2 and 3, 7

FIRST ROUND

Rose Hill 102 021 7—13 14

Mulvane 203 001 3—9 10

Adam Martin, Ben Hammitt 4, and Jason Loeck; Tim Glaser, Casey Myers 7, and Chad Nulik.

HR—Casey Myers, 2, (M).

Rose Hill 13-6. Think of it as Frazier's left hook in the first Ali-Frazier bout.

Starting pitcher Tim Glaser had pitched well until that point, but seemed to lose control.

"Tim got tired," said Katzenmeier of Glaser, who was coming back from shoulder and back problems. "I was surprised he went that far. He's a warrior."

Mulvane did make a small comeback, thanks to Myers. He took a fastball over the left-field fence for his second three-run homer of the game.

"He's a senior and he stepped up," Katzenmeier said. "But it was just too much to make up."

It was the sixth inning, not the last, that Katzenmeier thinks was the key. Mulvane tied it up, but left two runners on base.

"A guy made a great play on Shawn's (Erbert) hit," he said. "A break here or there and we would have gone into that last inning up two or three runs instead of tied. We would've had the momentum."

Mulvane ended the season 6-15.

"I couldn't be more proud of this team," Katzenmeier said. "They really battled."