

Mulvane Pitcher 'Fools Em'

Righthander Tim Glaser kept saying "April Fools." Buhler's batters weren't laughing.

Glaser mowed down the Crusaders with a 12-strikeout effort and put a smile back on the face of Mulvane High School baseball coach Zeke Rash as the effort highlighted a two-game sweep of Buhler Monday, April 1, at Buhler.

The double win squared Mulvane's record at 2-2 overall and in the Chisholm Trail League. The Wildcats took the first game, 8-4, then edged the hosts, 10-9, in the

second game behind a six-run rally in the sixth inning.

"Tim Glaser pitched real well in game one and Brian Minks and Joe Flowers kept us in game two until we could rally," said Rash. "We hit the ball a lot better than we did in the openers. Eric Erbert had a pretty solid game. Glaser hit the ball and so did Chad Gerwick. We put it in play and made them play defense, which created some errors from them and opportunities for us. That happened in both games."

Glaser didn't walk a batter in game No.

1 and was extremely sharp as he went the distance.

Hitting star for the Cats was Kasey McDowell, who had a solo homer in the fifth and went 2-for-3, scoring twice. Erbert had two hits and two RBIs and Pete Myers also had a pair of runs batted in.

The second game featured 10 hits by Mulvane, three coming off Glaser's bat. Glaser, T.J. Lervik and catcher Chad Gerwick had RBI hits in the fourth inning but the Cats' but explosion occurred with the help of four errors in the sixth. Both Gerwick and Lervik walked with the bases loaded in the inning and the only RBI hit came from Erbert, who singled.

"We fell behind, 6-0, and brought in Brian Minks," noted Rash. "He did a fantastic job for three innings and kept it at 6-0, which gave us a chance to regroup. We brought in Joe Flowers and he closed it up with a great job, too. Our pitchers kept us in that one."

The Wildcats opened their season with a nearly helpless showing at the plate and Andover took advantage of the ineffective hitting by sweeping two games at Andover. The Trojans won the opener, 4-0, then walked away with the sweep, 6-2, in the nightcap.

"We just didn't hit the baseball," declared Rash. "We had too many guys taking 'strike three'. When you only give up four runs, you ought to win most of them but we didn't in the first game."

The Cat defense was purring both games and so was the pitching for the most part. The Cat bats, however, took a vacation. Mulvane only had two hits in the opening contest—a game-starting single by Mike Johnson in the first inning and a double by Mike Abasolo in the fourth inning. That was the offense, although in the seventh inning, both Kasey McDowell and Abasolo walked with no outs, the first time the entire game MHS had more than one runner on base at the same time.

Mulvane lefthander Brian Minks gave up all four runs but only yielded three hits. Walks hurt. Two of the four runs scored started their flight to the plate by walking.

Andover scored once in the first, when Minks walked the lead-off batter, walked the clean-up hitter with two out and hit the No. 5 batter. The run scored on a passed ball. The Trojans then added two more in the second and one in the third to send Minks to the "showers."

Myers, Tim Glaser and Joe Flowers worked on the mound in the second game for Mulvane and gave up only five hits, but that was just enough for Andover to go 2-0. The Trojans punched across two runs in the fifth inning to make it 3-0, then added two more on one hit in the sixth to put the game away.

Mulvane's offense was on the defensive in the second game, too, as Rash's troops slapped only two hits, a lead-off single by Tad Nicholson in the first and a base knock by Eric Erbert in the third. Erbert scored

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	023 012 0—8 7
Buhler	200 000 2—4 7
Tim Glaser and Chad Gerwick; Bauer and Kornelson.	
HR—Kasey McDowell (M); Oberle (B).	

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	000 460 0—10 10
Buhler	060 021 0—9 10
James Starkweather, Pete Myers 2, Brian Minks 2, Joe Flowers 6, and Chad Gerwick; Oberle, Tyrell 6, and Overton.	

FIRST GAME

Mulvane	000 000 0—0 2
Andover	121 000 x—4 4
Brian Minks, James Starkweather 4, Pete Myers 6, and Chad Gerwick; Proctor and Windsor.	

SECOND GAME

Mulvane	002 000 0—2 2
Andover	020 022 x—6 5
Pete Myers, Tim Glaser 5, Joe Flowers 6, and Chad Gerwick; Hartness, Holcomb 4, and Windsor.	

Mulvane's first run of the year when he singled and scored by stealing home. Nicholson walked and later scored on a wild pitch. Although the Wildcats also had walks to Abasolo and McDowell in the inning, too, they weren't able to do anything but tie the game at 2-2 because Erbert's was the only hit.