



Teammates welcome Kasey McDowell, left, to the plate following a seventh inning home run blast

Split At Augusta

Shaky Start Causes Baseballers Problems

The shakes in the first inning. That's what kept Mulvane High School baseballers from sweeping two games from Augusta in a Chisholm Trail League doubleheader Monday, April 15, in Augusta.

The Wildcats, behind the sizzling right arm of Tim Glaser, slashed past the Orioles, 9-2, in the first game with Glaser posting a five-hitter with seven strikeouts and one walk. But in game two, Augusta got the drop on Mulvane after two mis-plays in the opening frame and held on to split, 8-4.

The split left Mulvane's record at 3-9 for the season.

"It's kind of frustrating," said MHS Coach Zeke Rash. "We play well in the first game and Tim pitches a real good game. Then, we come out with a shaky first inning and we never get caught back up. We gave them five outs in that inning and that's the type of thing that's going to cause you problems."

The Cats put the game away for Glaser with three runs in the fourth for a 6-0 lead. Chad Gerwick walked and scored on Mike Abasolo's double. Abasolo scored on Tad Nicholson's ripping three bagger and Nicholson scored on an error. Nicholson finished with three hits and two runs scored. Abasolo ripped two hits and Joe Flowers scored twice.

In game two, the Wildcats tried to climb back into it in the last inning when they loaded the bases on walks to Nicholson and Abasolo and a single by Kasey McDowell with two out but Flowers grounded out to end the threat.

The Wildcats were home against Maize Thursday, April 11, but the Eagles flew the coop with a sweep of MHS as the Cat



relieving corps collapsed. Mulvane blew a 6-1 lead through four innings in the first game, then nearly rallied to win before tumbling, 11-10, to Maize. In the nightcap, Maize had less trouble in a 14-7 game.

The opener against Maize will be one of those games Rash will be remembering. It looked good behind sophomore Pete Myers through four innings before the Eagles rallied and appeared to put the game away with a four-run seventh. The Cats responded with four in the last inning, too.

Glaser, who had a solo homer in the second, doubled and scored when Abasolo singled. McDowell hammered a homer over the left-centerfield fence and Flowers followed with a double. He eventually scored on Gerwick's sacrifice fly but the Cats couldn't punch in one more. "The kids battled," said Rash. "We could have quit real easily but we were just a hit away from winning that thing. We hadn't beaten Maize in the last five years but we should have won that one."

In the nightcap, Maize scored six runs in the fifth to break open the game. For

FIRST GAME

Mulvane 030 312 0—9 8
Augusta 000 020 0—2 5
Tim Glaser and Chad Gerwick; Todd Kappelman and Craddock.

SECOND GAME

Mulvane 101 101 0—4 9
Augusta 302 111 x—8 5
Brian Minks, James Starkweather 4, Joe Flowers 5, and Matt Phipps; Brett Kappelman and Cavey.

FIRST GAME

Maize 100 042 4—11 12
Mulvane 510 000 4—10 9
Shuster, Pratt 1, Mitchell 7, and Grimsley; Pete Myers, James Starkweather 5, Joe Flowers 7, and Chad Gerwick.

HR—Stotts (Mz); Tim Glaser, Kasey McDowell (M).

SECOND GAME

Maize 003 060 5—14 11
Mulvane 000 113 2—7 6
Mitchell, Leap 6, and Grimsley, Pate 6; Bryce Schumacher, Brian Minks 3, James Starkweather 5, Joe Flowers 5, and Matt Phipps.

HR—Nate Robertson, Tally (Mz).

Chisholm Trail League Baseball Standings

(Thru games played Monday, April 16)

Team	W	L
Maize	8	0
Rose Hill	8	2
Valley Center	9	3
Wellington	8	4
Goddard	5	3
Andover	6	4
Mulvane	3	9
Augusta	2	4
Circle	2	10
Nickerson	1	5
Buhler	0	8

Mulvane, Flowers had two hits and scored twice, T.J. Lervik had a double, one RBI and scored once and Matt Phipps had a hit, scored a run and had one RBI.

Next game for the MHS baseballers is today (April 18) when Rose Hill comes to Mulvane for two games. Start time is 4 p.m.